



12.00 LUNCH FREE VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION SPACE

2.00 SUM UP OF WORKSHOPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Hans-Günther Clev, Director general of the development agency Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany.

2.30 PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

“Europe of projects to serve European citizens: the support of national and European public authorities for cross-border projects and territories”.

The aim of this panel discussion is to move things forward and submit proposals at the national and European level for the future of cross-border cooperation.

The objective is to highlight the will of the European institutions, actors in charge of Community programmes and national actors in supporting local projects.

Introduction with **Pierre Mauroy**, President of the MOT.

Michele Pasca-Raymondo, Deputy Director general, DG REGIO, European Commission.

Michel Delebarre, President of the Committee of the Regions.

Jan Olbrycht, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairman of the Regional Development Committee.

Peter Runkel, Director general of the Department Spatial planning, Urban affairs, Housing, German Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs.

Rui Nuno Baleiras, State Secretary for Regional Development, Portuguese Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development.

Ivan Zagar, Minister, Slovenian Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy.

Jean-Pierre Jouyet, State Secretary in charge of European Affairs, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

Philippe Herzog, President of Confrontations Europe.

→ Animated by **Dominique Rousset**, Journalist.

4.30 CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

By **Jean-Pierre Jouyet**, State Secretary in charge of European Affairs, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and presentation of the priorities of the French presidency of the European Union (second half of 2008).

5.00 END OF THE CONFERENCE



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PROGRAMME

“Cross-border territories: Day-to-day Europe”

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
THURSDAY 8 AND FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2007
LILLE - FRANCE

Thursday 8 November

Registration of participants beginning at 9.00.

10.00 CONFERENCE OPENING

Pierre Mauroy, President of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) and of Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine.
Augustin de Romanet, Director general of the Caisse des dépôts et consignations.
Pierre Mirabaud, Interministerial delegate for the development and the competitiveness of the territories, DIACT, France.

10.30 OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME PRESENTATION

Jacques Houbart, Director general of the MOT.

10.40 PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

“Cross-border territories: meeting the requirements of the inhabitants, building Europe with concrete projects”.

This panel discussion will be a place to debate about issues both related to politics and citizenship of the European integration and issues regarding cross-border cooperation.

The aim is to show that cross-border territories respond to the requirements of their inhabitants and that they are an effective way of relaunching Europe through the convergence of national and European policies around concrete projects.

Introduction with **Pierre Mirabaud**, Interministerial delegate for the development and the competitiveness of the territories, DIACT, France.

- Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropolis (France/Belgium): **Stefaan De Clerck**, Burgomaster of Kortrijk.
- Basque Eurocity Bayonne San-Sebastian (France/Spain): **Alain Lamassoure**, Vice-President and MEP.
- City Twins Frankfurt (Oder) / Slubice (Germany/Poland): **Martin Patzelt**, Mayor of Frankfurt (Oder), President of Euroregion Pro Europa Viadrina, and **Ryszard Bodziacki**, Mayor of Slubice.
- Basle Trinational Eurodistrict (France/Germany/Switzerland): **Walter Schneider**, President and Landrat of Lörrach.
- Newry-Dundalk Twin City Project (Northern Ireland/Rep. of Ireland): **Charlie Casey**, Deputy Mayor, Newry and Mourne District Council and **Jim D’Arcy**, Mayor of Dundalk Town Council.

→ Animated by **Dominique Rousset**, Journalist.

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2.00 FIRST ROUND OF WORKSHOPS

- Cross-border territories: “understanding in order to act”**
President: Christof Wolff, President of the LGCC Regio PAMINA, Germany/France.
Workshop leader: Jef Van Staeyen, Director of the “Conférence permanente intercommunale transfrontalière” (COPIT), Belgium/France.
- Economic development: “for a win-win game”**
President: Bruno Bonduelle, President of the Chamber of commerce and industry Lille Métropole, France.
Workshop leader: Jean Severijns, Project manager “internationalisation”, Province of Limburg, Netherlands.
- Employment and training: “mobilizing competencies”**
President: Danièle Defontaine, Vice-President of Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine, France.
Workshop leader: Philippe Faveaux, President of the Three borders interregional trade union association, France/Belgium/Luxembourg.
- Cross-border conurbations: “building the city together”**
Presidents: Sven-Erik Bucht, Mayor of Haparanda, Sweden and Raimo Ronkainen, Mayor of Tornio, Finland.
Workshop leader: Marie Vannouque-Digne, Director general of international affairs, Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine, France.
- Maritime cooperation: “establishing local links”**
President: Alan Marsh, Lead Member for policy, performance and international work, Kent County Council, United Kingdom.
Workshop leader: Jean-François Léandri, Director for economic development and European affairs, City of Bastia, France.
- Training in cross-border professions: “more skills for cooperation”**
President: Luís Domínguez Castro, Director of the research department of Eixo Atlântico do Noroeste Peninsular, Lecturer, University of Vigo, Spain.
Workshop leader: Joachim Beck, Director of the Strasbourg/Kehl Euro-Institut, France/Germany.

4.30 BREAK

5.00 TOWARDS THE CREATION OF EUROMOT

- Presentation of the EUROMOT strategy.** **Alain Lamassoure**, Vice-President of the MOT.
- Panel discussion - Statements on the EUROMOT strategy.**
Margarida Aritzeta-Abad, Director general of the Departmental Action of the Vice-Presidency, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain.
Christof Wolff, President of the LGCC Regio PAMINA, Germany/France.
Andy Pollak, Director of the Centre for Cross Border Studies, Rep. of Ireland/Northern Ireland.
- Presentation and signature of the EUROMOT constitutive convention.**
Pierre Mauroy, President of the MOT.
Xoán Vázquez Mao, Secretary general of Eixo Atlántico do Noroeste Peninsular, Spain/Portugal.
Martin Patzelt, Mayor of Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, representing the City Twins Network.
- Presentation and signature of the strategic alliance EUROMOT/AEBR.**
Pierre Mauroy, President of the MOT.
Lambert Van Nistelrooij, President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR).
→ Animated by **Jacques Houbart**, Director general of the MOT.

6.30 END OF THE FIRST DAY

7.00 “10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOT” AT THE PALAIS DES BEAUX-ARTS, LILLE

Opening speech by **Martine Aubry**, Mayor of Lille.
Speech by **Pierre Mauroy**, President of the MOT.
European dinner buffet. Free visit of the museum.



Friday 9 November

Registration of participants beginning at 9.00.

9.30 SECOND ROUND OF WORKSHOPS

- Cross-border rural and natural territories: “promoting local resources”**
President: Joël Giraud, Vice-President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur regional Council, France.
Workshop leader: Michel Marchyllie, Director of the Scarpe Escaut regional nature park, France.
- Health: “local access to healthcare”**
President: Martín Guillermo Ramirez, Secretary general of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR).
Workshop leader: Stéphane Jarlegand, Secretary general, Director of international affairs, Nice University Hospital, France.
- Public transport: “encouraging day-to-day mobility”**
President: Christian Eckert, Vice-President of the Lorraine regional Council, France.
Workshop leader: Michel Seelig, Deputy director of external relations and partnerships, Transdev, France.
- Culture and territorial integration: “richness from diversity”**
President: Gianni Oliva, Head of Cultural affairs of the Piedmont Region, Italy.
Workshop leader: Pascal Brunet, Director of Relais Culture Europe, France.
- Environment: “taking care of our common territory”**
Presidents: Hugues Geiger, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg and Vice-President of the Communauté Urbaine de Strasbourg with responsibility for the environment, France and Heidi Goetz, Deputy Landrat, District of Ortenau, Germany.
Workshop leader: Gilles Mulhauser, Nature and landscape Director at the Territory Department, Republic and Canton of Geneva, Switzerland.
- Legal instruments of cooperation: “structuring projects”.**
Presidents: Frank W. Ehling, President of the Eurodistrict Oderland-Nadodrze (EDON), Director of municipality Barnim-Oderbruch, Germany and Andrzej Kunt, President of the Eurodistrict Oderland-Nadodrze (EDON), Mayor of Kostrzyn (Oder), Poland.
Workshop leader: Gérard Flament, Director of studies, SGAR Nord-Pas de Calais, France.