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;
- 600 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:
- “Observation of cross-border territories”, No. 9;
- “Civil society and cross-border cooperation”, No. 8;
- “The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)”, No. 7.


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.


PRACTICAL GUIDES

The MOT produces more methodological publications within the framework of projects it carries out at European level:
- “The legal instruments available to cross-border projects”, 2013;
- “Articulating cohesion policy, governance structures and cross-border territorial approaches”, 2012.


THE RESERVED RESOURCES

An online ‘Members’ Area allows members to access in French:
- a documentation portal devoted to cross-border cooperation, with nearly 4,000 documents;
- press reviews and a large database of articles 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” assignments carried out by the MOT;
- comprehensive documentation on the MOT’s conferences and meetings.


(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) Two a month.

(3) Nearly 10,000 press articles so far, archived since 2009.
THE TRANSFRONTIER OPERATIONAL MISSION (MOT)

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 MOT contributes to training sessions aimed at members of the network and government officers.\(^\text{(4)}\)

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:

— discuss a topical issue;
— highlight the needs of local players and good practices;
— take note of the problems raised on the online forum.

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.

(4) For example:
- for the French Ministry of the Interior: regular training sessions on cross-border cooperation.