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**Questionnaire**

**WHAT IMPACT OF THE STRENGTHENING OF BORDER CONTROLS FOR CROSSBORDER TERRITORIES?**

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**CONTEXT**

The opening of the borders is a resource for the inhabitants of cross-border territories, limited by the **strengthening of border controls** in the recent time. Multiple static and mobile controls along the borders have thus resulted in hindering in their habits and movements within the cross-border territories. The economic, social, cultural effects observed need to be objectivised and quantified.

From the perspective of the conference-debate "Borders: a resource for the inhabitants of border regions" organized by the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) on May 24, 2016 at the French national Museum of the history of immigration in Paris, the MOT set up this **questionnaire**. It will allow to better assess the **situation at the borders** and the **perception within the cross-border territories** and will be used to feed the debates from your witnesses and practical illustrations of your territory.

Please find below a questionnaire that we kindly ask you to send us back **by Monday, May 9, 2016.** We thank you in advance and remain at your disposal for any question.

Structure: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

Name of the contact person: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

E-mail: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

Concerned border: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

**REALITY OF BORDER CONTROLS**

Following the recent strengthening of border controls:

* How do these controls manifest on your border?

all crossing points are concerned

the main crossing points are concerned

a minority of crossing points are concerned

systematic checks

random checks / spot

* Thank you for giving us precisions on the engaged means

* Did you notice an evolution since the implementation of the controls? If so, which kind of evolution?

Answer: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

**PERCEPTION OF THE INHABITANTS ON THE TERRITORY WITH REGARD TO CONTROLS**

What is the feeling of the inhabitants within your territory? Is this situation:

seen as useful by the inhabitants?

accepted by the people?

do residents express their doubts?

do residents express a sense of tiredness / rejection?

* Do you notice a difference of appreciation on either side of the border? Please give us precisions.

* Other remarks. Please precise your answer.

Answer: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

**EFFECTS OF CONTROLS ON TRANSPORT**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

Have you observed effects on the road traffic? Please precise your answer.

* These potential effects/obstacles in crossing the border are noted:

especially at rush hours?

also outside of rush hours?

no effect compared to usual traffic.

all crossing points are concerned by these effects.

only a part of the crossing points are concerned.

* Did you notice an evolution since the implementation of the controls? If so, which kind of evolution?

Describe the situation: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

* Have you observed effects on public cross-border transport (bus, tramway, TER, etc.). Please precise your answer.

reduction of service

changes in timetables

cancellations

other

* Today, where are you compared to the previous situation (back to normal etc.)?

Describe the situation: Cliquez ici pour entrer du texte.

**IMPACTS ON CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION**

**AFFECTED AREAS**

* What areas were affected by the controls in your cross-border territory?

Consumer area

Culture and leisure

Economic development, research, innovation

Employment

Higher education

Environment (waste, water...)

Healthcare

Public services

Transport

Tourism

Social and family life

Other

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**IMPACT ON CIVIL SOCIETY / THE DAILY LIFE AT THE BORDER**

* Are you aware of effects on the daily life of **commuting** **workers /** **students / trainees** (other than the above cited transport issues)

Difficulty in hiring

Working hours disturbed

Other

If yes, which kind of effects?

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* Are you aware of effects **on social and family life** (school administration, statements of families etc.)?

Travel from home to school and vice versa

Childcare / School

Family visits

Other

If yes, which kind of effects?

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* Are you aware of effects **on cross-border leisure and cultural life** of your territory

Concerning the use/attendance of leisure facilities

Other

If yes, which kind of effects?

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**IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC SECTOR**

* Are you aware of effects on the **economic activity**?

Difficulty in hiring cross-border workers

Slowdown of economic activity

Other. Please precise your answer.

If yes, please specify the **affected** **sectors** and/or assessments of **possible** **losses.**

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**IMPACT ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

* What are the effects on local authorities / actors of cross-border cooperation?

Concerning their cross-border cooperation

Concerning the realization of cross-border missions (of public services etc.)

Other

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**OTHER OBSERVED IMPACTS**

* Have you noticed **other effects** of the reinforcing of border controls in your territory?
* Do you in general **share these findings** on French border controls **with your neighbours**?
* Do you have **other remarks**?

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**SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED**

* As a structure, **have you taken measures** to adapt to this situation?

If so, which (for how long, related costs) kind of measures?

Cross-border approach in link with your partners

Cross-border approach as a cross-border structure

Other

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* Do you know if measures have been taken by **other actors** of the territory?

If so, which (for how long, related costs) kind of measure?

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* Are you aware of **solutions** to the current situation on your border, initiated at the regional, national or European level?
* According to you, what **solution is needed** to resolve the current difficulties?

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