

EDITORIAL

“Following the presidential election and looking forward to its presidency of the European Union, France intends to focus its full attention on its commitment to Europe.

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), a network involving local authorities and actors from currently nine European countries, organises a major European conference on the political and operational issues of cross-border cooperation.

The MOT judged that this is an appropriate time to show that a Europe of projects, a Europe closer to its citizens is on the move in the cross-border territories.

It is you, the participants in this European conference, who will come and provide concrete demonstrations of this in the twelve workshops that you will be able to attend during our two days of presentations and discussion. It is you who will help us draft recommendations to national and European authorities so that they support this movement.

To ensure that these proposals are followed up, the MOT is broadening its base to include other cross-border territories in order to set up a European network, EUROMOT. In parallel it is working with other European networks to influence the future of cross-border cooperation, in a dual perspective of integration of the internal borders of Europe and pacification of its external borders.

So come and join us, cross-border Europeans!”

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