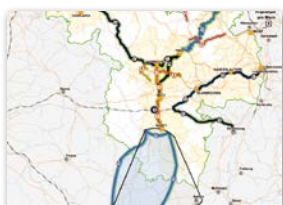


THE TRANSFRONTIER OPERATIONAL MISSION (MOT)



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

- **Territorial development plan for the Greater Region**

Assistance in drawing up the plan for the Greater Region summit, 2016.

- **Cross-border cooperation plan for the Lille European Metropolis**

Legal and technical support for the Lille European Metropolis.

- **Cross-border issues in mountain areas in mainland France**

Study for the General Commission for Territorial Equality (CGET), 2016.

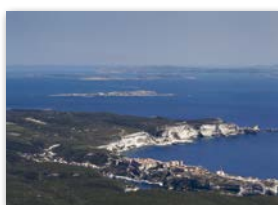
- **Setting-up of an “eco-bonus” transport project on France’s border with Luxembourg**

Assistance for the EGIS engineering group, 2016.

- **Cross-border development strategy for the French-Swiss Jura Arc**

Study for the Franche-Comté prefecture and the arcjurassien.ch grouping of cantons, 2014.

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



LEGAL STUDIES

- **Setting-up of the European grouping of territorial cooperation of the Bouches de Bonifacio International Marine Park**

Technical assistance for the Corsican Environment Office, 2016.

- **Management and operation of a ferryboat service between Saint Laurent du Maroni (French Guiana) and Albina (Suriname)**

Study for the territorial authority of French Guiana, 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.

- **Cross-border passenger rail services between Nice and Imperia**

Coordination of institutional cooperation for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur and Liguria Regions and the Principality of Monaco, 2015.



THE “BONS-À-TIRER” (BAT) SERVICE

This service, which is reserved for members,⁽¹⁾ 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.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/la-mot/publications/bons-a-tirer/>

⁽¹⁾ Members that are legal entities on France’s borders.



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"⁽¹⁾
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"⁽¹⁾
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"⁽¹⁾
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"⁽²⁾
2009-2010

The MOT was lead partner in this project focusing on the governance of cross-border conurbations. The partners⁽³⁾ 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 – a body officially recognised by the French government in its "Diplomacy and Territories" white paper – is also exported internationally. Examples of this are the assignments carried out to support cross-border cooperation in Africa:

- assistance to the AIMF⁽⁴⁾ for the development of cross-border cooperation in Central Africa, carrying out an assessment of cross-border cooperation, 2016;
- methodological support to the UNCDF⁽⁵⁾ to strengthen cross-border governance in West Africa, production of a toolkit for developers of cross-border projects, 2015.

⁽¹⁾ Within the framework of a European project co-financed by the Europ'Act programme.

⁽²⁾ Within the framework of a European project co-financed by the Urbact programme.

⁽³⁾ Basel Trinationl Eurodistrict, Strasbourg-Ortenau Eurodistrict, Frankfurt (Oder)-Slubice Conurbation, Lille Metropolis, Ister-Granum Euroregion and Chaves-Verin Eurocity.

⁽⁴⁾ International Association of Francophone Mayors.

⁽⁵⁾ UN Capital Development Fund.