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OF CROSS-BORDER
LOCAL AUTHORITIES

MOT/EUROMOT and the practical guide to transfrontier co-operation

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Who we are

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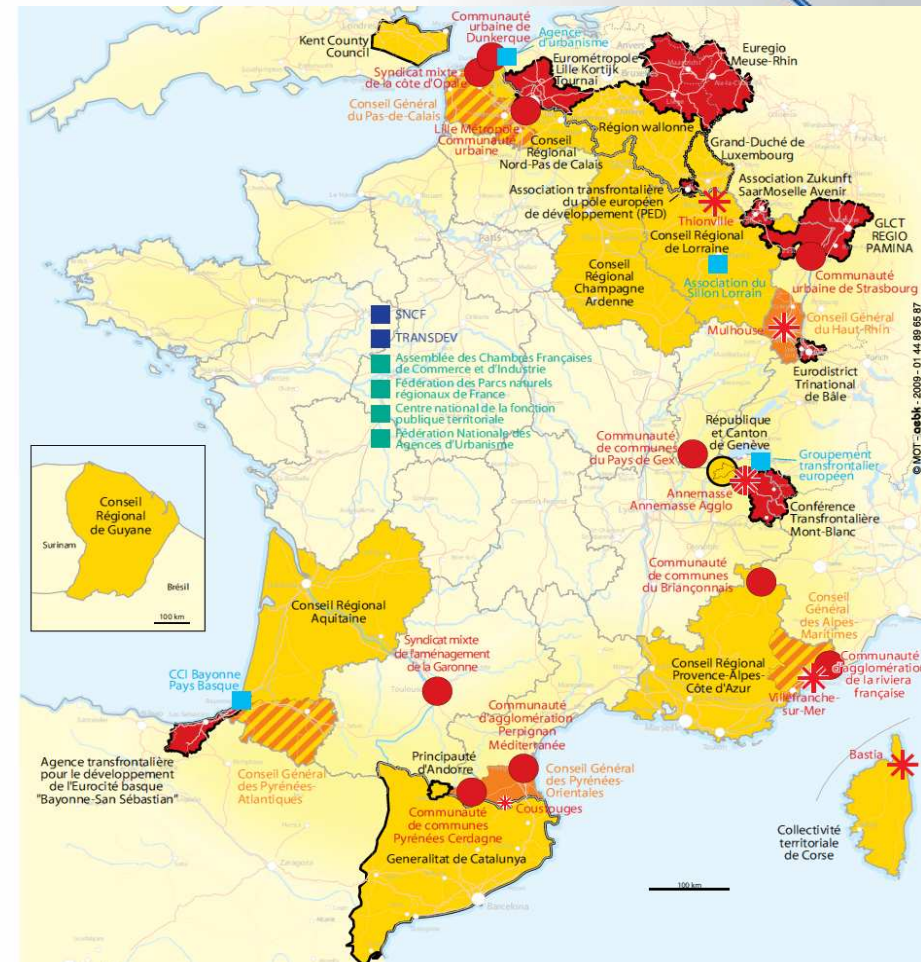
Setting up
April 1997

Objective

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

Members

Local authorities and their groupings involving France, Spain, Luxembourg, Germany, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Andorra, and Romania



Missions

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Operational assistance

- single and global projects
- shared diagnosis
- definition of common action programs
- institutional and legal structuring

Networking and training

- information tools
- seminars
- ressource center

Helping to outline a coherent policy

- strategic studies
- help taking into account cross-border cooperation within all policy fields
- evolution of national and EU legislation

Who we are

EUROMOT, European network of cross-border local authorities

Setting up

November 2007, Lille - France

Founding partners

- City Twins Association
- Eixo Atlântico Do Noroeste Peninsular
- Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière

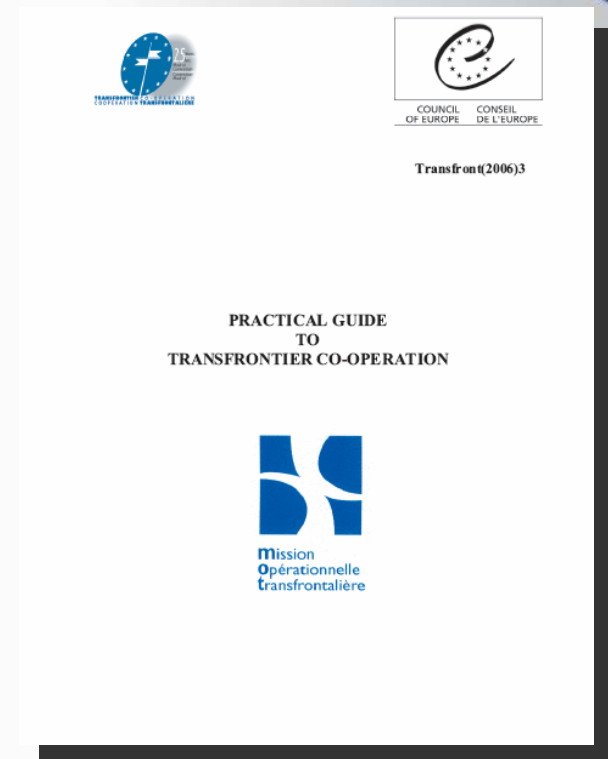
Manifesto for cross-border cooperation in Europe

Strategic alliance with AEBR
Association of European Border Regions



Practical guide to transfrontier co-operation

- Produced by MOT for the Council of Europe
- Describes the legal framework of cross-border cooperation and sets out good practices, methodologies and procedures for implementing cross-border cooperation
- For all Member states of the Council of Europe and especially for project leaders of cross-border projects
- Translation in several languages, e.g. Russian



Content in 7 questions

- What is transfrontier co-operation between European local communities and authorities?
- What is the legal and administrative framework on which co-operation may be based?
- What are the prerequisites for successful transfrontier co-operation?
- How do transfrontier co-operation arrangements evolve?
- Setting up a joint body: what form should it take, and how are its statutes drafted?
- What national and EU funding is available for transfrontier projects?
- How can transfrontier inter-authority co-operation be sustained?

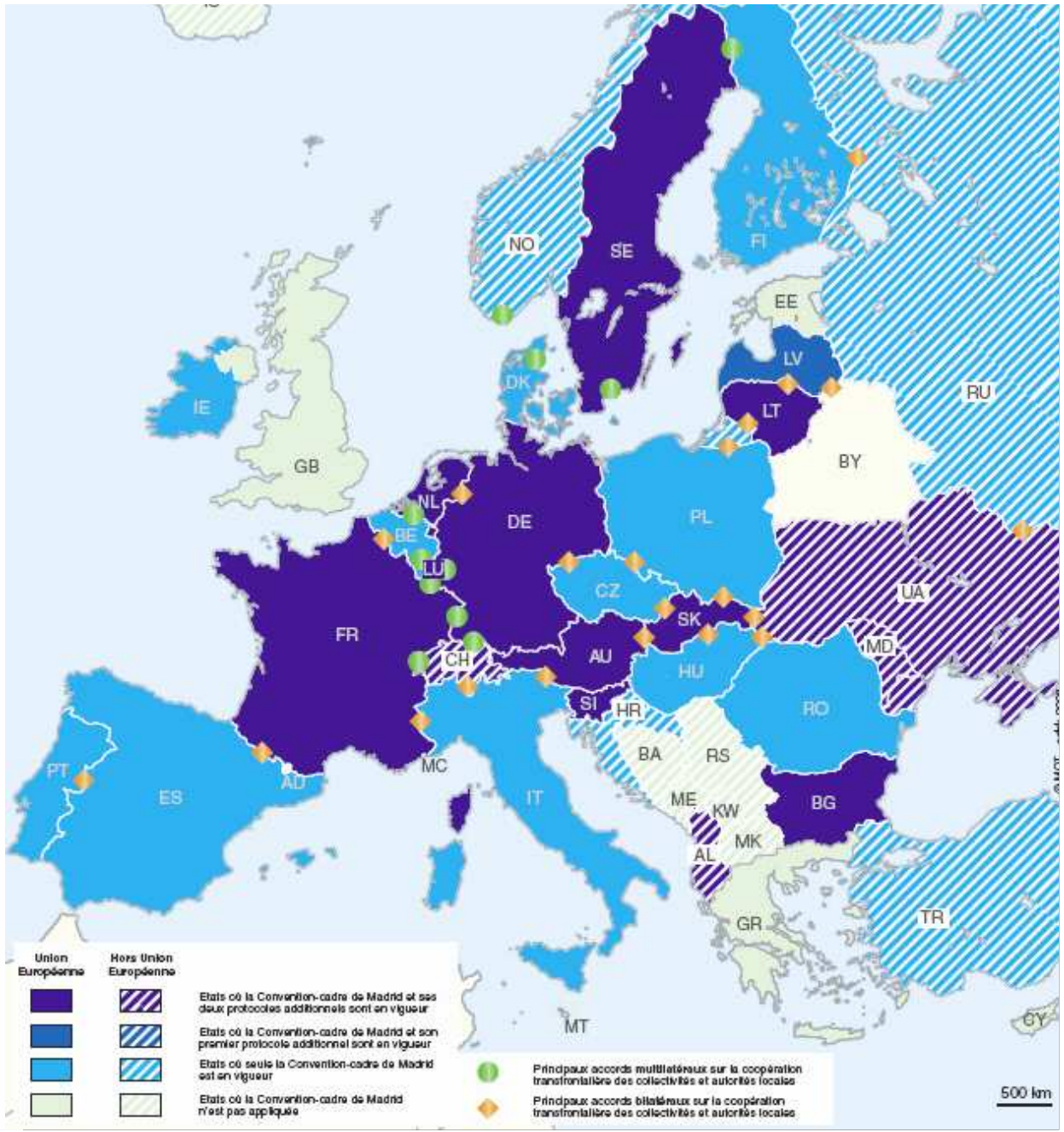
Organization of cross-border cooperation Contexte and requirements

- Shared political commitment
- Identifying common problems, issues and objectives in order to formulate a joint strategy for the common development and joint actions and projects
- Identifying the relevant partnership in the cross-border area (public, private actors from all different levels)
- Question of funding
- Common structuring with a joint technical team
- Anchorage within the recent Baltic Sea Strategy of the European Union



Legal framework of cross-border cooperation

Ratification and implementation of the Madrid Outline Convention (1980) and of the first additional protocol



European grouping of territorial cooperation - EGTC - (EC regulation 1082/2006)

- New EU tool for cross-border, transnational or interregional cooperation (programmes and projects)
- Body with legal personality and own financial and human resources, acting on behalf of its members
- Can benefit from local, national and European funding
- Open to all actors submitted to public procurement rules, even States
- Subject to law of the headquarter state
- Broad partnership enables new forms of cooperation in areas such as transport, health, education, or nature protection areas
- Participation of at least 2 members located on the territory of 2 different EU Member States

Euroregional Co-operation Grouping (ECG) (Third Protocol to the Madrid Outline Convention, Council of Europe) in discussion

Observation: With the multiplication of Euroregions there is a need for a legal recognition at European level

- Similarity to EGTC
- In order to reduce obstacles to cross-border cooperation by stating a clear and effective legal framework for institutionalized cooperation between territorial communities or authorities
- No harmonized rules
- Rather “hard core” rules on the establishment membership, operations, responsibilities, etc.
- Still subject to the law of the headquarter state

Thank you for your attention

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