THE TRANSFRONTIER OPERATIONAL MISSION (MOT)  

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 "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.  

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.  

THE 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;  
• “The legal instruments available to cross-border projects”, 2013;  

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.  

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.

(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”
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.


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 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.