



Minutes

13th Annual
General meeting



Paris, Thursday 3 June 2010

11:30am – 1:00pm



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MOT, 3 June 2010

On Thursday 3 June 2010, the 13th Annual General Meeting of Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière took place in Paris bringing together all of its partners: local authorities from France and its neighboring countries, States, cross-border cooperation structures, big private operators, and divers observers concerned by cross-border cooperation.

To this day the association counts 66 members.

PRESENT MEMBER	REPRESENTATIVE(S), Function of the representative
Agence d'urbanisme et de développement de la région France-Dunkerque (AGUR)	Michel DELEBARRE, President
Agence Transfrontalière de l'Eurocité Basque Bayonne San Sébastian	Ernesto MURGIONDO, Co-director
Association Sillon Lorrain	Marion BERTRAND, Project Manager, Communauté Urbaine du Grand Nancy
Association Zukunft SaarMoselle Avenir	Gilbert SCHUH, Vice-president
Annemasse Agglo	Christian DUPESSEY, Vice-president
CCI de Bayonne Pays Basque	Peio OLHAGARAY, Director of Economic development
CNFPT	Mireille LACOMBE, Projet leader
Communauté Urbaine de Dunkerque	Michel DELEBARRE, President
Conseil Général des Pyrénées Atlantiques	Christine SARAIVA, Responsible of the pole cross-border INTERREG programme
Conseil Général du Haut-Rhin	Bertrand MEYER, Deputy director of cabinet Stéphanie FUCHS, Chief of the international and cross-border action department
Conseil Général Pas-de-Calais	Michel LEFAIT, Vice-president
Conseil Général Pyrénées-Orientales	Lionel MARTINEZ, Director Europe, cross-border affairs and local development
Conseil Régional Champagne-Ardenne	Jean-Paul BACHY, President
Conseil Régional de Lorraine	Patrick HATZIG, Vice-president
Conseil Régional Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	Patrick COMBRISSE, Project Manager, service European regional politics
EURODISTRICT REGIO PAMINA	Patrick HARSTER, Director general
Eurodistrict Trinational de Bâle	Frédéric DUVINAGE, Director
FNAU	Sébastien DEBEAUMONT, Project Manager

Fédération des Parcs Naturels Régionaux de France	Daniel MIO, President of Parc Naturel Régional Scarpe Escaut
Generalitat de Catalunya	Margarida ARITZETA-ABAD, Deputy director general
Grand-Duché de Luxembourg	Jean-Claude SINNER, Government counselor
Groupeement transfrontalier européen	Michel CHARRAT, President
Principauté d'Andorre	Julià VILA COMA, Ambassador of Principauté d'Andorre in France
Région Wallonne	Jean-Pierre ROBBEETS, General inspecteur for international relations
SNCF	Olivier MELQUIOT, Responsible for development pole
Syndicat Mixte de la Côte d'Opale	Michel DELEBARRE, President
TRANSDEV	Michel SEELIG, Director of institutional relations, General Delegate of the TRANSDEV Fondation
Ville d'Annemasse	Christian DUPESSEY, Mayor
Ville de Bastia	Jean-François LEANDRI, Director of Economic development and European affairs
Ville de Mulhouse	Christiane ECKERT, Deputy mayor, Secretary of MOT
Individual member	Sylvie BANCOD MOGLIA
Individual member	Charles RICQ-CHAPPUIS
Caisse des Dépôts	Marthe STEFFANN, Treasurer of MOT
DATAR	Patrick CREZE, Deputy delegate and Director of the DATAR
Ministère de l'Ecologie, de l'Energie, du Développement Durable et de la Mer	Pascal DOUARD, General commissioner for sustainable development Jean-Claude BOUAL, Project manager
Ministère de l'Intérieur, de l'Outre-mer et des Collectivités territoriales, DGCL	Séverine REYMUND, DGCL
Ministère des Affaires étrangères et européennes	Béatrice RAVANEL, DAECT

ABSENT MEMBERS	Delegation of votes
ACFCI	
AGAPE	Delegation to Michel SEELIG
Association for Zone Development Medgidia (ADZM)	
Canton de Genève	

Collectivité Territoriale de Corse	
Communauté d'Agglomération Perpignan Méditerranée	
Communauté d'agglomération de la Riviera Française	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE
Communauté de Communes du Briançonnais	
Communauté de Communes du Pays de Gex	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE
Communauté de Communes Pyrénées Cerdagne	
Communauté Urbaine de Strasbourg	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE
Commune de Coustouges	
Conférence transfrontalière Mont-Blanc	
Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes	
Conseil Régional d'Aquitaine	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE
Conseil Régional Guyane	
Conseil Régional Nord-Pas de Calais	
Eurégio Meuse-Rhin	
GECT Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai	
Kent County Council	
Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE
Pôle Emploi Rhône-Alpes	
Republic of Bulgaria - Ministry of Regional Development and Public works	
SMEAG	
Veolia Transport	
Ville de Thionville	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE
Ville de Villefranche-sur-Mer	Delegation to Richard CIOCHETTI given to Michel DELEBARRE
Michel CASTEIGTS	
Alain LAMASSOURE	Delegation to Michel DELEBARRE

The quorum is reached.

13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Intervention of Michel DELEBARRE, Former Minister of State, Member of Parliament and Mayor of Dunkerque, President of MOT

AGENDA

1. Validation of the proposition of agenda of the Annual General Meeting
2. Validation of the minutes of the AGM of 11 June 2009
3. Annual report of the year 2009 presented by the Director general
Dr. Hans-Günther CLEV
4. Financial report presented by the Treasurer Marthe STEFFANN
 - results for the financial year 2009
 - report of the statutory auditor
5. Debate and vote on the presented reports (among them allocation of the year 2009 results)
 - election of the statutory auditor
6. Presentation of year 2010 objectives and of the results of the working group services / membership fees by Dr. Hans-Günther CLEV - debate and vote
7. Presentation of the budget 2010 and of the membership fees for year 2011 by the Treasurer Marthe STEFFANN - debate and vote
8. Putting in perspective the role of MOT and of the interministerial steering committee for cross-border cooperation by Patrick CREZE, Director and Deputy Interministerial Delegate for Territorial Development and Regional Attractiveness (DATAR)
9. Conclusion by Michel DELEBARRE, President of MOT

End of the Annual General Meeting

Intervention of Michel DELEBARRE, President of MOT

Michel DELEBARRE thanks the Caisse des Dépôts and its Director General Augustin de ROMANET, for having participated in the Conference-debate of the previous day, and for the warm hospitality of the Annual General Meeting of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière in Paris. He then welcomes all participants who have come in a great number to participate in the exchanges. He then focuses on a few strong points of action of MOT for the coming year. These include to consolidate MOT in its role of general interest, to continue the work to develop a better quality of services for members of the network, to strengthen the activities of MOT in the field of local cross-border governance, and finally to pursue the European opening of MOT in order to give more importance to cross-border local authorities in the European debate.

Opening of the Annual General Meeting by Michel DELEBARRE.

1. Validation of the agenda

2. Validation of the minutes of the AGM of 11 June 2009

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009 are adopted unanimously.

3. Annual report of the year 2009 presented by the Director General

Hans-Günther CLEV presents the main elements of the Annual report 2009 of MOT.

This report is presented to the participants along four topics:

1. Life of the association
2. Communication and networking
3. European activities
4. Operational assistance to projects

Life of the association

At the end of the year 2009, the association Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière counted 56 members.

Nine new structures have become members of MOT in 2009:

- Communauté de Communes Pyrénées-Cerdagne
- Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai
- Agence d'Urbanisme Nord Lorraine (AGAPE)
- Association du Sillon Lorrain
- Ville de Thionville
- Ville de Villefranche-sur-Mer
- Veolia Transport
- Association for Zona Development Medgidia (Border Rumania/Bulgaria)
- Pôle Emploi Rhône-Alpes

Two members have left the network: Association transfrontalière du Pôle Européen de Développement (PED) represented from now on by AGAPE, and the Fédération des entreprises publiques locales (FedEPL).

Cf. for more details about the four topics, see Annual report 2009 of MOT.

4. Financial report presented by the Treasurer

Marthe STEFFANN, Treasurer of the association, presents the accounts 2009 and notes a deficit of 62 764 Euros. She then proceeds to the reading of the report of the statutory auditor.

The Board of MOT proposes to the Annual General Meeting to allocate the deficit of the financial year 2009 chargeable again to the transfer of the statement of account of the association.

5. Debate and vote on the presented reports (among them allocation of the result of the year 2009) – election of the statutory auditor

Debate and vote

The Annual report of the year 2009 presented by Hans-Günther CLEV is approved unanimously by the Annual General Meeting.

The Financial report of the year 2009 presented by Marthe STEFFANN is approved unanimously by the Annual General Meeting.

The report of the statutory auditor is approved unanimously by the Annual General Meeting.

The allocation of the result of the year 2009 proposed by the Board is approved unanimously by the members of the Annual General Meeting.

Election of the statutory auditor

Following the departure for reason of retirement of Jean-Jacques QUERE, statutory auditor of MOT since 1998, the election of a new statutory auditor is hold.

The candidature of the "Cabinet F.M. RICHARD et Associé" for the position of the new statutory auditor is approved unanimously by the members of the Annual General Meeting.

6. Presentation of the objectives for the year 2010 and of the results of the working group services / membership fees by Dr. Hans Günther CLEV - Debate and vote

Objectives for the year 2010

Hans-Günther CLEV, Director general of MOT, presents the annual objectives 2010, which were validated by the Board of the same day.

Cf. for more details see objectives 2010 of the MOT.

Results of the working group services / membership fees

He presents the results of the group work services / membership fees and in particular:

- The setting up of a voucher: each member (at the French borders) will from now on receive an annual voucher. One voucher corresponds to one day's work from the team of MOT (example: writing of tender specifications...).
- The setting up of a technicians' platform for an exchange of experiences on specific topics.
- The reflection on membership of cross-border structures: if members on either side of the border of a cross-border structure (minimum 2 or 3) are already members of the MOT (except the French State), the cross-border structure itself may, on request, become a member of the MOT free of charge.

- Reflexion on members outside of French borders: many services of MOT concern to a lower extent members outside of French borders (question of language and content focused on French borders). This difference of services should from now on be reflected in a clearly lower level of membership fees.

Cf. for more details, see the propositions of the working group « services / membership fees ».

Debate and vote

The Annual General Meeting approves the objectives for the year 2010 as well as the propositions of the working group "services / membership fees".

7. Presentation of the budget 2010 and of the membership fees for year 2011

by the Treasurer Marthe STEFFANN – Debate and vote

The Budget

Marthe STEFFANN presents the provisional budget 2010. This budget is of 1,235,024 Euros. She underlines in this context the joint efforts of the directory of MOT and of its personnel for reducing the expenses.

Debate and vote

The Annual General Meeting approves unanimously the budget 2010.

Annual membership fees for the year 2011

Marthe STEFFANN presents the scale of membership fees for the year 2011. Following the reflections of the working group "services / membership fees" it is put forward to introduce:

- a new category "cross-border structures" with more and less than 100 000 inhabitants. Furthermore, if members on either side of the border of a cross-border structure (minimum 2 or 3) are already members of the MOT (except the French State), the cross-border structure itself may, on request, become a member of the MOT free of charge,
- membership fees for members outside of French borders set at one tenth of the membership fee on French borders (according to the different categories) to take into account the difference of services rendered to members outside of French borders (cf. point 6 results of the grouping group "services / membership fees").

Debate and vote

The Annual General Meeting approves unanimously the scale of membership fees for the year 2011.

8. Putting in perspective the role of MOT and of the interministerial steering committee for cross-border cooperation, by Patrick CREZE, Director and Deputy Interministerial delegate for Territorial Development and Regional Attractiveness (DATAR)

Patrick CREZE reminds of the renewed interest in France for cross-border cooperation and notes in this context the participation of Michel MERCIER, Minister of rural areas and land planning to the Conference-debate of MOT and the begin of the parliamentary mission on cross-border cooperation in December 2009. The next CIADT (Interministerial committee of land planning and development) will write down certain decisions on the basis of the report resulting from this mission. He reaffirms the willingness of the DATAR to give new impulsion to cross-border cooperation and reminds the role of MOT in this perspective. In recent years, the MOT has accumulated a substantial material on cross-border cooperation and it is currently about to capitalize this knowledge. Several priority areas have been identified:

Governance

Referring to the intervention of Michel DELEBARRE, Patrick CREZE reminds that, since its setting up, the EGTC tool changes completely the hierarchy of standards and has brought a great amount of innovation in cross-border multilevel governance. Moreover, the cross-border cooperation means very different situations from one border to another, in terms of progress and of specific devices. Patrick CREZE also points out the difficulty of identify one or several interlocutors on cross-border in the organization of the cross-border governance in France. The parliamentary mission has allowed to identify this difficulty and to launch a process to clarify the political and technical organization on cross-border cooperation in France. A reflection is led to move towards a better organization of the State services at each border, and to develop their capacities of expertise, but also to reactivate at the central level the interministerial meetings in order to identify legal and other solutions to practical problems. The objective is also to improve the cooperation between DATAR/MAEE (DATAR/Foreign and European Affairs ministry) without forgetting about interstate cooperation. DATAR would like to exchange with foreign countries on existing devices.

Strategy

Patrick CREZE underlines that a strategic reflection needs to be conducted at different levels as well as border by border. This reflection needs to find answers to the problem of the growth of the differential between the French territories and its foreign neighbors (cf. report of the parliamentary mission). In addition to the adaptation of national legislation, strategic initiatives can be developed. In this context the DATAR would like to identify all the territorial strategies at French borders.

Knowledge of cross-border areas

Finally, Patrick CREZE indicates that the efforts in the field of knowledge building about cross-border areas need to be increased. Beyond the work of census, studies could be carried out as for example on the residential economy.

9. Conclusion of the works by Michel DELEBARRE, President of MOT

Michel DELEBARRE closes the session and thanks all participants.
