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## LABOUR MARKET

In the territory of the Euregio Meuse-Rhine, there are about 33,000<sup>86</sup> cross-border workers. The largest flows are between Belgian Limburg and Dutch Limburg. There are also high flows between the German-Speaking Community of Belgium and Germany (this is because many Germans live in the German-Speaking Community and work in Germany, but also because many German-speaking Belgians work on the other side of the border).

## PLAYERS IN CROSS-BORDER ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

The Euregio Meuse-Rhine, one of the oldest cross-border cooperation initiatives in Europe (set up in 1976), formulated its EMR2020 Strategy between 2012 and 2013, one of the main strategic focuses of which is economic development. The TTR-ELAt (Top Technology Region – Eindhoven-Leuven-Aachen triangle), an informal body dedicated to the support of cross-border economic relations has, since the late 2000s, partially overlapped with this structure of cross-border cooperation. The specificity of the TTR-ELAt region is its focus on the content rather than the governance of cooperation. As such, cross-border relations in this region vary according to the issues upon which they focus.

There is very active cooperation between the Belgian, German and Dutch chambers of commerce, despite differences in their nature (public in Germany and the Netherlands and private in Belgium), their budgets (companies are only obliged to belong to the chamber in Germany) and their objectives.

<sup>86</sup> Source: Grenzfopunkt.