

Conference-debate 2014-2020: cross-border cooperation serving citizens



Wednesday 24th April

(CUS - centre administratif, Salle des Conseils)

Simultaneous interpretation: French, German, English

1:30 pm

Arrival of participants

2:00 pm

Opening addresses

Jacques BIGOT, President of the Communauté Urbaine de Strasbourg

Christian DUPESSEY, Mayor of Annemasse, Vice-President of Annemasse Agglo, Vice-President of the MOT

Hubertus LEGGE, Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Strasbourg

Patrick CREZE, Director, Deputy Interministerial Delegate for spatial planning and regional attractiveness (DATAR)

2:30 pm

Developing cross-border services for inhabitants

Introduction

Olivier GIRARD, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG MARKT

Promoting European consumers' rights

Martine MERIGEAU, Executive Director, European Consumer Centre (ECC-Net)

Advising cross-border citizens on formalities and procedures

Cindy SCHILDKNECHT, Project officer, INFOBEST Kehl-Strasbourg (DE/FR)

Accompanying cross-border commuters

Artur HANSEN, Head of the Cross-Border Information Service Aachen-Eurode (DE/NL/BE)

Representing and supporting commuters

Michel CHARRAT, President of the Groupement Transfrontalier Européen (CH/FR)

Questions from the floor

4:00 pm

Coffee break

4:15 pm

Panel discussion – Citizens: key players of the territorial project

moderated by Jean PEYRONY, Director-General of the MOT

The « Civil society» pillar of the Trinational Metropolitan Region of the Upper Rhine

Sarah MAUERER, Policy officer for Cross-border cooperation, Staatskanzlei, Land Rheinland-Pfalz

Tools of the Eurodistrict REGIO PAMINA for citizens

Patrice HARSTER, General Director of Eurodistrict REGIO PAMINA

The Frankfurt/Oder-Slubice Kooperationszentrum approach

Sören BOLLMANN, Project Manager at the Kooperationszentrum

European Parliament

Marie-Thérèse SANCHEZ-SCHMID, MEP, Co-founder of the Cross-Border Networking Group

European Commission

Ivanka LAKOVA, Head of Unit European Cross-border cooperation, DG REGIO

Debate

5:30 pm

Concluding speeches

Nawel RAFIK-ELMRINI, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, Councillor of the Communauté Urbaine de Strasbourg, Vice-President of the MOT

Michel DELEBARRE, Former Minister of State, Senator and Mayor of Dunkerque, President of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform of the Committee of the Regions, President of the MOT

6:00 pm

End of conference

7:00/8:00 pm

Franco-German cultural evening at the Aubette

Opening ceremony of the exhibition "De Gaulle-Adenauer: founders of the Franco-German friendship", by the Charles de Gaulle Foundation (Grande Salle)

Followed by a dinner buffet (Salle des Fêtes)

MOT bodies and Network activities

Thursday 25th April

(at the Communauté Urbaine de Strasbourg centre administratif)

9:00 am

MOT BOARD (Salon Carré) (for the persons concerned)

10:00 am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Salle des Conseils)

- 1. Validation of the latest minutes
- 2. Information on the MOT association
- Presentation of the members
- 3. Partnership with Ministries and founding members
- 4. Communication/networking activities

Communication

- Communication tools
- Renewal of the MOT website
- Documentation centre of the MOT

Network activities

- Technicians' Platform, working group and events

5. European activities

Partnership and contacts with European institutions

- European Parliament: cross-border networking group
- CECICN (European conference of Cross-border and Interregional City Networks)
- Budapest Platform

MOT positioning at European level

- Cross-border workers, Committee of the Regions
- Territorial impact assessment, Committee of the Regions

European projects - Europ'Act

- Study: Articulating cohesion policy, governance structures and cross-border territorial approaches, methodological quidebook
- Information sessions 2013: Informing local stakeholders at borders to facilitate the choice of cross-border operational settings

6. Overall strategies

- Participation in the national process for the preparation of the Partnership agreement in France
- Follow-up of the 1st European seminar on observation of cross-border territories
- Seminar on metropolitan poles and cross-border cooperation

7. Operational assistance

- EGTC assistance: Espace Mont Blanc
- Capitalization process of the ALCOTRA programme 2007-2013
- Setting up a strategic plan for the sustainable development of the Jura Arc cross-border territory
- Study on the follow-up of the French-Belgian Parliamentarian working group
- 8. Questions and agenda 2013

11:00 am

Coffee break

11:15 am

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Salle des Conseils)

Welcoming speech, Michel DELEBARRE, Former Minister of State, Senator and Mayor of Dunkerque, President of the MOT

- 1. Presentation of new members
- 2. Validation of the agenda
- 3. Validation of the minutes of the AGM of 4 April 2012
- 4. Annual report 2012
- 5. Financial report
- results for the financial year 2012 and statutory auditor's report, presented by
- the Treasurer Frédéric SABATTIER
- 6. Debate and vote on the presented reports (among them allocation of the year 2012 result)
- 7. Presentation of the work program 2013 by Jean PEYRONY, Director-General of the MOT
- debate and vote

12:15 pm

7. Presentation of the 2013 budget and of membership fees for 2013-2014 by the Treasurer Frédéric SABATTIER - debate and vote

12:30 pm

8. Presentation on transformation of the MOT into a public interest grouping (GIP) by Jean PEYRONY

12:45 pm

9. Conclusion by Michel DELEBARRE, Former Minister of State, Senator and Mayor of Dunkerque, President of the MOT

1:00 pm

Lunch (Grande salle)

2:30 pm

TECHNICIANS' PLATFORM (Salle des Conseils)

- 1. Reminder of the Platform's objectives
- 2. Network activities
- 3. European and national agenda
- 4. Working sessions
- 5. Others

4:30 pm

End of meeting







