



Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations



Final conference of the EGTC URBACT project Presentation of the final results

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Opening session

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Introduction

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Introduction

- The “**EGTC**” project is a working group co-financed by the URBACT II programme

- **The URBACT II programme (2007-2013)** is a European exchange and learning programme:
 - promoting sustainable urban development
 - enabling cities to share good practices with professionals involved in urban policy throughout Europe
 - enabling cities to improve local urban policies by developing pragmatic sustainable solutions

More information: <http://urbact.eu/>

Introduction

- The “**EGTC**” **URBACT** project:
 - Network of 6 cross-border agglomerations (different political, cultural, socio-economic contexts)
 - Exchange on cross-border governance tools, including the EGTC
 - To improve their system of transfrontier partnership

- A **global coordination** led by Mission opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), supported by a Lead Expert (Christian Lamour)

- **Duration:** 24 months (May 2008 - May 2010)

MOT, Lead Partner

Lille Métropole Urban Community
Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai,
FR/BE

Slubice
Frankfurt on Oder/Slubice
conurbation, PL/DE

Chaves
Eurocidade Chaves-Verin, PT/ES

Esztergom
Ister-Granum EGTC, HU/SK

Canton of Basel Stadt
Trinational Eurodistrict Basel,
CH/DE/FR

Urban Community of Strasbourg
Eurodistrict Strasbourg-Ortenau,
FR/DE



○ Lead partner (LP)
● Cross-border conurbation
● Project partner (PP)

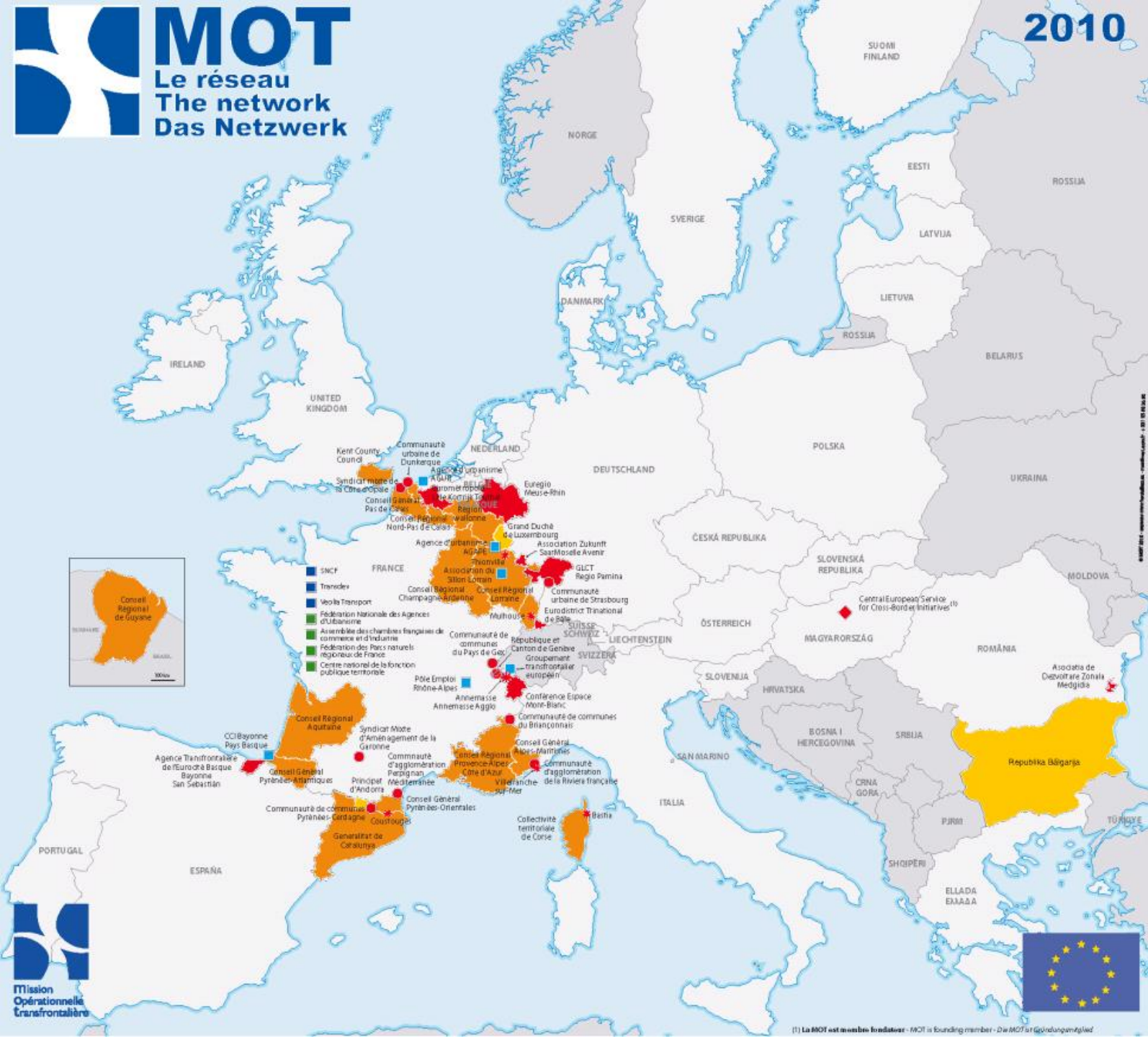
Mission opérationnelle Transfrontalière, Lead partner

Main goal

To ease the implementation of cross-border projects and promote cross-border cooperation - Since 1997

Main activities:

- 1) Operational assistance
- 2) Networking and training
- 3) Helping to outline a coherent policy
- 4) European activities



- Catégorie d'adhérents**
Category of members
Mitglieder Kategorien
- Etat State Staat
 - Région Region Region
Comté County County
Canton Canton Canton
Département Département
 - Groupement plurinational de collectivités territoriales
Plurinational grouping of local authorities
Plurinationaler Verband von Gebietskörperschaften
 - Groupement de collectivités territoriales
Grouping of local authorities
Verband von Gebietskörperschaften
 - Commune
Municipality
Gemeinde und Kommune
 - Réseau de collectivités locales transfrontalières
Network of cross-border local authorities
Netzwerk von grenzüberschreitenden Gebietskörperschaften
 - Entreprise Company Unternehmen
 - Réseau Network Netzwerk
 - Autre structure
Other structure
Weitere Struktur



Final outputs of the « EGTC » URBACT project

- Based on thematic seminars
- A **Booklet** with a CD that contains:
 - ✓ **6 Local Action Plans to improve cross-border governance** : one per cross-border agglomeration, with the contribution of the **Local Support Groups**
 - ✓ **Handbook**
 - Methodology followed by the project partners
 - Best practices of local cross-border actions
 - Synthetic table on the lessons learned and the recommendations of actions
 - ✓ **European Action Plan**
 - Lessons learned at local level
 - Recommendations addressed to regional/national and EU authorities

Thematic approach of the “EGTC” project (1/2)

- The “Leadership” agenda of CB governance (or internal governance)
 - The role of individual political leaders
 - The organization of the technical work (dedicated staff/administrations)
 - The articulation between the politicians and the technicians
 - The financial solidarity
 - The institutionalisation of a collective leadership (e.g.: EGTC)

Thematic approach of the “EGTC” project (2/2)

- The “Community” policy of the CB governance networks (or involvement of civil society)
 - The development of CB projects implying an active role of the local population
 - The role of media concerning the connection Leaders-citizens-CB Conurbation
 - The use of participative democracy to develop a sense of CB community