

Press release

Seminars on the operational arrangements
for cross-border projects on French borders

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The MOT is organising five seminars of information about the setting up of cross-border projects on French borders, within the framework of the national program Europ'Act.

Each seminar is focused on one or two French borders.

To download the programmes and to register on-line, please visit the website of the seminar concerned:

- [France-Spain-Andorra](#), 16th September in Toulouse
- [France-Switzerland](#), 3rd October in Annemasse
- [France-Italy](#), 10th October in Genoa
- [France-Germany-Luxemburg](#), 17th October in Sarreguemines
- France-Belgium-UK, 29th October in Lille

The aim of these seminars is to inform local actors of cross-border cooperation and raise their awareness of the legal instruments available on each of the French borders, as well as encouraging the exchange of good practice on their use. They will address the practical questions connected to the choice, the setting up and the functioning of the legal tools in the service of projects.

These seminars are intended for cross-border cooperation stakeholders (local authorities and their groupings, services of the State, educational establishments, associations, companies, the actors of the European programmes, cross-border structures, etc.) that have endowed their projects with legal structuring or that envision doing so.

Following these exchanges, the MOT will develop information documents and decision-making support materials for the benefit of actors on the border, to guide cross-border project leaders in the choice of legal form most adapted to their needs.

Some figures on cross-border cooperation:

Every day, hundreds of thousands of people cross borders, to work, shop, reach services or simply visit their neighbours.

At the European level, cross-border territories represent approximately 196 million people, that is more than a third of the European population. For example more than 350 000 people live in France and work daily on the other side of the border.

Cross-border cooperation aims to strengthen cooperation at the local level between public- and private-sector actors on either side of a border, in order to meet the needs of inhabitants and companies in these cross-border territories. It involves numerous topics of everyday life, such as employment, public services, transport, health, economic development, the environment, culture and tourism, etc.



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Chaired by Michel Delebarre, former French minister of State, MP and mayor of Dunkerque, president of the Europe 2020 monitoring platform, the MOT was established in April 1997 by the French government to “provide operational assistance to project stakeholders and, more generally, to the cross-border territories”.

The MOT network brings together cross-border cooperation stakeholders. It has a broad diversity of members, representative of all levels and stakeholders in cross-border projects, including states, territorial authorities and their groupings, associations, federations, crossborder structures and major businesses.

Its activities can be divided into four main headings: operational assistance, networking and training, support in defining overall strategies and European activities. It also acts as an intermediary between local stakeholders, and national and European authorities.

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