

THE TRANSFRONTIER OPERATIONAL MISSION (MOT)



TAKING ACCOUNT OF CROSS-BORDER ISSUES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

With the support of its political and institutional representatives, the MOT communicates the needs of its members to the authorities concerned at national level. If necessary, it draws up proposals for legislative and regulatory changes.



POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES

The President:

Michel Delebarre, former Minister of State, Senator of the Nord Department, elected MOT's President in 2008.

The Vice-Presidents – political representatives of the following territories:

- the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region;
- the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region;
- the Grand Est Region;
- the Haute-Savoie Department;
- the Lille European Metropolis;
- the Strasbourg Eurometropolis;
- the Annemasse Conurbation;
- the Nice-Côte d'Azur Metropolis;
- the Sillon Lorrain European Metropolitan Area;
- the North Lorraine Urban Planning and Sustainable Development Agency (AGAPE);
- the European Cross-Border Grouping (GTE).

The Vice-Presidents – European and national parliamentarians:

- Anne Sander, MEP
- Philip Cordery, MP, Chair of the "cross-border areas and workers" study group
- Joël Giraud, MP of the Hautes-Alpes Department



FOUNDING MEMBERS AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

- the General Commission for Territorial Equality (CGET);
- the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (FR);
- the Ministry of the Interior (FR);
- the Ministry of Overseas (FR);
- the Caisse des Dépôts.

The MOT's founding members and institutional partners take part in the meetings and activities of the network. They are involved in drawing up the MOT's work programme. Specific agreements between each partner and the MOT set out the content and modalities of their cooperation.



MONITORING CROSS-BORDER POLICY

The MOT monitors national legislation and public policy that have an impact on cross-border territories.

In partnership with its parliamentary and institutional representatives, it contributes to proposals for amendments to take account of the needs of cross-border territories.

For example:

- amendment to the NOTRe Act to add a cross-border component to the regional plans for economic development, innovation and internationalisation (SRDEII);
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- inclusion of the cross-border dimension in the remit of the public investment bank BPI France;
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- lowering from 20% to 15% the own funding required for territorial authorities' projects co-financed by the ERDF.

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TAKING ACCOUNT OF CROSS-BORDER ISSUES AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

The incorporation of cross-border issues into European policies is a crucial matter for cross-border territories. The MOT defends the interests of its members at European level through numerous actions and partnerships.



INTERFACE WITH THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

The MOT is in constant contact with the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions⁽¹⁾ and the Council of Europe.

It participates in the working groups on cross-border cooperation set up by these institutions.

The MOT monitors European policies and makes the voice of cross-border territories heard by the European positions it adopts on behalf of its members.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/activites-ue/european-partnerships>

EUROPEAN NETWORKS

The CECICN (Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional City Networks), of which the MOT is a founding member, brings together more than 600 cities in order to have better representation at European level. Its objective is to promote territorial cooperation in the EU's policies.

The MOT has a strategic alliance with the AEBR⁽²⁾ and is a partner of the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN).

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/activites-ue/cecicn>

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CROSS- BORDER OBSTACLES

This group was set up by Luxembourg and France following Luxembourg's presidency of the EU Council.⁽³⁾

Its remit is to address the obstacles to cross-border cooperation and to study the feasibility of a new legal tool that was proposed by the Luxembourg presidency.

The MOT provides the technical secretariat for this group and gives access to all of its work on its website.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/activites-ue/obstacles-intergovernmental-group/>

CROSS-BORDER STRATEGIC COMMITTEE ON OBSERVATION

In 2013, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Andorra and Spain set up a Cross-Border Strategic Committee (CSC)⁽⁴⁾ aimed at coordinating their approaches to the statistical observation of border territories. The MOT provides the technical secretariat for the CSC, which meets once a year. The committee is assisted by a Technical Working Group (TWG), which brings together national and regional statistical institutes, government departments, and experts. This work is presented on the Platform of the Cross-Border Strategic Committee on Observation, which is hosted on the MOT's website.

<http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org/en/activites-ue/observation-committee/>

⁽¹⁾ Declaration of common interest, EGTC Platform.

⁽²⁾ Association of European Border Regions.

⁽³⁾ In the second half of 2015.

⁽⁴⁾ Made up of representatives of the ministries in charge of territorial development (in France, the CGET).