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Cross-border rural areas and European Territorial Cooperation Programmes

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Regions
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Maerlant,
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Maerlant
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Langages

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Organisator :

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14:30

Introduction

Moderator

Olivier DENERT, Secretary General,
Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière
(MOT),
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14:45

Round Table

***Experience of a trinational
cross-border rural space :
Espace Mont-Blanc (FR-IT-CH)***
Nicolas EVRARD, Espace Mont-Blanc

***Cooperation without cross-
border structure: case of a
cross-border nature park at the
NL-DE border***
Leo REYRINK, Deutsch-
Niederländischer Naturpark Maas-
Schwalm-Nette (DE-NL)

***CLLD, a practical tool for
cross-border rural areas***
Christian STAMPFER, Interreg
programme Italy-Austria

***ITI, a innovative tool for
cross-border rural areas: the
case at the IT-SI border***
Sandra SODINI, Director of the EGTC
Euro-GO

***ETC tools approach in cross-
border rural areas for the DG
REGIO***
Zsolt SZOKOLAI, DG REGIO,
European Commission

15:45

Debate with the audience

16:45

Conclusion

Olivier DENERT, Secretary General,
Mission Opérationnelle
Transfrontalière (MOT),

17:00

End of the event

We have the pleasure to invite you to take part
to the **networking event** which will take place at
17:00 in the atrium (JDE building – 6th floor) to
carry on the discussion

CONTEXT

For rural border regions, cross border cooperation is an opportunity. Certain types of facilities complicated to maintain in these areas (health, management of natural hazards, accessibility, public services) and the lack of recognition of their cross-border specificity makes cross-border mutualisation much more difficult.

The debate presents different kinds of cross-border rural areas which have used or intend to use tools offered for them by ETC (integrated territorial development, including ITI and CLLD). The actors will discuss their experience and their needs with the European Commission and other stakeholders at European level.

ORGANISATOR

The Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) was established in April 1997 by the French government to "provide operational assistance to project stakeholders and, more generally, to cross-border territories". The MOT network brings together cross-border cooperation stakeholders. Its members are diverse, representative of all levels of governance and actors implicated in cross-border projects, including states, local and regional authorities and their groupings, associations, federations, cross-border structures and major businesses, including also its French institutional members, including the Commissariat Général à l'Egalité des Territoires (ex DATAR, Interministerial Delegation for Territorial Planning and Regional Attractiveness), the Caisse des Dépôts, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and International Development, and the Ministry of the Interior. It is also in constant liaison with the European institutions. This "multi-level" positioning (local, regional, national and European) enables it to encourage continuous dialogue between national and European authorities and local actors.

More information : www.cross-border-territories.eu