

# Framework agreement on cooperation regarding French-German job-seeker placement

BORDER	France-Germany
TERRITORY	Upper Rhine
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OBJECTIVE	Cross-border placement of job-seekers
MAIN ACTIVITY	Increasing personalised monitoring and support to help job-seekers find work via local cooperation agreements between public employment services

## WHAT IS THE CONTEXT?

The French-German border in the Upper Rhine separates two labour markets with contrasting characteristics.

While unemployment in Alsace stands at 9.5%, with higher rates in the employment areas of Strasbourg and Mulhouse (10.6% and 11.6% respectively), the Land of Baden-Württemberg enjoys a situation of near full employment, with an unemployment rate of 4%.<sup>136</sup>

Nearly 47,000 French residents<sup>137</sup> thus cross the French-German border every day to go and work in Germany, where the demand



Franco-German job-seeker placement service, Strasbourg-Ortenau

<sup>136</sup> Figures for the first quarter of 2013; source: ADEUS.

<sup>137</sup> Figures for Alsace and Lorraine; source: Framework agreement for cooperation regarding French-German job-seeker placement.