





Conference – debate Borders: a resource for the inhabitants of border regions



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Simultaneous interpretation French-English

Freedom of movement is one of the European construction's main goals and it is also a part of everyday life for the inhabitants and the enterprises of cross-border territories - e.g. there are among 400 000 cross-border workers at the French borders. The current European issues (security issues, migrant crisis...) lead to the reaffirmation of some of the inner EU borders as a filter. Yet open borders remain an opportunity for the inhabitants of border territories.

The French National Museum of Immigration History (*Musée national de l'histoire de l'immigration*) features an exhibition "*Frontières*" ("Borders") that will end on 3 July 2016. The exhibition mainly deals with security issues and management of migratory flows, but also covers the challenges of open inner EU borders. The Museum has engaged an active partnership with the MOT and welcomes its 2016 conference-debate. It will not open a general debate on borders, but will provide an opportunity to discuss "open" borders within cross-border territories for everyday life.

Many questions are brought up: How do border regions take benefit from the opening of the border? How to combine freedom of movement, cross-border development and border management by sovereign States? What is the role of cross-border local communities, along with the States and the European Union? What are the consequences of the re-establishment of temporary internal border-controls on inhabitants and enterprises' daily life? On cross-border cooperation? What are the impacts on the public opinion about borders, cooperation, and a cross-border and European citizenship, warmly wished by the MOT?

1:30 pm

Welcome of the participants

2:00 pm

Opening adresses

Hélène ORAIN, Director General, Etablissement public du Palais de la Porte Dorée

Michel DELEBARRE, Senator of the Nord, Former French State Minister, President of the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)

2:30 pm

Introduction to the topic

By Anne-Laure AMILHAT SZARY, Professor at the University of Grenoble Alpes, France

3:00 pm

Round table I – Open borders: what

Moderated by Olivier DENERT, Secretary General of the MOT

For civil society (FR/CH)

Marcel SCHIESS, Secretary General, Forum transfrontalier Arc jurassien

For the economic world (FR/BE)

Tillo MESTDAGH, Lawyer KPMG Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

For the local authorities (FR/IT) Joël GIRAUD, Deputy of Hautes-Alpes,

Mayor of L'Argentière-la-Bessée

Example of Øresund (SE/DK)

Thomas STEFFENSEN, Secretary General, Øresunddirekt

Debate

4:00 pm

Coffee break

4:30 pm

Round table II – What do the regional, national and European policies aim for?

Moderated by Jean PEYRONY, Director General of the MOT

Edouard JACQUE, Regional counselor in charge of cross-border workers, Grand Est (Alsace Champagne-Ardenne Lorraine Region)

Marc CHAPPUIS, Secretary General for Regional Affairs, Préfecture of Region Languedoc-Roussillon Midi-Pyrénées

Michiel SCHEFFER, Vice-governor of the Province of Gelderland (NL), in charge of economy, education and Europe

Jiří BURIÁNEK, Secretary General, Committee of the Regions

Debate

5:30 pm

Outlook of the debates and concluding speeches

Marc ABADIE, Director of Network and Territories, Caisse des Dépôts

Marie-Caroline BONNET-GALZY, General Commissioner, Commissariat Général à l'Egalité des Territoires (CGET)

Walter DEFFAA, Director General, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

6:30 pm

End of the conference

Visit of the exhibition "Frontières"

followed by a Dinner buffet







MOT bodies and network activities Wednesday 25 May 2016

9:00 am

MOT BOARD (for the persons concerned)

10:00 am

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 1. Validation of the previous minutes
- 2. Information on the MOT association
- Update on members
- 3. Partnership with Ministries and founding members
- 4. Communication/network activities

Communication

- Communication tools
- Documentation center

Network activities

- Technicians' Platform
- Online forum on obstacles
- 5. Overall strategies and operational assistance
- Identification of potential projects
- Point about ongoing studies

6. European activities

Cross-border observation

- Cross-border strategic committee
- Technical working group

Presidencies of the Council of the EU

- Follow-up of the Luxemburg Presidency
- Dutch Presidency: workshop on crossborder cooperation; territorial and urban agenda

European Institutions

- European Commission: Cross-border
- Committee of the Regions: interregional group on cross-border cooperation and EGTC; EGTC platform; "European Week of Regions and Cities" workshops
- European Parliament: intergroup on cross-border cooperation
- Council of Europe

European Partnerships

- CFCICN1
- Budapest Platform²
- Partnership with TEIN3 and AEBR4

International Conferences

- Conference BRIT⁵, 17-20 May 2016, Hambourg (DE) and Sønderborg (DK)
- Policy Forum BIG6, 7 July 2016, Paris
- 7. Other issues and agenda 2016

11:00 am

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. Presentation of new members
- 2. Validation of the agenda
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM of 18 June 2015
- 4. Annual Report 2015
- 5. Financial report
- results of the year 2015
- statutory auditor's report
- 6. Debate and vote on the presented reports (among them allocation of the year 2015 result)
- 7. Complementary elections to the MOT Board and the Advisory Committee French regions
- 8. Presentation of the annual work programme 2016
- debate and vote
- Presentation of the budget 2016 and the membership fees 2017
- debate and vote

12:45 pm

10. Conclusion

1:00 pm

Lunch

2:30 pm

TECHNICIANS' PLATFORM

1. Context

- Follow-up to the Technicians' Platform of 18 November 2015
- 2. Obstacles and solutions; cross-border impact assessment; perspectives

Approaches on other borders

- Territorial Impact Assessments (TIA) lead by ITEM (University of Maastricht)
- Initiative led by the CESCI on Hungarian borders

Approaches at the European level

- Council of Europe: EDEN database by ISIG
- European Commission: Cross-border Review
- Perspectives following the Luxembourg Presidency
- Committee of the Regions
- 3. What training needs for cross-border cooperation

Training for State civil servants (Sous-préfets etc.)

CNFPT7/MOT partnership

- Training "The cross-border director general"
- Cross-border days on September 21st and 22nd 2016 in Nice8
- Questionnaire on needs for training to be sent to French border local authorities, including MOT members

Committee of the Regions and training

4. Follow-up and other issues

4:30 pm

End of the meeting

- ² Support structures for cross-border cooperation at national level
- ³ Network of Euro-Instituts
- ⁴Association of European Border Regions
- ⁵Border Regions in Transition
- ⁶Borders in Globalisation ⁷Centre national de la fonction publique territoriale
- ⁸1st day "European Day of cross-border cooperation", Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur; 2nd day "Comparison between French and Italian Territorial Reforms: What can we learn from it?"





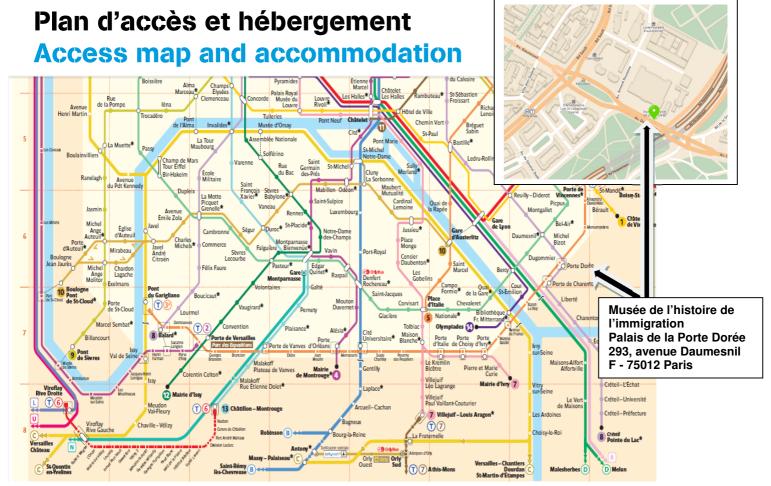








¹ European conference of cross-border and interregional city networks



Lieu des deux jours

Conference place

Conférence-débat Soirée culturelle & Cocktail dînatoire

Bureau MOT Conseil d'Orientation Assemblée Générale Plateforme des techniciens

Conference-debate Cultural evening & Dinner Buffet

Board meeting Advisory Council Annual General Meeting Technicians' platform

Musée de l'histoire de l'immigration / Palais de la Porte Dorée 293, avenue Daumesnil 75012 Paris FRANCE

Pour vous y rendre

How to get there

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www.ratp.fr Station 'Porte Dorée'

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www.parisinfo.com (réservation en ligne / online booking)

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CybeVasion Paris www.cybevasion-paris.com

Hôtels du groupe ACCOR (Mercure, Ibis, Novotel) : www.accorhotels.com

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