

THE EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES OF MOT

Since it was established in 1997, the MOT has continuously developed its activities at the European level. These are realized in a multilevel approach, with partnerships developed at local, regional, national and European levels.

The objective is twofold:

- take into account the needs of stakeholders of cross-border cooperation,
- exchange experiences and best practices.

REPRESENTING INTERESTS OF STAKEHOLDERS OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN EUROPE To this end, the MOT ...



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... is founding member of the "Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional City Networks" (CECICN)

This conference of six cross-border and interregional city networks* brings together more than 500 cities at internal and external borders of the European Union. It aims at exchanging good practices and representing interests of its members, in terms of cross-border and interregional cooperation involving cities.

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... has formed a strategic alliance with the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

This alliance, formed in 2007, enables to cover all levels of cross-border cooperation, among them the regional level.

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... makes its voice heard at European level through its position statements

These position statements cover topics including the future of the cohesion policy, territorial cohesion and multilevel governance, the EGTC and the implementation of European territorial cooperation programmes.

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... is in close contact with the European institutions

Relations with the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions (declaration of common interest), the European Parliament and the Council of Europe enable regular communication on current topics in cross-border cooperation.

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... has published a manifesto for cross-border cooperation in Europe

This document presents twelve sets of recommendations on major thematic of cross-border cooperation in Europe. It is designed for local, regional, national, and European authorities.

* The members of the CECICN are:

- MOT - Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière
- RIET - Iberian Network of Cross-border Entities
- MedCities - Network of Mediterranean Coastal Cities
- FAICT - Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities and Towns
- UBC - Union of Baltic Cities
- CAAC - Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AND GOOD PRACTICES IN EUROPE

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The Budapest
Platform

EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF SUPPORT STRUCTURES
FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL



... is lead partner of European projects

The "EGTC" URBACT project ("Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations"), for which the MOT was lead partner between 2008 and 2010, has networked six cross-border conurbations at the European level aiming at developing their governance systems.

www.urbact.eu/egtc

The "INTERFORM" project, has formed a European network for training and research on cross-border and interregional practices (project part-financed by the INTERACT programme between 2004 and 2008).

www.interform-eu.org



... supports the setting up of national support structures for cross-border cooperation in Europe

MOT is founding member of the "Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives" (CESCI), a Hungarian structure created on the model of the MOT.

www.cesci-net.eu



... networks national support structures for cross-border cooperation

The Budapest platform was created in December 2010. Its objectives are the sharing of experiences and the realization of common projects. The founding members of the platform are:

- the MOT for France
- the CESCI for Hungary
- the "Grensmakelaar" for the Netherlands
- the working communities Galicia-North Portugal and Castilla y León-North Portugal for the Spanish-Portuguese border.

www.budapestplatform.eu



... participates to the EGTC platform of the Committee of the Regions

Created in February 2011, this platform brings together the experts and the representatives of the EGTCs in Europe, with two objectives : the exchange of good practices and the feedback on needs at the European level.

<http://portal.cor.europa.eu/egtc>



... organises European seminars and conferences

... disseminates publications and guides of good practices at the European level ; for example:

- URBACT "EGTC" project manual
- Practical guide to transfrontier cooperation, Council of Europe
- Monthly newsletters on cross-border news
- Thematic MOT guides (on EGTC, civil society and cross-border cooperation, etc)
- Website and resource centre on cross-border cooperation.

www.espaces-transfrontaliers.eu

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