

THE TRANSFRONTIER OPERATIONAL MISSION (MOT)



A RESOURCE CENTER

Since it was set up, the MOT has built up a unique body of resources on cross-border cooperation. Assessments of cooperation on each border, thematic approaches, toolkits, good practices, news... information on cross-border cooperation is explained and recorded there.



THE WEBSITE

www.cross-border-territories.eu

The MOT's website constitutes a unique resource centre on cross-border cooperation. It makes available:

- 200 "border" and "cross-border territories" factsheets;
 - 30 topics analysed;
 - 800 project factsheets;
 - 160 maps;
 - the European programmes;
 - the latest news on cooperation.
- The information is referenced by border, territory and topic, which enables users to target their searches.



THE NEWSLETTER

"Cross-Border News"

Published every month in French and English, the MOT's newsletter highlights concrete projects in the network, news and significant developments in cooperation, progress at the European level, etc.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/the-mot/publications/newsletter/>



THE "MOT GUIDES"

The "MOT Guides" explore a topic in greater depth:

- "The energy transition and cross-border cooperation", No. 10;
- "Observation of cross-border territories", No. 9;
- "Civil society and cross-border cooperation", No. 8.

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BROCHURES AND PRACTICAL GUIDES

The MOT produces more methodological publications within the framework of projects it carries out at European level:

- "France-Germany: cross-border observation at the heart of Europe", 2018;
- "Cross-border territories : Europe's laboratory" for the 20th anniversary of MOT in 2017;
- "Cross-border economic development: Introduction and Practical Guide", 2015;
- "The legal instruments available to cross-border projects", 2013;

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/the-mot/publications/practical-guides/>



THE RESERVED RESOURCES

An online 'Members' Area allows members to access in French:

— a **documentation portal** devoted to cross-border cooperation, with nearly 4,600 documents⁽¹⁾;

— **press reviews**⁽²⁾ and a large database of articles⁽³⁾ on cross-border cooperation along France's borders;

— a **legal database** on the legal structures of cross-border cooperation, the legal framework on France's borders, and access to the main legal texts;

— **studies and "bons-à-tirer"**⁽⁴⁾ assignments carried out by the MOT;

— **comprehensive documentation on the MOT's conferences and meetings.**

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/members-area-fr/>

⁽¹⁾ The downloading of electronic documents is reserved for members and available on request to students and researchers; consultation of the search engine and documentary references is free of access.

⁽²⁾ Twice a month.

⁽³⁾ Nearly 14,000 press articles so far, archived since 2009.

⁽⁴⁾ See "Technical Engineering"

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A NETWORKING PLATFORM

The MOT coordinates a network that brings together practitioners and institutional players involved in cross-border cooperation in a multi-level approach: project developers, territorial authorities, government departments, European programmes, etc. The MOT network allows players to exchange experiences, identify needs encountered on the ground and support the search for cross-border solutions.



EUROPEAN CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND TRAINING

The MOT organises conferences and seminars open to everyone, to exchange ideas on a theme or topical issue.

Organised regularly, often in partnership with a member, they are opportunities to promote cross-border cooperation or a cross-border territory more specifically.

The MOT's annual conference highlights at European level the major issues of cross-border cooperation.

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THE TECHNICIANS' PLATFORM

A place for members of the network to express themselves, the Technicians' Platform brings the MOT's members together twice a year, in order to:

— share views on network news and issues;

— highlight the needs of local players and good practices;

— exchange views on the MOT's work programme.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/la-mot/evenements/plateforme-des-techniciens/>



THE ONLINE FORUM

The online forum is an interactive tool for:

— a direct contact between MOT members;

— the sharing of experiences and getting technical answers from the network or other experts;

— the identification of obstacles on the ground so that they can be communicated to the relevant levels; the creation of "Obstacle/Solution" and "Good Practices" factsheets.



The MOT contributes to training sessions aimed at actors of cross-border cooperation.⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ For example:

- in partnership with the ESPON programme: Webinar "What opportunities for the development of cross-border public services between France and its neighbouring countries?", 21 November 2019.
- in partnership with the Centre national de la fonction publique territoriale (CNFPT): "Cross-border mobility - French-Belgian perspectives", 13 November 2019 in Lille; "Place and stakes for local and regional authorities in Europe", 23 May 2019 in Strasbourg; Training seminar for the Pyrénées Orientales/Catalonia network, 6-7 July 2017 in Perpignan; "Comparison of territorial reforms in France and Italy: what lessons can be learned?", 22 September 2016 in Nice.
- for the French Ministry of the Interior: regular training sessions on cross-border cooperation.