



Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations



Eurocidade Chaves-Verín

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The Local Action Plans to improve project partners' cross-border governance

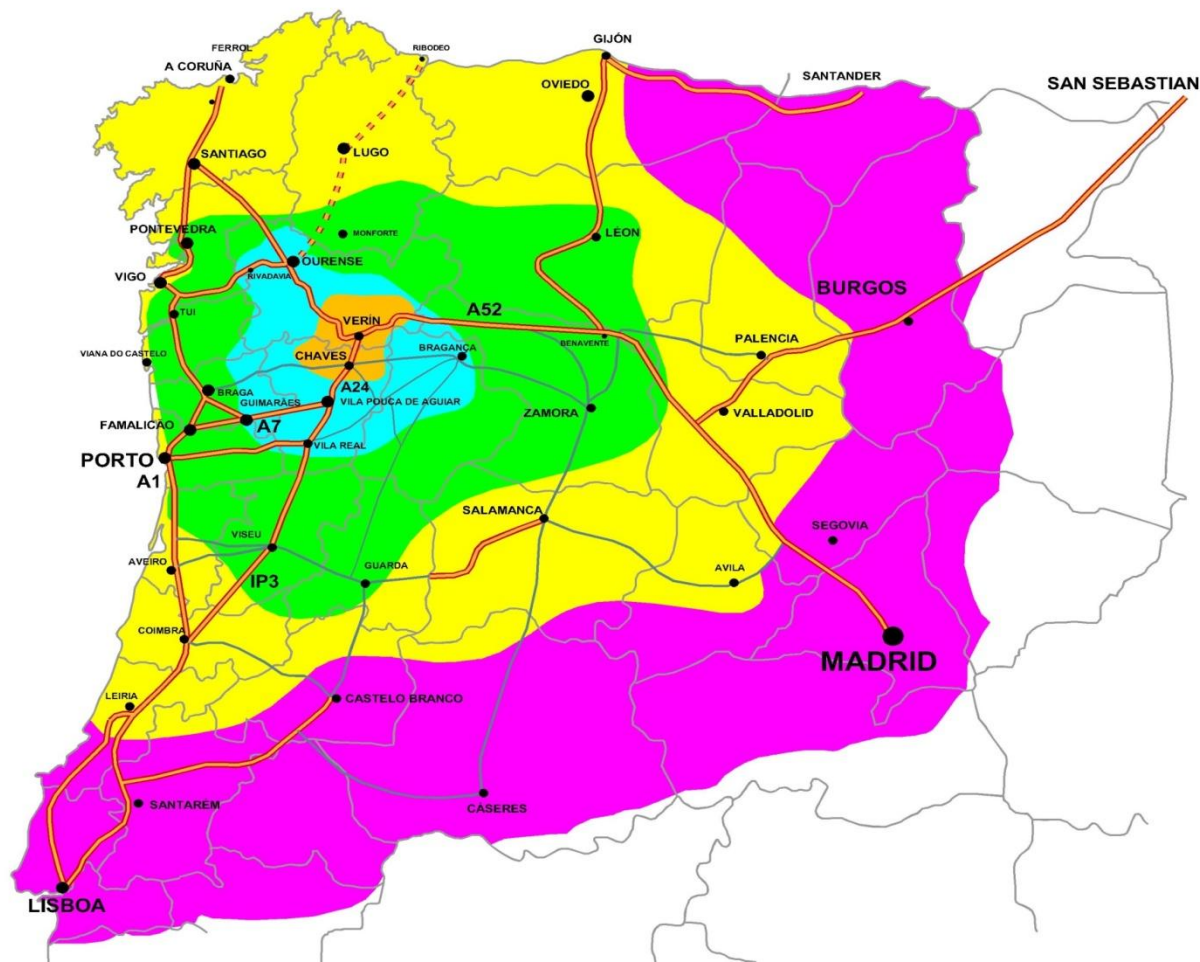
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LINHAS ISÓCRONAS

- 3 horas a 5 horas
- 2 horas a 3 horas
- 1 horas a 2 horas
- 30 minutos a 1 hora
- A 30 minutos

**POPULAÇÃO ESTIMADA
área de influencia**

- 6.365.620 hab.
- 4.966.331 hab.
- 542.414 hab.
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TOTAL: 11.874.345 hab.

Territorial figures of the Eurocidade Chaves-Verin

	Chaves	Verin	Eurocidade
Area (km²)	591,28	93,87	685,25
Inhabitants	44.186	13.991	58.177
Population density (inhab./km²)	74,72	149,05	84,90
Parishes	51	18	69

Strategic targets:

- Fix and attract population
- Create and consolidate employment policies
- Assure a sustainable and continuous development

Process of elaboration of the Local Action Plan

Creation of the Local Support Group: Representatives from the regional and Local administrations;

For “**Leadership Issues**”: Group composed of politicians from both Municipalities, representatives from regional and Country Governments, CCDR-N Portugal, and Eixo Atlântico.

For “**Community Issues**”- technicians from both Municipalities and civil society who work together in the different activities that are promoted by Eurocidade.

This group meets every 6 month.

Role of the LSG: It identifies problems, solutions, and makes new proposals to national authorities, we define new strategies and we review our Local Action Plan

The Local Action Plan (1/3)

- Identification of **problems** at different levels:
 - ✓ Institutional Leadership has to be reinforced.
 - ✓ Permanent Staff and Legal personality of the Eurocity.
 - ✓ Need for commitment.
 - ✓ Legal and administrative barriers.
 - ✓ Verín does not have all the competencies to achieve the objectives of the project. It depends on the district and regional administrations. The Municipality of Chaves has almost all the necessary competencies (decision-making problem).
 - ✓ Big scepticism of the civil society about Eurocidade.

The Local Action Plan (2/3)

Solutions:

✓ **Civil society:**

- Common social area: access to social public services improving their quality of life.
- Participation in the governance of the Eurocity through formal committees and assembly.

✓ **Municipalities:**

- A more efficient and long-lasting cooperation between both municipalities.
- Try to establish a join strategy for development needs.
- Provide at regional and national levels new instruments for improving governance, regarding cross-border cooperation issues.

Good Practices:

On **leadership issues**

- ✓ Need for a structure with legal personality:
Establishment of a EGTC (Lille, Strasbourg and Ister-Granum Partners)
- ✓ Need for more involvement of civil servants: language courses, and participation to the Eurocidade's activities

On **community issues:**

- ✓ Need for a healthy city:
Bicycle day (Eurodistrict Strasbourg-Ortenau)
“Slow up” project (Trinational Eurodistrict Basel)
- ✓ Need for deepening the youth strategy:
Solidarity Run (Strasbourg-Ortenau Eurodistrict)

Conclusions and Perspectives

- The exchange with the other cross-border conurbations and the sharing of good practices and problems on the establishment of the EGTC structure have given the Eurocidade Chaves-Verín greater experience and knowledge to create such a structure.
- The meetings with the LSG, the citizens and other stakeholders have enabled the Technical Secretariat of the Eurocidade to review objectives and make innovative proposals of actions. These meetings have established a continuous dialogue between the municipalities and their cross-border groups.



Thank you

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