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General  
Assembly of  
the MOT



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# Conference – debate

## Borders: a resource for the inhabitants of border regions

**Tuesday 24 May 2016**

*Simultaneous interpretation French-English*

Freedom of movement is one of the European construction's main goals and it is also a part of everyday life for the inhabitants and the enterprises of cross-border territories - e.g. there are among 400 000 cross-border workers at the French borders. The current European issues (security issues, migrant crisis...) lead to the reaffirmation of some of the inner EU borders as a filter. Yet open borders remain an opportunity for the inhabitants of border territories.

The French National Museum of Immigration History (*Musée national de l'histoire de l'immigration*) features an exhibition "Frontières" ("Borders") that will end on 29 May 2016. The exhibition mainly deals with security issues and management of migratory flows, but also covers the challenges of open inner EU borders. The National Museum of Immigration History has engaged an active partnership with the MOT and welcomes its 2016 conference-debate. The debate will not open a general debate on borders, but will provide an opportunity to discuss "open" borders within border territories for everyday life.

Many questions are brought up: How do border regions take benefit from the opening of the border? How to combine freedom of movement, cross-border development and border management by sovereign States? What is the role of cross-border local communities, along with the States and the European Union? What are the consequences of the re-establishment of temporary internal border-controls on inhabitants and enterprises' daily life? On cross-border cooperation? What are the impacts on the public opinion about borders, cooperation, and a cross-border and European citizenship, warmly wished by the MOT?

**1:30 pm**

Welcome of the participants

**2:00 pm**

Opening addresses

Hélène ORAIN, Director General,  
Etablissement public du Palais de la  
Porte Dorée

Michel DELEBARRE, Senator of the  
Nord, Former French State Minister,  
President of the Mission Opérationnelle  
Transfrontalière (MOT)

**2:30 pm**

Introduction to the topic

By Anne-Laure AMILHAT SZARY,  
Professor at the Joseph Fourier  
University of Grenoble, France

**3:00 pm**

Round table I – Open borders: what  
stakes?

Moderated by Olivier DENERT,  
Secretary General of the MOT

For civil society (FR/CH)

Marcel SCHIESS, Secretary General,  
Forum transfrontalier Arc jurassien

For the economic world (FR/BE)

Tillo MESTDAGH, lawyer  
KPMG Eurométropole (tbc)

For the local authorities (FR/IT)

Joël GIRAUD, Deputy of Hautes-Alpes,  
Mayor of Argentière-la-Bessée (tbc)

Example of Øresund (SE/DK)

Thomas STEFFENSEN, Secretary  
General, Øresunddirekt

Debate

**4:00 pm**

Coffee break

**4:30 pm**

Round table II – What do the  
regional, national and European  
policies aim for?

Moderated by Jean PEYRONY, Director  
General of the MOT

Philippe RICHERT, President, Alsace  
Champagne-Ardenne Lorraine Region  
(tbc)

Marc CHAPPUIS, Secretary General for  
Regional Affairs, Préfecture Languedoc-  
Roussillon Midi-Pyrénées (tbc)

Theo BOVENS, King's Commissioner,  
Province of Limburg (tbc)

Jiří BURIÁNEK, Secretary General,  
Committee of the Regions (tbc)

Debate

**5:30 pm**

Outlook of the debates

Marc ABADIE, Director of Network and  
Territories, Caisse des Dépôts (tbc)

Marie-Caroline BONNET-GALZY,  
General Commissioner, Commissariat  
Général à l'Egalité des Territoires  
(CGET) (tbc)

**6:00 pm**

Concluding speeches

Bernard CAZENEUVE, French Minister  
of the Interior (tbc)

Corina CREȚU, European Commissioner  
to Regional policy, European Commission  
(tbc)

**6:30 pm**

End of the conference

Visit of the exhibition  
"Frontières"

followed by a Dinner  
buffet



# MOT bodies and network activities

## Wednesday 25 May 2016

**9:00 am**

**MOT BOARD**  
(for the persons concerned)

**10:00 am**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. Validation of the previous minutes
2. Information on the MOT association  
- Update on members
3. Partnership with Ministries and founding members
4. Communication/network activities

**Communication**

- Communication tools
- Documentation center

**Network activities**

- Technicians' Platform

**5. European activities**

**Cross-border observation**

- Cross-border strategic committee
- Technical working group

**European Institutions**

- European Commission
- Committee of the Regions
- European Parliament
- Council of Europe

**European Partnerships**

- CECICN<sup>1</sup>
- Budapest Platform<sup>2</sup>
- Partnership with TEIN<sup>3</sup> and AEBR<sup>4</sup>

**6. Overall strategies**

**7. Operational assistance**

**8. Other issues and agenda 2016**

**11:00 am**

**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. Presentation of new members
2. Validation of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM of 18 June 2015
4. Annual Report 2015
5. Financial report  
- results of the year 2015  
- statutory auditor's report
6. Debate and vote on the presented reports (among them allocation of the year 2015 result)
7. Complementary elections to the MOT Board and the Advisory Committee - French regions
8. Presentation of the annual work programme 2016  
- debate and vote
9. Presentation of the budget 2016 and the membership fees 2017  
- debate and vote

**12:45 pm**

10. Conclusion

**1:00 pm**

Lunch

**2:30 pm**

**TECHNICIANS' PLATFORM**

**4:30 pm**

End of the meeting

<sup>1</sup> European conference of cross-border and interregional city networks

<sup>2</sup> Support structures for cross-border cooperation at national level

<sup>3</sup> Network of Euro-Instituts

<sup>4</sup> Association of European Border Regions