

CROSS-BORDER EXPERT GROUPS: AN INFORMAL GOVERNANCE TOOL TO FACILITATE CROSS-BORDER INTEGRATION?

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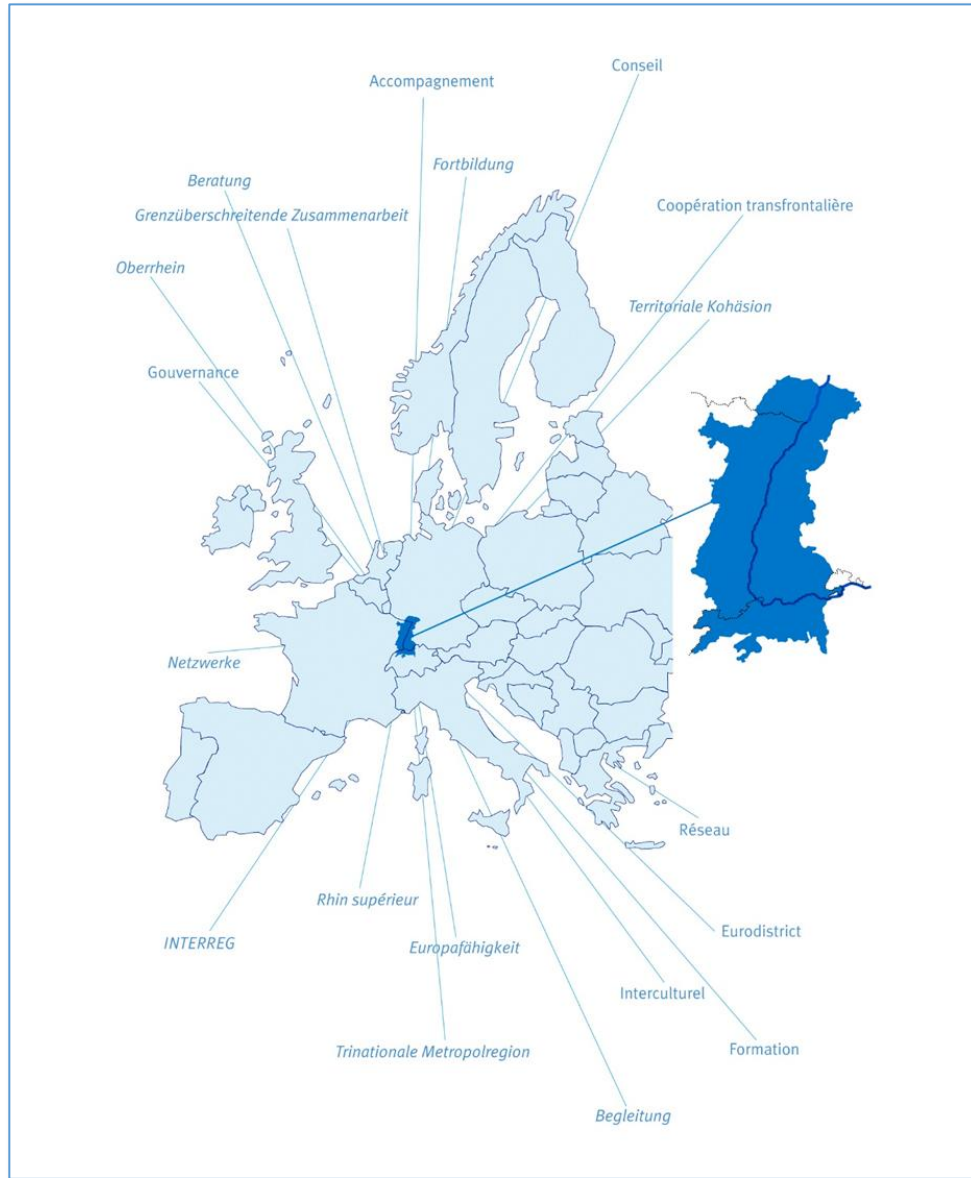
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Geographical scope of the presentation

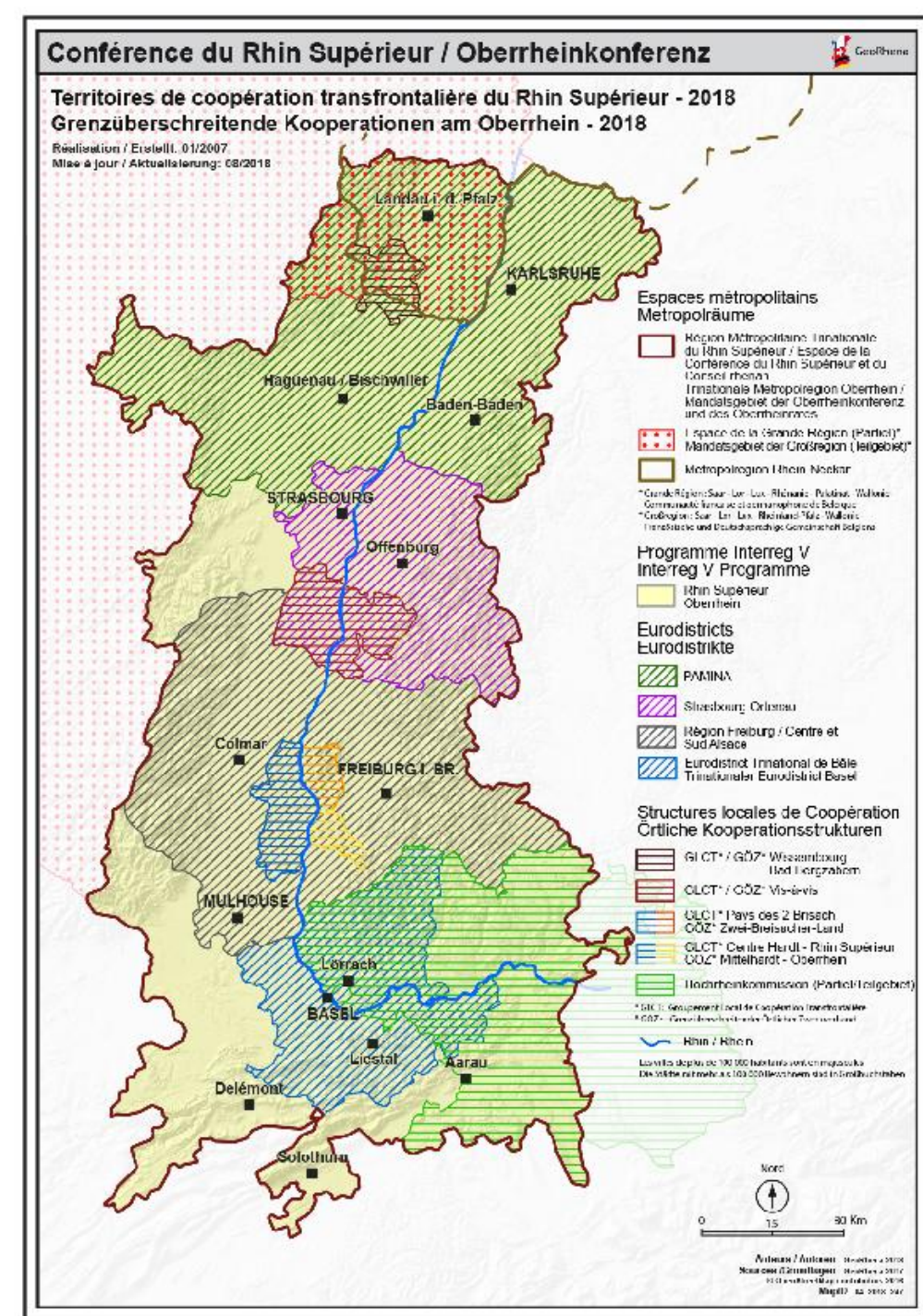
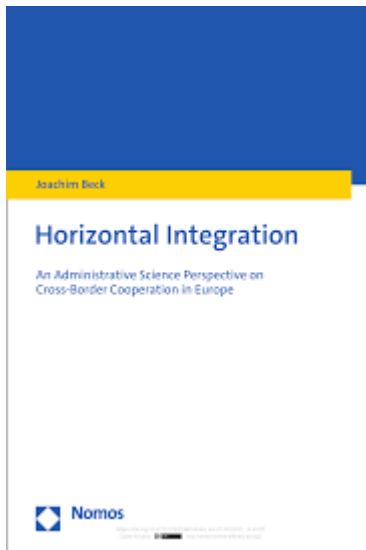


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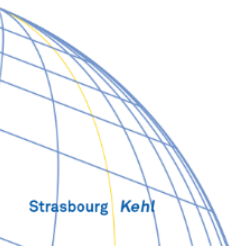
Horizontal Integration

- Governance, EU Integration, European Territorial cooperation, Cross-border cooperation...



Euro-Institut

- A Franco-German organization created in 1993 in Kehl am Rhein.
- It aims at improving cross-border cooperation through training and consulting with regard to public policy.
- As a neutral platform, we help to develop cross-border response despite differences between legal and administrative systems, cultural or methodological backgrounds.
- We offer
 - **Practice-oriented trainings** (on all cross-border issues, in a comparative way on current issues, in the form of seminars, study trips, language courses...)
 - **Tailor-made studies** (on feasibility, impact or evaluation, for multilingual publications, as a basis for further strategic measures)
 - **Project support** (from the project idea to the evaluation, to overcome intercultural barriers, with bilingual moderation of your cross-border meetings)



Experts groups at the Euro-Institut

- Non-formal
- Policy based
- Common challenges / interests / obstacles
- Neutral moderation
- Consecutive translation



Health and safety at work across borders



30^{ème} anniversaire du groupe
de travail Franco-Allemand
Santé et sécurité au travail
par-delà les frontières



- Since 1994
- 1 Steering Group
- 1 Topic per year
 - ‘Digitalisation of work and its impact on health - Work 4.0, homeoffice and prevention’.
 - ‘Working at height: uses and limits of mobile elevating work platforms’.
 - ‘Forestry and wood processing - Sharing a new approach to risk prevention’.
 - ‘How to prevent the risk of exposure to carcinogenic chemicals in the workplace’
 - ‘Health and safety in the era of climate change - Challenges for the development of renewable energies’.
- 1 Expert Group – 6 Meeting per Year
- 1 Forum per year
- 1 Documentation



Aims

- Acquire a better knowledge of the neighbouring system (legislation, transposition of European directives and their impact on national systems).
- Encourage the exchange of information and best practices.
- Identify practical solutions in order to make faster and more effective progress on common issues.
- To develop suitable models and practical joint cross-border solutions to the problems raised by the free movement of workers.
- To disseminate the results of the work to as many people as possible via bi-national forums.



Childhood protection

- Since 2014
- Different projects / Different Topics
 - Vademecum
 - Conferences
 - Alternative to child placement
- Now 2024-2028 – part of the Interreg Project CELIS (European Campus for Social Intervention)
 - Evaluation of the danger
 - 3 meetings of the expert groups/year
 - Co-Moderation with academic partners : 3 meetings of the moderators/year



Aims

- Acquire a better knowledge and understanding of the neighbouring system (legislation, cultures, distribution of competences, systems)
- Discuss professional approaches/behaviour
- Work on case studies
- Develop tools together (and pass them on to as many people as possible)
- Promote cohesion to facilitate dialogue
- Improve practices

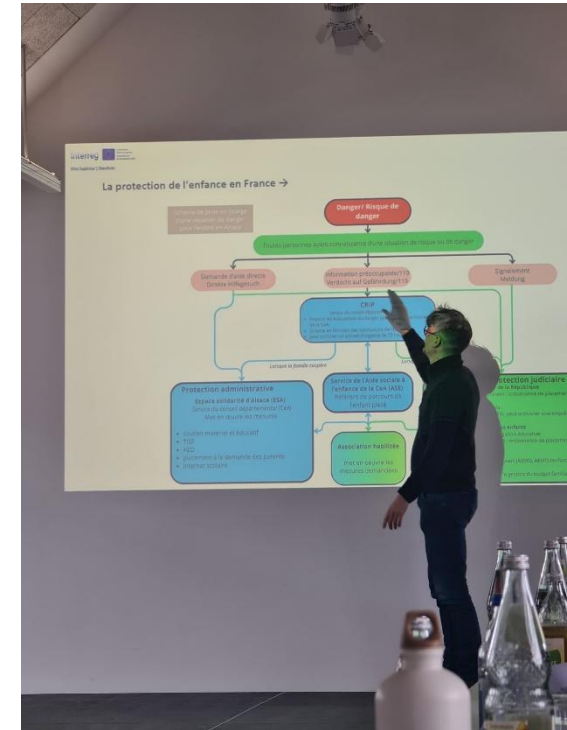


Added values

- For the experts themselves
 - taking a step back while learning about different practices and approaches
 - facilitating their day-to-day professional lives
 - deepening their knowledge and developing their competences
 - Motivation

- For their institutions/administrations
 - enhance visibility
 - finding answers to cross-border questions
 - best practice exchanges
 - Lobbying
 - Motivation of teams

- For the target groups (enterprises / children etc.)
 - Better services



Solving cross-border obstacles ?

- How do the groups contribute to the prevention and resolution of cross-border obstacles
 - by creating a network of competences
 - by introducing a “cross-border reflex”



Role of the Euro-Institut: Intercultural coordinator, moderator and mediator

- Organises meeting
- Moderate meetings
- Translate exchanges
- Write minutes in the two languages
- Coordinates the work between the meeting
- Coordinates logistical aspects
- Do mediation work if needed

Thereby take into account the different cultures and languages!



20.05.2025
4. Sitzung CELIS – Kinderschutz
4ème réunion CELIS – Protection de l'enfance
KESB Basel-Stadt, Rheinsprung 18, 4051
Basel/Bâle, Schweiz/Suisse

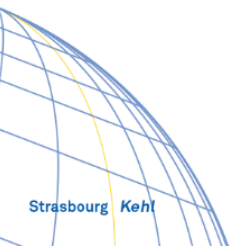
Programm Programme		
Empfang und Begrüßungskaffee	Ab 9.30	Accueil et café de bienvenue
Eröffnung der Sitzung und Austausch	10.00	Ouverture de la réunion et échange
Einführung		Introduction
Vertieftes Kennenlernen		Tour de table – Brise-glace
Anne Thevenet, Euro-Institut		Anne Thevenet, Euro-Institut
Einführung in die KESB	11.00	Présentation de la KESB
Dr. iur. Patrick Fassbind, Kindes- und Erwachsenenschutzbehörde des Kantons Basel-Stadt (KESB)		Dr. iur. Patrick Fassbind, Kindes- und Erwachsenenschutzbehörde des Kantons Basel-Stadt (KESB)
Tammy Wöppel, KESB		Tammy Wöppel, KESB
Pause	11.30	Pause
Kinderschutz in der Schweiz - Schema	11.45	Protection de l'enfance en Suisse - Schéma
Sibylle Fischer, EH Freiburg		Sibylle Fischer, EH Freiburg
Lotti Lienhardt, Erziehungsdepartement Basel-Stadt		Lotti Lienhardt, Erziehungsdepartement Basel-Stadt
Vademecum	12.15	Vademecum
Austausch im Plenum zur Namensgebung		Échange en plénière sur le titre
Weitere Verfahrensweise		Processus pour la suite
Bruno Michon, ESEIS		Bruno Michon, ESEIS
Sibylle Fischer, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg		Sibylle Fischer, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg
Gemeinsames Mittagessen	12.45	Déjeuner commun
Fallbeispiele	14.30	Cas pratiques
Diskussion/Sammeln von 8 Kategorien und Arbeiten in trinationalen Kleingruppen		Discussion/Collecte de 8 catégories et travail en petites groupes trinationaux
Bruno Michon, ESEIS		Bruno Michon, ESEIS
Sibylle Fischer, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg		Sibylle Fischer, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg
Anne Thevenet, Euro-Institut		Anne Thevenet, Euro-Institut
Pause	15.30	Pause
Aktionsforschung	15.45	Recherche-action
Präsentation erster Ergebnisse		Présentation des premiers résultats
Marlene Huber, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg		Marlene Huber, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg
Lina Kirstein, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg		Lina Kirstein, Evangelische Hochschule Freiburg
Studierende ESEIS		Étudiant.e.s de l'ESEIS



What are the challenges while building successful expert groups?

- Asymmetry of competences
- Intercultural and linguistic dimension
- Distance / time
- Political and financial support
- Turnover

➔ And...Can those local examples serve as a model for re-charging borderless Europe? Is it a good way to implement horizontal integration on the ground?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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