



# Methodological guide

*Articulate the cohesion policy, the governance systems and the cross-border territorial projects*

Presentation of the project

## METHODOLOGICAL GUIDE

- ≡ Part 1  
Diagnosis  
1/ Current situation (by geographic areas)  
2/ Cross-cutting diagnosis
- ≡ Part 2  
Recommendations  
1/ General recommendations  
2/ French organisational framework  
3/ 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy

## FINAL CONFERENCE

- ≡ About 150 participants
- ≡ Date : 24 October 2012
- ≡ Sequencing: introduction and three thematic round tables.

## INTERVIEWS WITH :

- ≡ DG REGIO ;
- ≡ Concerned ministries ;
- ≡ DATAR ;
- ≡ SGAR ;
- ≡ Conseils Régionaux ;
- ≡ Conseil Généraux ;
- ≡ Cities and larger urban authorities ;
- ≡ Sub-national authorities of the neighbouring countries ;
- ≡ Cooperation structures ;
- ≡ Socioeconomic players ;
- ≡ Joint Common Secretariats ;
- ≡ Project lead partners.

## The methodological guide must contribute to:

- ≡ Better articulate the future French Partnership Agreement and the cross-border cooperation programmes with cross-border territorial dynamics and projects;
- ≡ Promote the collaborative development, by France and the neighbouring countries, of the cross-border aspects of their respective Partnership Agreement;
- ≡ Coordinate cross-border cooperation programmes with other territorial cooperation programmes and, by and large, other cohesion programmes and territorial policies;
- ≡ Articulate the monitoring systems on French cross-border policies with those established under the cohesion policy;
- ≡ Increase the importance of the territorial approach in the development of the French Partnership Agreement and of the cross-border cooperation programmes, in order to stimulate and better meet the needs of the territories.

## This project must aim to:

- ≡ Offer an overview of the monitoring systems on cross-border cooperation at all levels and their impact on the development, implementation and sustainability of cooperation projects;
- ≡ Identify and analyse the weaknesses and bottlenecks of the system as a whole;
- ≡ Highlight the factors of improvement of this system;
- ≡ Prepare recommendations meant to streamline and improve the operational framework.

## This study notably comprises:

- ≡ A literature review of documents concerning the Operational Programmes, cooperation structures, cross-border projects, etc.;
- ≡ An analysis of a sample of projects;
- ≡ Interviews with the players involved in cross-border cooperation on all French borders;
- ≡ A targeted consultation the MOT network;
- ≡ The organisation and participation in a meeting between the French and Italian national and sub-national administrations in charge of Cohesion Policy and cross-border cooperation.

