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Cross-border
territories:
fatalism or resilience?

21.22 June 2022

Cité Internationale
Universitaire, Paris
+ online



Context

In the face of the crises that we have been dealing with for the past 20 years, should we **resign** ourselves to a situation where countries turn in on themselves and borders are reduced to mere dividing lines? Or are we capable collectively of demonstrating **resilience**, of adapting to an uncertain world, and of regarding borders as shared territories that are sources of progress?

Although they have been in the spotlight over the past two years and have been profoundly impacted by the pandemic, cross-border territories are conspicuously absent from the recovery plans. However, they can clearly be the leading territories for experimentation and innovation to meet the ambitions of the European Green Deal and embody Europe of the ecological transition. In this respect, the European sense of belonging, which is one of the priorities of France's EU presidency, can be seen in concrete form along

Europe's borders: cross-border integration creates a Europe of daily life, in which the border region citizen can become a standard-bearer for social, economic, environmental and democratic progress. At a time when war has broken out again on Europe's doorstep, the failures both of closing borders and of opening them up without limits should once again call into question our cross-border model in order to construct a Europe of solidarity. These are the questions that the Borders Forum will attempt to answer.



The event is organised in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union*



Objectives of the Borders Forum

- 1. Demonstrate the key role played by cross-border areas** in bringing the peoples of Europe together; promote sustainable and inclusive growth; and support European integration.
- 2. Convince European and national authorities** to put cross-border territories at the heart of their public action.
- 3. Showcase France's ambitions for cross-border territories at the European level** in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Cross-border areas involve **30% of the European population**. Two million European workers are cross-border workers.

* This event is not organised by the French Government. It is however authorised by the French Government to use the emblem of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Main organiser

The **Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)** is the result of a long-term partnership between the cross-border territories and the national and European institutions. Working alongside its members, partners and European networks, the MOT is heavily involved in cross-border policies at these three levels.

The **2nd Borders Forum** is supported by the French National Agency for Territorial Cohesion.

European partners

The **European Commission** published in summer 2021 a report setting out its priorities for border regions, which are key tools for European integration. It suggests that these territories should be better taken into account in EU Cohesion policy 2021-2027.

The **European Committee of the Regions** is one of the main promoters of territorial cooperation and of the 80 European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs). The CoR support the day-to-day work of cross-border territories and networks in Europe.

ESPON is an EU-funded programme which aims at promoting and fostering a European territorial dimension in development and cooperation by providing evidence, knowledge transfer and policy learning to public authorities and other policy actors at all level.

Media partners

- France Média Monde and France 24

Other partners

- Res publica
- BIG Network (Borders in Globalization)

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On the way to cross-border sustainable development

8H45 WELCOMING COFFEE

9H30
Welcome speeches

Christian Dupessey, President of the MOT, Mayor of Annemasse, President of the Metropolitan Pole of the French Genevois (FR)

Ministry for Ecological Transition and Cohesion of Territories (FR)

10H00 OPENING

Moderation: Caroline de Camaret,
Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24

Opening remarks:
Charlotte Halpern, PhD in political science, FNSP tenured researcher at Sciences Po Paris

What directions can cross-border territories follow?

- **Charlotte Halpern**, PhD in political science, FNSP tenured researcher at Sciences Po Paris
- **François Decoster**, Vice-President of the Hauts-de-France Region, Mayor of Saint-Omer (FR), Member of the French Delegation to the European Committee of the Regions
- **Kimmo Sasi**, Member of the Freedom of Movement Council of the Nordic Council of Ministers

11H00

ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION* #1 AND #2

Moderation: Caroline de Camaret, Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24**Cross-border management of our resources, an opportunity to seize?**

- **Thomas Zeller**, President of the Trinational Eurodistrict of Basel (FR-CH-DE)
- **Hiba Debouk**, Deputy Director - Territories at AREP - Interdisciplinary Architecture practice
- **Mauro Lucianaz**, President of the Unité des Communes valdôtaines Grand-Paradis (IT)

Cross-border Europe, a reference in energy transition?

- **Nadia Pellefigue**, Vice-President of the Occitanie Region in charge of European and International Relations, Research and Higher Education (FR)
- **Antoine Troesch**, Investment Director of the Banque des Territoires
- **Tineke Bolhuis**, Business Development Hydrogen Gasunie, Projectlead for hydrogen network Zeeland (NL)

12H30 LUNCH BREAK**14H00**

ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION* #3 AND #4

Moderation: Giuseppe Bettoni, Professor at the University of Rome**For cross-border social and inclusive employment areas**

- **Christian Dupessey**, President of the MOT, Mayor of Annemasse, President of the Metropolitan Pole of the French Genevois (FR)
- **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, President of the Association of European Border Regions
- **Slawomir Tokarski**, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macroregions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, European Commission

Cross-border public services, a contribution to integration?

- **Gilbert Schuh**, Vice-President of the Moselle Department for International Relations, Cross-border cooperation, Multilingualism and the Greater Region (FR)
- **Pavel Branda**, Deputy Mayor of Rádlo Municipality (CZ), Member of the COTER Commission, CoR
- **Loïc Delhuvenne**, Director General of the Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai EGTC (FR-BE)

15H30 BREAK**16H00**

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION #5

Moderation: Giuseppe Bettoni, Professor at the University of Rome**Crises in Europe: what territorial responses to the present and future migratory challenges ?**

- **Damien Carême**, Member of the European Parliament, Member of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
- **Wiktor Szydarowski**, Espon EGTC Director
- **María Ángeles Elorza Zubiría**, Secretary-General for External Action, Basque Parliament (ES)

- **Béatrice Godefroy**, Director Europe, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
- **Anne Laure Amilhat Szary**, Director of the UMR Pacte in Grenoble
- **Gabriela Staszkiewicz**, Mayor of Cieszyn (PL)

17H30**CLOSING OF THE 1ST DAY****"The New European Bauhaus: what are the cross-border perspectives?"**

- **Elisa Ferreira**, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- **Mária Beňačková Rišková**, Curator, Editor, Expert in design, multimedia, and cultural heritage
- **Léa Barbier**, Member of the Faubourg 132 collective

18H00 - 21H00 COCKTAIL BUFFET

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Cross-border alliances: compasses to be (re)imagined

8H30 WELCOMING COFFEE

9H15

Opening of the 2nd day

Nathalie Sarrabezolles, President of the COTER Commission, European Committee of the Regions

9H30

ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION*

#6 AND #7

Moderation: **Caroline de Camaret**, Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24

Introduction: presentation of ESPON IRIE (Interregional relations in Europe) by **Nicolas Rossignol**, Head of Unit for Evidence and Outreach at ESPON EGTC

Between interdependencies
and cross-border economic
imbalances

- **Christoph Schnaudigel**, Landrat of Landkreis Karlsruhe (DE), President of the Eurodistrict PAMINA (FR-DE)
- **Prof. Katy Hayward**, Professor of Political Sociology Queen's University Belfast and Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe think-tank
- **Tue David Bak**, Managing Director at Greater Copenhagen, Member of the Growth Commission for an Inclusive and Sustainable Malmö (DK-SE)

Towards new models of cross-border governance?

- **Sandro Gozi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Philippe Voiry**, Ambassador for intergovernmental commissions, cross-border issues and cooperation (FR)
- **Ben Behmenburg**, Head of Division, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Territory (DE)

11H00 BREAK

11H30

ROUND TABLES DISCUSSION* #8 AND #9

Moderation: Sophie Guillain, Managing Director at Res publica

What long-term alliances should be built in favour of the green transition?

- **Jean Rottner**, President of the Grand Est Region (FR)
- **Damian Cortinas**, European System Coordination Director at RTE, Member of the Board at ENTSO-E
- **Anna Karina Kolb**, Director of the External and Federal Affairs Department, State of Geneva (CH)

How to get organised to deal with environmental and climate emergencies?

- **Xavier Pelletier**, Prefect delegated to the reconstruction of the valleys, Prefecture of Alpes-Maritimes (FR)
- **Iliyana Cvetanova**, Project and Program Coordinator, Association of South-western municipalities (BG)
- **Gaetano Vivo**, Deputy Head of Unit, Disaster Risk Management, Directorate General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Operations (DG ECHO), European Commission

13H00 LUNCH BREAK**14H30**

CITIZENS' VOICES

Moderation: Tom Val, Senior Advisor at Res publica

What is the place of civil society and young people in the construction of the cross-border territories?

3 citizens / civil society representatives:

- **Linus Bergauer**, Volunteer in the Greater Region (FR-DE)
- **Irune Santamaría**, Trans-Pyrenean Youth Forum participant (FR-ES)
- **Bektha Djilidjel**, Former Interreg Volunteer Youth (FR-BE)

3 institutional representatives:

- **Chantal Jouanno**, President of the French National Commission for Public Debate
- **Sandra González Álvarez**, Mayor of Tomiño (ES)
- **Gaëtane Ricard-Nihoul**, Member of the Common Secretariat for the Conference on the Future of Europe

16H00**CONCLUDING DISCUSSION**Moderation: Caroline de Camaret,
Editor-in-chief Europe at France 24**Synthesis:****Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly**, Professor at the University of Victoria, Canada

"Let's take the (cross-border) road!"

- **Marc Lemaître**, Director-General of DG REGIO, European Commission
- **Petr Blizkovsky**, Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions
- **Yves Le Breton**, Director General of the French National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT) (FR)

17H00 END OF THE BORDERS FORUM

* The round tables take place one after the other, they are not concomitant.

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INFORMATION

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→ Languages of the event

Simultaneous translation into FR, EN, DE, ES, IT will be provided.

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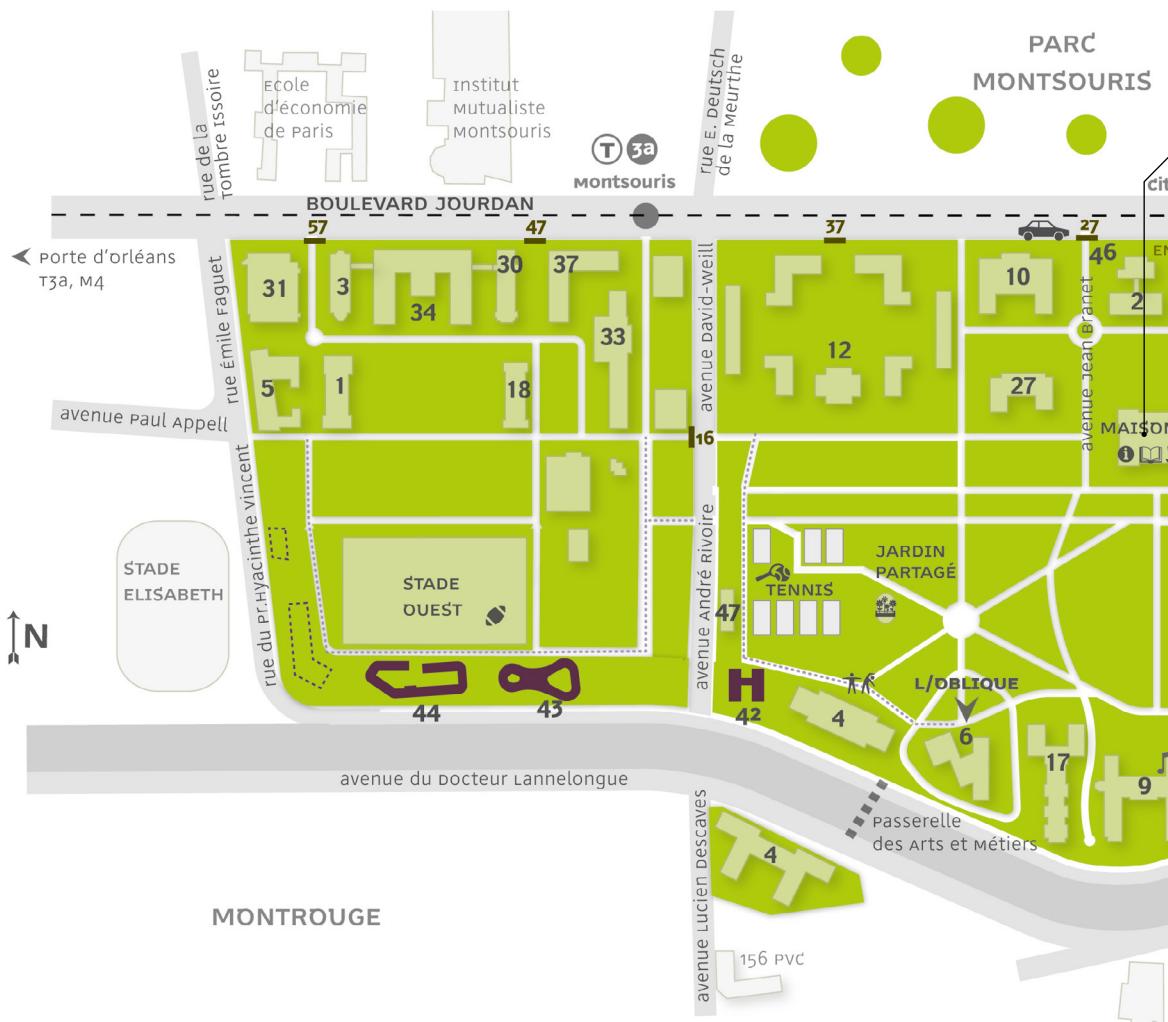
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