

ORGANISATION OF THE CROSS-BORDER JOB-SEEKER PLACEMENT SERVICE IN STRASBOURG-ORTENAU



Steering

Drawing up of guidelines and evaluation of results by the local steering committee



Advisers

Offenburg Federal Employment Agency

- 2 FTPs for placement
- 1 FTP to receive job-seekers

Staff remain employed by their respective organisations, while national regulations apply to them.

Job-seekers have the rights and obligations in force in their country of residence.



Location

Premises of the Federal Employment Agency at Bahnhofstr. 3, Kehl

*Bilingual signage
Use of the two information systems AUDE/VerBis*

Source: Pôle Emploi – Agentur für Arbeit

by the regional directorates in the case of the Federal Employment Agency, and the regional directors or their representatives, as well as the international regional contact person or his/her representative in the case of Pôle Emploi.

Seven months after its inauguration, the cross-border placement service in Kehl posts encouraging results:

- **230 job-seekers monitored in France and Germany**
- **123 people returning to work (81 in Germany, 40 in France)**
- **41 targeted job searches resulting in recruitment (40 in Germany).¹⁴²**

It should also be noted that the French-German employment agencies' partnership particularly targets young people, a population that is more inclined to be mobile. A framework agreement regarding cross-border apprenticeships in the Upper Rhine was signed on 12 September 2013 to enable apprentices from Alsace, Baden-Württemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate to complete the practical part of their training in a firm in the neighbouring country.

TO WHAT EXTENT CAN THIS GOOD PRACTICE BE ADOPTED IN OTHER CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES?

In France's border regions in the North and North-East, there are large flows of commuters who cross the border to work in regions where there is a shortage of labour and where sometimes a different language is spoken (Flanders and North-West Switzerland). The development of services dedicated to the cross-border placement of job-seekers may therefore constitute an effective response to the difficulties often expressed by job-seekers and employers (unfamiliarity with application and recruitment processes in the neighbouring country, the challenge of administrative procedures in a foreign language, etc.) and thereby contribute to reducing unemployment and the filling of vacancies.

From a legal point of view, moreover, there are no major restrictions on the signature of a framework agreement between public employment services along France's other borders.

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¹⁴² Results at 19 September 2013; source: Pôle Emploi Alsace and Agentur für Arbeit