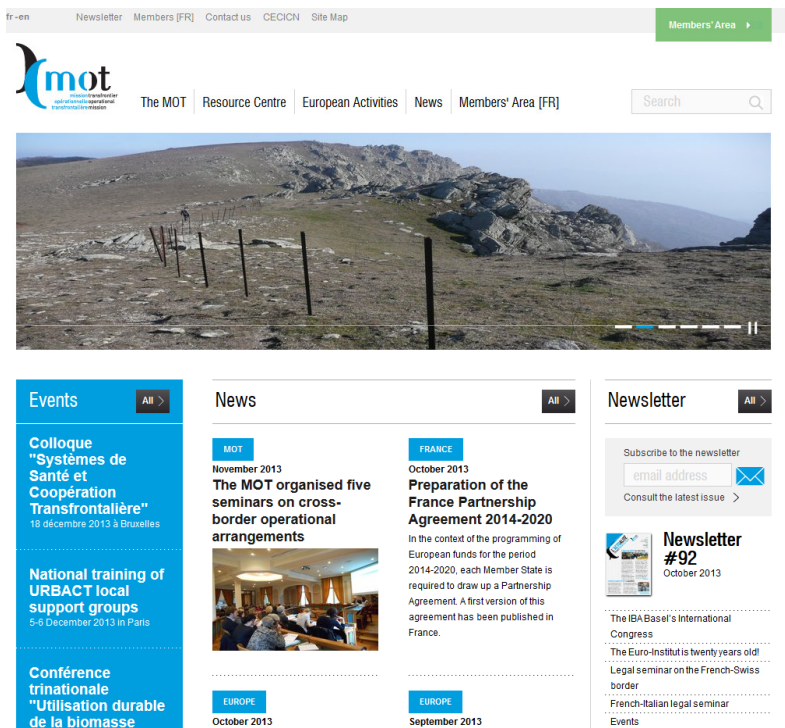# cross-border-territories.eu: the resource centre for cross-border cooperation gets a makeover!

After a total revamp and more than two years' work, **the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière and its president Michel Delebarre invite you to discover the new version of the website**

www.cross-border-territories.eu

With a new layout and updated and expanded content, the site presents the MOT's activities and makes available **a unique resource centre for cross-border cooperation.**

As the MOT's president, Michel Delebarre, emphasises: "This new website is intended to be a tool in the service of cross-border territories. The site must belong to those involved in cross-border cooperation, and we therefore invite you to contribute, and enrich it with your cross-border experiences and projects!".

NEWS

Stay up to date on events and news in cross-border cooperation.

THE MOT

Get to know the organisation and the network, explore the MOT's work, partners, seminars, etc.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Discover the resource centre, unique in Europe: see page 2

EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES

Find the MOT's position papers and European projects, as well as networks such as the CECICN and the Budapest Platform.

THE MEMBERS' AREA*

For the use of members of the MOT network, this area provides access to:

- News from the network, on the functioning of the association, documents from the MOT's decision-making bodies, etc.

- A legal database covering all French borders

- A large database of press articles on cross-border topics

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Resources

175 border and territory factsheets
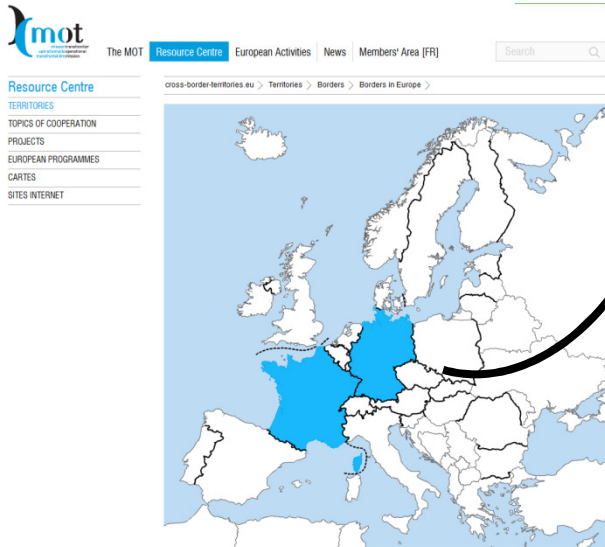
Border: France-Germany

Date(s) of establishment: 1648 (Treaty of Westphalia); 1945 (current demarcation)
Length of border: 451 km
Regions concerned: France: Regions – Alsace, Lorraine; Departments – Haut-Rhin, Bas-Rhin, Moselle;

Germany: Länder – Saarland, Rheinland-Pfalz, Baden-Württemberg

European programme(s):

■ Interreg IVA Upper Rhine
  Website of the programme
  The programme on the Inforegio website
■ Interreg IVA "Grande Région"
  Website of the programme
  The programme on the Inforegio website

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Introduction and factsheets on "Territory projects and institutional bodies"

A "melting pot-border" that is the focus of many exchanges

Flagship projects

The legal framework

BORDER: FRANCE-GERMANY
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450 project factsheets

NOSTRA - Network Of STRAits

"Aachen Eurode" Cross-border information point

IBA Basel 2020

Countries: Germany , France , Switzerland
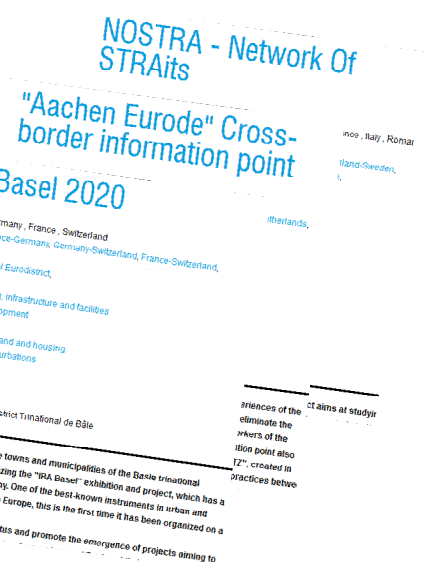Border(s): France-Germany, Germany-Switzerland, France-Switzerland,
Territories:
Basel Trinational Eurodistrict,
Topic(s):
Spatial planning, infrastructure and facilities
• Economic development
- Observation
- Urban planning, land and housing
- Cross-border conurbations
- Watercourses
- Culture

Lead partner: Eurodistrict Trinational de Bâle

From 2010 to 2020, the towns and municipalities of the Basle trinational conurbation are organizing the "IBA Basel" exhibition and project, which has a long tradition in Germany. One of the best-known instruments in urban and regional development in Europe, this is the first time it has been organized on a cross-border level.
Its goal is to impart impetus and promote the emergence of projects aiming to

Energy

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Cross-border issues in the energy sector

The benefits of cross-border energy cooperation

Introduction

The challenges of climate change and the tensions in the global energy market have led the European Union to set ambitious energy management objectives as part of the Europe 2020 strategy[1] and in particular to "support the transition to a low carbon economy in all sectors" within the thematic priorities for the 2014-2020 programming period.

The effective contribution of the EU funds will be needed to achieve these objectives for energy and climate, particularly the binding annual targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions imposed on Member States for the period 2013-2020 within the framework of the Decision on the distribution of efforts (Decision No 406/2009/EC).

Border territories are faced with specific difficulties in relation to planning and differences with local, regional and national energy policy on the other side of the

ENERGY
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Links

The MOT network's "Renewable energies" working group (members only) [fr]

27 topics analysed

European programmes

More than 130 maps

European Programmes

Introduction

In the 2007-2013 programming period, cohesion policy was reorganised around three objectives: Objective 1 "convergence", Objective 2 "competitiveness" and Objective 3 "European territorial cooperation". European territorial cooperation, which previously came under the Interreg Community Initiative programme, has thus become a fully-fledged objective of cohesion policy, thereby signalling the recognition of its importance by the European Union.

There are three strands to the "European territorial cooperation" objective – cross-border cooperation, transnational cooperation and interregional cooperation – and is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).
The Lisbon Treaty, which came into force in December 2009, reinforced the legitimacy of regional and local players (subsidiarity) and of the European Union's territorial approach (territorial cohesion).

According to the Territorial Agenda 2020, which was approved in May 2011 under Hungary's presidency by the European ministers responsible for spatial planning and territorial development, territorial cooperation initiatives must be focused on long-term territorial cohesion objectives, based on the experience of the EU's Interreg initiative, Objective 3 programmes and the integrated macro-regional strategies, such as the pioneering initiatives in the Baltic Sea and Danube regions.

PROGRAMMING FOR 2014-2020
For the 2014-2020 programming period, the architecture for cohesion policy will be composed of **Regulations**, a European strategic document, the **Common Strategic Framework**, national documents, **Partnership Contracts**, and programming documents – the **Operational Programmes**.

COOPÉRATION TERRITORIALE
Coopération transfrontalière : espaces Alcotra, France-Italie maritime, France-Espagne
Countries : Espagne, France, Italie, Andorre, Monaco

FLEUVES ET RIVIÈRES
Coopération transfrontalière des cours d'eau : les frontières franco-suisse et franco-italienne...
Countries : France, Italie, Suisse

ESPACES NATURELS
Coopération transfrontalière des espaces naturels protégés sur la frontière franco-hispano-andorrane
Countries : Espagne, France, Andorre

ESPACES URBAINS
Espaces urbains transfrontaliers à la frontière franco-allemande
Countries : Allemagne, France

FLUX
Flux de travailleurs frontaliers sur les frontières françaises
Countries : Allemagne, Andorre, Belgique, Espagne, France,...

FLUX
Flux sortants de travailleurs frontaliers par catégorie socio-professionnelle sur les frontières françaises
Countries : Allemagne, Andorre, Belgique, Espagne, France,...

FLUX
Flux sortants et taux d'actifs transfrontaliers

GOUVERNANCE
Les GECT créés en Europe

TRANSPORTS
Les transports collectifs transfrontaliers de

The Members' Area

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Documents from the MOT's decision-making bodies

Annual General Meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors, etc.

Network consultations

An updated legal database

The legal framework of cooperation on each French border.

Factsheets on legal instruments: EGTC, ECG, LCCG, association, convention, EEIG, consorcio, société d'économie mixte locale.

Legal texts: EU regulations, multilateral and bilateral agreements, etc.

An exceptional press article database

To date more than 5000 articles from the specialist, national and regional daily press on cross-border topics enrich the website's database*.

A search engine enables research by topic, border, territory and publication

* Archives since 2009; all new articles are regularly published on the site.