

Cross-border territories: fatalism or resilience?

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Context

In the face of the crises that we have been dealing with for the past 20 years, should we resign ourselves to a situation where countries turn in on themselves and borders are reduced to mere dividing lines? Or are we capable collectively of demonstrating resilience, of adapting to an uncertain world, and of regarding borders as shared territories that are sources of progress?

Although they have been in the spotlight over the past two years and have been profoundly impacted by the pandemic, cross-border territories are conspicuously absent from the recovery plans. However, they can clearly be the leading territories for experimentation and innovation to meet the ambitions of the European Green Deal and embody Europe of the limits should once again call into question our ecological transition.

In this respect, the European sense of belonging, Europe of solidarity. These are the questions that which is one of the priorities of France's EU presidency, can be seen in concrete form along

Europe's borders: cross-border integration creates a Europe of daily life, in which the border region citizen can become a standard-bearer for social, economic, environmental and democratic progress. At a time when war has broken out again on Europe's doorstep, the failures both of closing borders and of opening them up without cross-border model in order to construct a the Borders Forum will attempt to answer.

The event is organised in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

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Objectives of the Borders Forum

1. Demonstrate the key role played by cross**border areas** in bringing the peoples of Europe together; promote sustainable and inclusive growth; and support European integration.

2. Convince European and national authorities to put cross-border territories at the heart of their public action.

3. Showcase France's ambitions for crossborder territories at the European level in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Cross-border areas involve **30%** of the European population. Two million European workers are cross-border workers.

* This event is not organised by the French Government. It is however authorised by the French Government to use the emblem of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Main organiser

The Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) is the result of a long-term partnership between the cross-border territories and the national and European institutions. Working alongside its members, partners and European networks, the MOT is heavily involved in crossborder policies at these three levels.

The 2nd Borders Forum is supported by the French National Agency for Territorial Cohesion.

European partners

The European Commission published in summer 2021 a report setting out its priorities for border regions, which are key tools for European integration. It suggests that these territories should be better taken into account in EU Cohesion policy 2021-2027.

The European Committee of the Regions is one of the main promoters of territorial cooperation and of the 80 European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs). The CoR support the day-to-day work of cross-border territories and networks in Europe.

ESPON is an EU-funded programme which aims at promoting and fostering a European territorial dimension in development and cooperation by providing evidence, knowledge transfer and policy learning to public authorities and other policy actors at all level.

Media partners - France Média Monde and France 24

Other partners

- Res publica
- BIG Network (Borders in Globalization)



On the way to crossborder sustainable development

8H45 WELCOMING COFFEE

9H30 Welcome speeches

Christian Dupessey, President of the MOT, Mayor of Annemasse, President of the Metropolitan Pole of the French Genevois (FR) Future French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs*



Moderation: Caroline de Camaret, Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24

Opening remarks:

Charlotte Halpern, PhD in political science, FNSP tenured researcher at Sciences Po Paris

What directions can crossborder territories follow?

▶ Charlotte Halpern, PhD in political science, FNSP tenured researcher at Sciences Po Paris

▶ François Decoster, Vice-President of the Hauts-de-France Region, Mayor of Saint-Omer (FR), Member of the French Delegation to the European Committee of the Regions

▶ Sophie Hæstorp Andersen, Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, Chairwoman of Great Copenhagen (DK)*

11H()() ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION** #1 AND #2

Moderation: Caroline de Camaret, Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24

Cross-border management of our Cross-border Europe, a reference in resources, an opportunity to seize? energy transition?

▶ Francisco Javier Boya Alos, Secretary General for the Demographic Challenge, Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (ES)*

► Thomas Zeller, President of theTrinational Eurodistrict of Basel (FR-CH-DE)

▶ Madeleine Massé, General Delegate of AREP interdisciplinary architecture practice subsidiary

12H30 LUNCH BREAK

14H()(**ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION****

Moderation: Giuseppe Bettoni, Professor at the University of Rome

For cross-border social and

inclusive employment areas

▶ Brigitte Klinkert, Minister Delegate for Integration to the Minister of Labour, Employment and Integration, Regional Councillor for the Grand Est, Departmental Councillor for Alsace (FR)*

► Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, President of the Association of European Border Regions

► Slawomir Tokarski, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macroregions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, European Commission

15H30 BREAK

16H()() ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Moderation: Giuseppe Bettoni, Professor at the University of Rome

Crises in Europe: what territorial responses to the present and future migratory challenges ?

▶ Raphaël Glucksmann, MEP, Chairman of the INGE Committee, Vice-Chairman of the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)*

Wiktor Szydarowski, Espon EGTC Director ▶ María Ángeles Elorza Zubiría, Secretary-General for External Action, Basque Parliament

17H30

CLOSING OF THE 1ST DAY

18H00 - 21H00 COCKTAIL BUFFET

* To be confirmed. ** The round tables take place one after the other, they are not concomitant.





- ► Carole Delga, President of the Occitanie Region (FR), President of the Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean (FR-ES), President of the Régions de France*
- ► Antoine Troesch, Investment Director of the Banque des Territoires
- ► A representative of an energy network operator

#3 AND #4

- Cross-border public services, a
- contribution to integration?
- ► Jeanne Barseghian, Mayor of Strasbourg (FR), Vice-President of the Strasbourg-Ortenau Eurodistrict (FR-DE)*
- ▶ Pavel Branda, Deputy Mayor of Rádlo Municipality (CZ), Member of the European Committee of the Regions, COTER
- Sylvie Labadens, Councillor of the Nord Department (FR)

- ▶ Béatrice Godefroy, European Director of the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)* ► Anne Laure Amilhat Szary, Director of the UMR
- Pacte in Grenoble
- ▶ Kimmo Jarva, Mayor of Lappeenranta (FI)*

"The New European Bauhaus: what are the cross-border perspectives?"



Cross-border alliances: compasses to be (re)imagined

8H30 WELCOMING COFFEE

9H15 Opening of the 2nd day

Nathalie Sarrabezolles, President of the COTER Commission, European Committee of the Regions

9H30

ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION** #6 AND #7

Moderation: Caroline de Camaret, Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24 Introductory presentation: Interregional relations in Europe (IRIE), ESPON

Between interdependencies and cross-border economic

imbalances

Christoph Schnaudigel, Landrat of Landkreis Karlsruhe (DE), President of the Eurodistrict PAMINA (FR-DE)

▶ Prof. Katy Hayward, Professor of Political Sociology Queen's University Belfast and Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe think-tank

▶ Tue David Bak, Managing Director at Greater Copenhagen, Member of the Growth Commission for an Inclusive and Sustainable Malmö (DK-SE)

Towards new models of crossborder governance?

- ▶ Sandro Gozi, Member of European Parliament*
- ▶ Philippe Voiry, Ambassador for intergovernmental commissions, cross-border issues and cooperation (FR)
- **Sibylle Keupen,** Mayor of Aachen, Member of the Board of the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion (BE-DE-NL)*



Moderation: Res publica, Consulting agency specialised in collaborative dialogue

How to get organised to deal

with environmental and climate

emergencies?

► Xavier Pelletier, Prefect delegated to the reconstruction of the valleys, Prefecture of Alpes-Maritimes (FR)

► Iliyana Cvetanova, Project and Program Coordinator, Association of South-western municipalities (BG)

► Gaetano Vivo, Deputy Head of Unit, Disaster Risk Management, Directorate General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Operations (DG ECHO), European Commission*

13H00 LUNCH BREAK

14H 5 CITIZENS' VOICES

Moderation: Res publica, Consulting agency specialised in collaborative dialogue

What is the place of civil society and young people in the construction of the cross-border territories?

3 citizens / civil society representatives:

► A young volunteer in the Greater Region of SaarLorLux

► An IVY (Interreg Volunteer Youth)

► A participant of the Trans-Pyrenean Youth Forum

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CLOSING OF THE FORUM

Moderation: Caroline de Camaret, Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24

Synthesis: Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Professor at the University of Victoria, Canada

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What long-term alliances should be built in favour of the green transition?

▶ Jean Rottner, President of the Grand Est Region (FR)

► Damian Cortinas, European System Coordination Director at RTE, Member of the Board at ENTSO-E

► Anna Karina Kolb, Director of the External and Federal Affairs Department, State of Geneva (CH)

4 institutionnal representatives:

► Chantal Jouanno, President of the French National Commission for Public Debate

► Sandra González Álvarez, Mayor of Tomiño (ES)

► Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg, Member of European Parliament*

► Gaëtane Ricard-Nihoul, Member of the Common Secretariat for the Conference on the Future of Europe

"Let's take the (cross-border) road!"

▶ Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

▶ Vasco Alves Cordeiro, 1st Vice-President of European Committee of Regions

▶ Future French Minister of the Cohesion of Territories

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