



The need for specific legal provisions to boost cross-border cooperation

Workshop preparing a political debate on voluntarily applicable specific legal provisions for border regions

- ***Overcoming borders***
- ***Strengthening cooperation***
- ***Deepening integration***

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Tuesday, 19 May 2015 – Workshop on specific legal provisions for border regions

Chair of the day: **Jean-Claude Sinner, Head of European Unit, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg**

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

Opening

09:00 - 09:05 **Welcome**

Frank Vansteenkiste, Director-General, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

09:05 - 09:15 **Setting the scene**

Jean-Claude Sinner, Head of European Unit, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

Session 1

09:15 – 10:30 **Panel**

Showcasing issues and rules hampering cross-border cooperation

Presentation of the results of the survey on cross-border impediments and obstacles

- *Jean Peyrony* (MOT)

Panel, chaired by *Tom Leeuwestein* (NL), with

- *Julija Jakovleva* (VARAM - Latvia)
- *Alfonso Alcolea* (Committee of the Regions)
- *Alexandra Deimel* (Austrian Government)
- *Dr Alice Engl* (European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano)
- *Jean Peyrony* (MOT)

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

Session 2

11.00 - 12.30 **Panel**

What can we learn from empirical observation?

The need for observation in support to planning for cross-border territories

- *Olivier Denert* (MOT)
- *Daniel Svärd* (Öresund Statistical Observatory - Skåne Region, Sweden)
- *Volker Schmidt-Seiwert* (Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning - Germany)

Panel, moderated by *Olivier Denert* (MOT), with

- *Brigitte Baccaini* (CGET - France)
- *Gyula Ocskay* (CESCI)
- *Daniel Svärd*
- *Volker Schmidt-Seiwert*

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

Session 3

13:30 – 15:30 **3 thematic workshops (addressing different sectors):**

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| a) Spatial planning, Mobility, Environment | Moderator: <i>Jens Gabbe</i>
Rapporteur: <i>Marie-Josée Vidal</i> |
| b) Labour market, economy, innovation | Moderator: <i>Christiane Weidenhaupt</i>
Rapporteur: <i>Estelle Evrard</i> |
| c) Health care, social affairs, education | Moderator: <i>Stef Vande Meulebroucke</i>
Rapporteur: <i>Christiane Fortuin</i> |

Conclusions and closure

15:30 – 16:00 Reporting from workshops and Conclusions

- 3 rapporteurs
- *Jean-Claude Sinner* (LU)
- *Nathalie Verschelde* (European Commission)

16.30 *Farewell Coffee*