

## THE TRANSFRONTIER OPERATIONAL MISSION (MOT)



# TECHNICAL ENGINEERING AT THE SERVICE OF (CROSS-) BORDER TERRITORIES

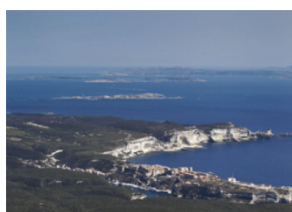
The MOT provides assistance to territorial authorities, government departments and other practitioners involved in cross-border cooperation through studies and expert missions. These take the form of territorial analyses, cross-border strategies, legal and thematic studies, assistance with project management, etc. A few examples:



### TERRITORIAL STUDIES

- **Analysis of the contributions of cross-border cooperation**  
Studies within the framework of the Europ'Act Programme for the Grand Est and Sud Regions, 2019-2020.
- **Strategic plan for the development of the French-Belgian Ardennes cross-border territory**  
Study for the Communauté d'agglomération Ardenne Métropole, 2019.
- **Inventory of cross-border investment and economic development projects**  
Study for the European Investment Bank (EIB), 2019.
- **Elaboration of Cross-border cooperation schemes, networking** Support<sup>(1)</sup> for the Schemes of the Pays Basque Communauté Agglomération, of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, of the Strasbourg Eurometropolis, and of the Lille European Metropolis, 2016-2019.
- **Employment in West Flanders in a cross-border metropolis**  
Study for the European Metropolis of Lille, 2018.
- **Cross-border employment in the Euroregion Nouvelle Aquitaine-Euskadi-Navarre**  
Study for the NAEN Euroregion, 2017.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/la-mot/publications/etudes-mot/>



### LEGAL STUDIES

- **Pyrenean refuges: making cross-border cooperation sustainable**  
Study for the French Federation of Alpine and Mountain Clubs, 2019-2020.
- **Creation of a cross-border health trail in the Hautes Vallées**  
Legal assistance for the Besançon Hospital Center, ASLTO3 and the Piedmont Region, 2018-2020.
- **Implementation of a transport EGTC for the Mediterranean islands (Corsica/Sardinia)**  
Technical and legal support to the Corsican Transport Office, 2018.
- **Setting-up of the EGTC of the Bouches de Bonifacio International Marine Park**  
Technical assistance for the Corsican Environment Office, 2016.
- **Analysis of the legal obstacles to cross-border cooperation**  
Study for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg within the framework of its presidency of the EU Council, 2015.
- **Analysis of the obstacles and solutions to French-Belgian cross-border cooperation**  
Updating of the work of the French-Belgian parliamentary working group for the Nord-Pas de Calais Region prefecture, 2015.



### THE "BONS-À-TIRER" (BAT) SERVICE

This service, which is reserved for members<sup>(2)</sup>, provides them with a day's assistance a year from the MOT's technical team.

The assistance relates to technical and legal issues, the organisation of a cross-border event, a contribution at a conference, etc.

The technical notes produced in this context are made available to members in the Members' Area of the website.

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<sup>(1)</sup> In partnership with AUDAP (Urban planning agency Atlantic and Pyrenees), ADEUS (Urban planning and development Agency of the Strasbourg Conurbation) and ADULM (Urban planning and development Agency of Lille Metropolis).

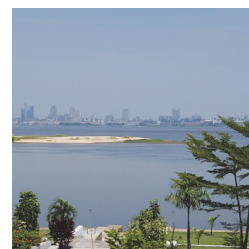
<sup>(2)</sup> Members that are legal entities on France's borders.

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# EXPERTISE AT EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The MOT carries out projects on France's and European borders in order to provide technical assistance to cross-border players involved in cooperation. These projects result in the production of methodological tools for their use. The MOT also provides expert assistance internationally. A few examples:



## PROJECTS AT FRANCE'S BORDERS

### “Cross-border economic development”<sup>(1)</sup> 2014-2015

The objectives were:

- to provide players with greater knowledge of the issues regarding economic development in cross-border territories;
- to facilitate cross-border economic development by identifying obstacles and disseminating good practices;
- to help framework conditions in this area to evolve.

The project led to the production of a thematic publication and a practical guide.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/activites-ue/the-mots-european-projects/>

### “Operational arrangements for cross-border projects on France's borders”<sup>(1)</sup> 2013

Five seminars were organised to inform local players about the legal tools available on France's borders and encourage the sharing of good practices. A legal guide was published in six languages.

### “Articulating cohesion policy, governance structures and cross-border territorial approaches”<sup>(1)</sup> 2011-2012

An assessment of governance on each of France's borders and a methodological guide were produced to improve the coordination between cohesion policy, government structures and cross-border territorial approaches.

## PROJECTS AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

### “Exertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations”<sup>(2)</sup> 2009-2010

The MOT was lead partner in this project focusing on the governance of cross-border conurbations. The partners<sup>(3)</sup> worked on the promotion of innovative governance tools in order to implement their cross-border conurbation projects. The sharing of good practices enabled each of them to draw up a “Local Action Plan” to improve the local system of governance. Common recommendations at national and European level were formulated.

## EXPERT ASSISTANCE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The expertise of the MOT<sup>(4)</sup> is promoted internationally, following the assignments carried out in support of cross-border cooperation in Africa:

- study on cross-border conurbations facing climate change in West Africa, for the Sahel and West Africa Club of the OECD, 2018-2019;
- development of tools for the implementation of the ECOWAS Regional Support Programme for Cross-Border Cooperation, in support of GIZ<sup>(5)</sup>, 2018
- assistance to the AIMF<sup>(6)</sup> for the development of cross-border cooperation in Central Africa, carrying out an assessment of cross-border cooperation, 2016.

<sup>(1)</sup> Within the framework of a European project co-financed by the Europ'Act programme.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Within the framework of a European project co-financed by the Urbact programme.  
<sup>(3)</sup> Basel Trinational Eurodistrict, Strasbourg-Ortenau Eurodistrict, Frankfurt (Oder)-Slubice Conurbation, Lille Metropolis, Ister-Granum Euroregion and Chaves-Verin Eurocity.  
<sup>(4)</sup> Labelled by the French government in its “Diplomacy and Territories” white paper.  
<sup>(5)</sup> German Corporation for International Cooperation.  
<sup>(6)</sup> International Association of Francophone Mayors.