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AT THE SERVICE
OF CROSS-BORDER
COOPERATION



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A unique structure

The Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) was established in April 1997 by the French government to “provide operational assistance to project stakeholders and, more generally, to the cross-border territories”.

A NETWORK

The MOT network brings together cross-border cooperation stakeholders. It has a broad diversity of members, representative of all levels and stakeholders in cross-border projects, including states, territorial authorities and their groupings, federations, cross-border structures and major businesses.

A “MULTI-LEVEL” RELAY

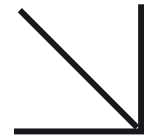
The MOT is coordinated by its French institutional members, including the DATAR (Interministerial Delegation for Territorial Planning and Regional Attractiveness), the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior. It is also in constant liaison with the European institutions. This “multi-level” positioning (local, regional,

national and European) enables it to encourage continuous dialogue between national and European authorities and project leaders.



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Three major tasks



1.

ASSISTING PROJECT LEADERS

The MOT provides practical assistance to stakeholders at various levels intending to undertake cross-border projects. For each intervention, the MOT adapts its expertise to the realities on the ground, forming multinational interdisciplinary working teams.

Varied expertise... Territorial diagnosis, assistance in the preparation of a territory project, identification of priority cross-border projects, legal studies (such as setting up of European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation), comparative studies, assistance to the main contractor, etc.

...on varied topics and territories Transport, planning, cross-border facilities, health, employment and training, economic development, property and land, statistical monitoring, culture, environment, etc. Conurbations, natural and rural spaces, maritime cooperation, etc.

2.

NETWORKING STAKEHOLDERS AND EXPERIENCE

Networking of stakeholders and sharing of experience on cross-border cooperation are core activities of the MOT.



Thematic working groups Working groups are organised each year for MOT members. They examine in depth topics of interest to the network.



Seminars and conferences The thematic seminars and annual conferences are open to all participants in cross-border cooperation.



A resource centre and many publications Some resources are available to members only.



www.espaces-transfrontaliers.eu An essential website on cross-border cooperation, with:

- Documentary, cartographic and legal resources,
- A cross-border projects database,
- “theme”, “territory” and “conurbation” data sheets,
- Information on Community funds,
- Presentations of members, etc.

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The first cross-border documentation centre in France

The establishment of a documentation centre at the MOT headquarters is intended to provide members with access to the many documentary resources acquired by the MOT since its establishment.

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The MOT publications



The monthly newsletter *Cross-border news*
The thematic MOT guides
The practical and methodological guides
The atlas of cross-border cooperation

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3.

PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES

The result of the work carried out with local and regional stakeholders – assistance and networking – helps promote the consideration of cross-border territories in national and European policies and helps the definition of overall policies and strategies. The MOT achieves this by relaying the needs from the field to the authorities concerned and putting forward proposals for legislative and regulatory changes.



At national level

In France, introduction of a “national cross-border strategy”, with the setting up of a “national system of support on cross-border issues”, is a major challenge for the development of cross-border territories.

A monitoring role

The MOT is a vehicle for information, support, training and dissemination. It has an overall view of, and a pragmatic, discriminating approach to, the processes at work in the territories. It is a cross-border monitoring body enabling acquaintance with the situation on the borders, following up the decisions taken by the government and preparing appropriate deliberations and strategies.



At European level

European programmes intended to support cross-border cooperation, and more generally Community policies, are levers for the development of cross-border territories.

The MOT makes the voice of cross-border territories heard in Europe and contributes to the consideration of their specific nature in Community programmes and legislation: position papers on cohesion policy, revisions of the Community regulation on the EGTC, etc. These actions also involve direct partnerships with European institutions: the Commission, the Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, and the Council of Europe. The MOT operates in partnership with other organisations working for cross-border cooperation in Europe and around the world.