A multilevel approach of cross-border obstacles: the case of civil security

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MOT’s network

A 70 members network, from 10 different countries
MOT is facilitating multilevel dialogue to solve cross-border obstacles

- LOCAL LEVEL
- NATIONAL LEVEL
- EUROPAN LEVEL
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LOCAL LEVEL
- Assistance to CB stakeholders and project leaders in many topics (transport, environment, civil security, etc)
- Carrying studies (diagnosis, legal expertise, etc.)
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NATIONAL LEVEL

- Assistance to the State services (inter-ministerial dialogue) for a better understanding of cross-border regions and their specifics
- Assistance on each border for the coordination of cross-border State systems
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EUROPAN LEVEL

- Network cross-border regions and spread good practices
- Network European member-states on cross-border issues
- Push for a better understanding of cross-border regions by European institutions and policies
- Assistance to European institutions in better knowing cross-border issues and in taking accurate actions
Cross-border regions: cooperation & obstacles

LOCAL LEVEL

Cross-border hospital

Cross-border natural areas (parks, protected areas)

Flows of cross-border workers

Cross-border conurbation

Cross-border transport
The French-Belgium Study in the European context MOT of solving cross-border obstacles

- **A European context favorable to solving obstacles**
  - **Cross-Border Review of the European Commission:** lack of administrative concertation and differences between legal system is the N° 1 Obstacle
  - **Luxembourg Presidency of the EU:** a legal tool for mutual recognition and solving administrative and legal obstacles
  - **Working Group on Innovative Solutions to Cross-border Obstacles Recommendations (to be drafted):** national approaches, mezzo regional approaches, EU level

- **An initiative to promote: the French-Belgian Parliamentarian Group**

  In 2007: 4 working groups including political and technical actors from all levels of governance and both sides of the border to produce an inventory of cross-border obstacles
  Updating study in 2012-2014 done by the MOT

  ➔ an analysis of cross-border cooperation in different fields, allowing to work on obstacles at the border level with actors of different levels of governance
Different topics deepened in working groups:

- Land planning
- Civil security
- Sustainable development
- Training
- Health
- Transport

4 types of solutions were proposed:

1. Develop knowledge on certain specific topics and their implementation actions
2. Create and develop concertation in administrative practices
3. Modify internal law (French, Belgian – Flemish/Walloon)
4. Conclusion of new agreement between the Member States
The French-Belgium Study (2013-2014)

Results of the study (not published yet) for the CIVIL SECURITY topic

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Conclusions

- Different natures of obstacles: legal, administrative, institutional, economic, lack of propensity to cooperate, etc.

- Different levels of resolution: local level, regional level, national level, European level

In consequence, need for a multilevel dialogue on each border involving technical and political actors to cooperate on different topics of the life in cross-border regions.
Thank you for your attention

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