

Implementing a Framework for Collaborative Action Spatial Strategies on the Island of Ireland

Session 2: Implementing Cross-Border Spatial Planning

Role of Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière in supporting Cross-Border Initiatives in France

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A cross-border
operational
organisation



Main aim

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



I. ORGANIZATION

1. History

1996	A common understanding: a strong need for operational assistance to cross-border project leaders
1997	Creation of the interministerial structure (April) Set-up of five pilot sites (chosen for the experiment)
1998	Creation of the MOT as a non profit-making organisation (Strasbourg, January)



I. ORGANIZATION

2. Structure

A unique structure to serve projects with a cross-border strategy





I. ORGANIZATION

3. Partners

a. Founding partners

- *DIACT (former DATAR)* (Interministerial delegation for territorial development and competitiveness)
- *Caisse des dépôts et consignations*
- Ministry of infrastructures
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- European Union - DG Regional Policy of the European Commission



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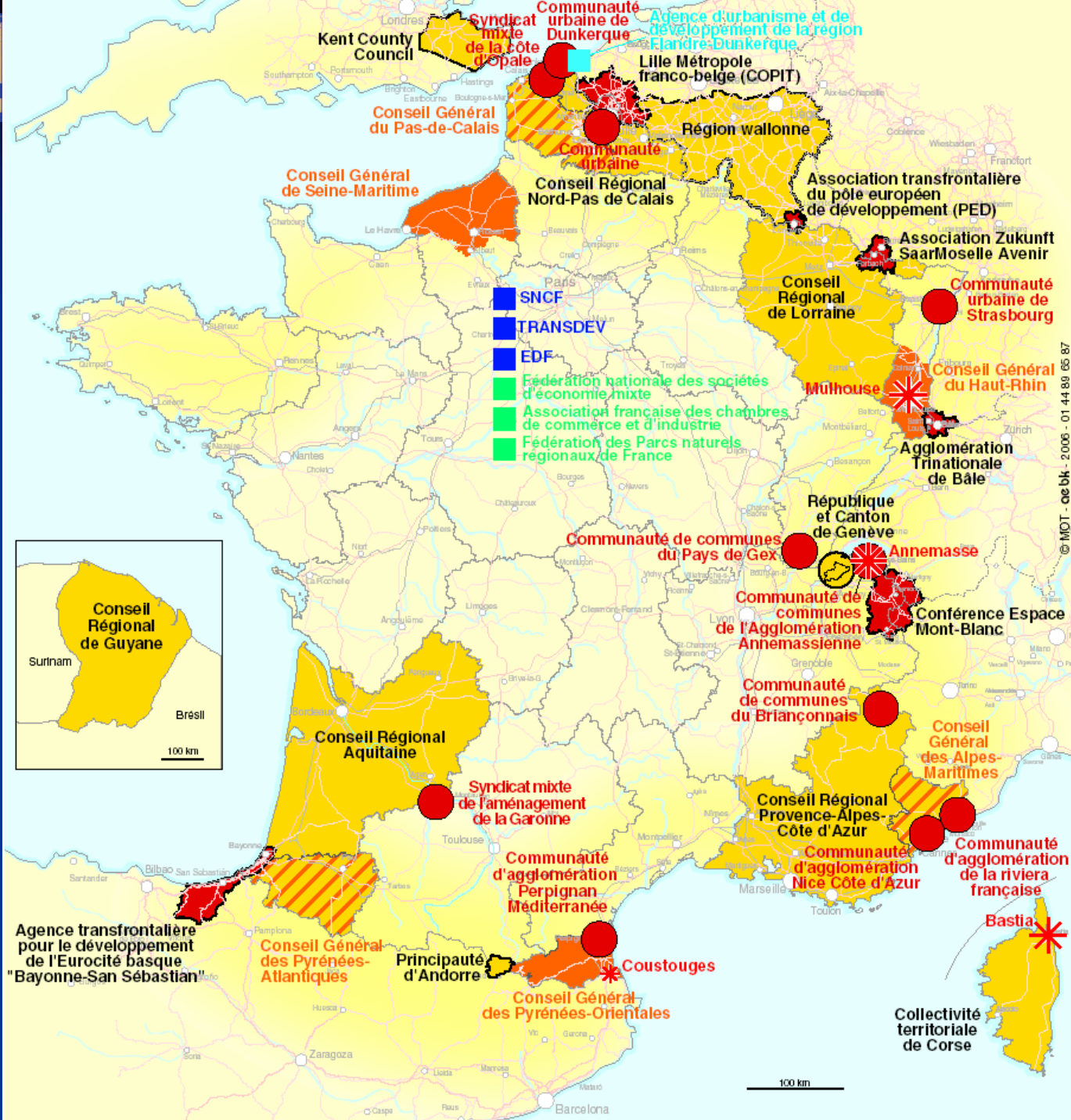
3. Partners

b. Partners of the network: 44 members

Local authorities	37	84 %
States-Regions	10	
Departments	6	
Groupings of municipalities and local authorities	10	
Municipalities	4	
Cross-border structures	6	
Companies	3	7 %
Other structures (networks, organisations...)	4	9 %



The network of the MOT





I. ORGANIZATION

4. Composition

Board

Chairman	Pierre MAUROY, Chairman, <i>Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine</i> , and of the COPIT (<i>Conférence Permanente des Intercommunales Transfrontalières</i>)
Vice-chairmen	Alain LAMASSOURE, Vice-Chairman, <i>Agence transfrontalière pour le développement de l'Eurocité Basque Bayonne-San Sebastian</i> Jean-Claude GUIBAL, Member of Parliament, Mayor of Menton; Chairman, CARF (<i>Communauté d'Agglomérations de la Riviera Française</i>)
Treasurer	Jean-Marc GARNIER, <i>Caisse des dépôts et consignations</i>
Secretary	Christiane ECKERT, Deputy Mayor of Mulhouse



II. MISSIONS

1. Operational assistance
2. Networking and training
3. Helping to outline a coherent policy
4. European programs



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1. Operational assistance

Areas of intervention:

- Shared diagnosis and projects of territorial development
- Institutional and legal structuring
- Preparation of significant projects

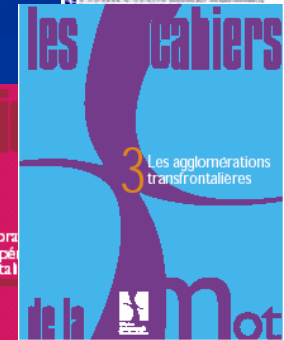


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2. Networking and training

a) Information tools:

- Monthly newsletter:
« Cross-border News »
- Information letter:
« Espaces transfrontaliers »
- The MOT guides
- Website:
www.espaces-transfrontaliers.eu





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2. Networking and training

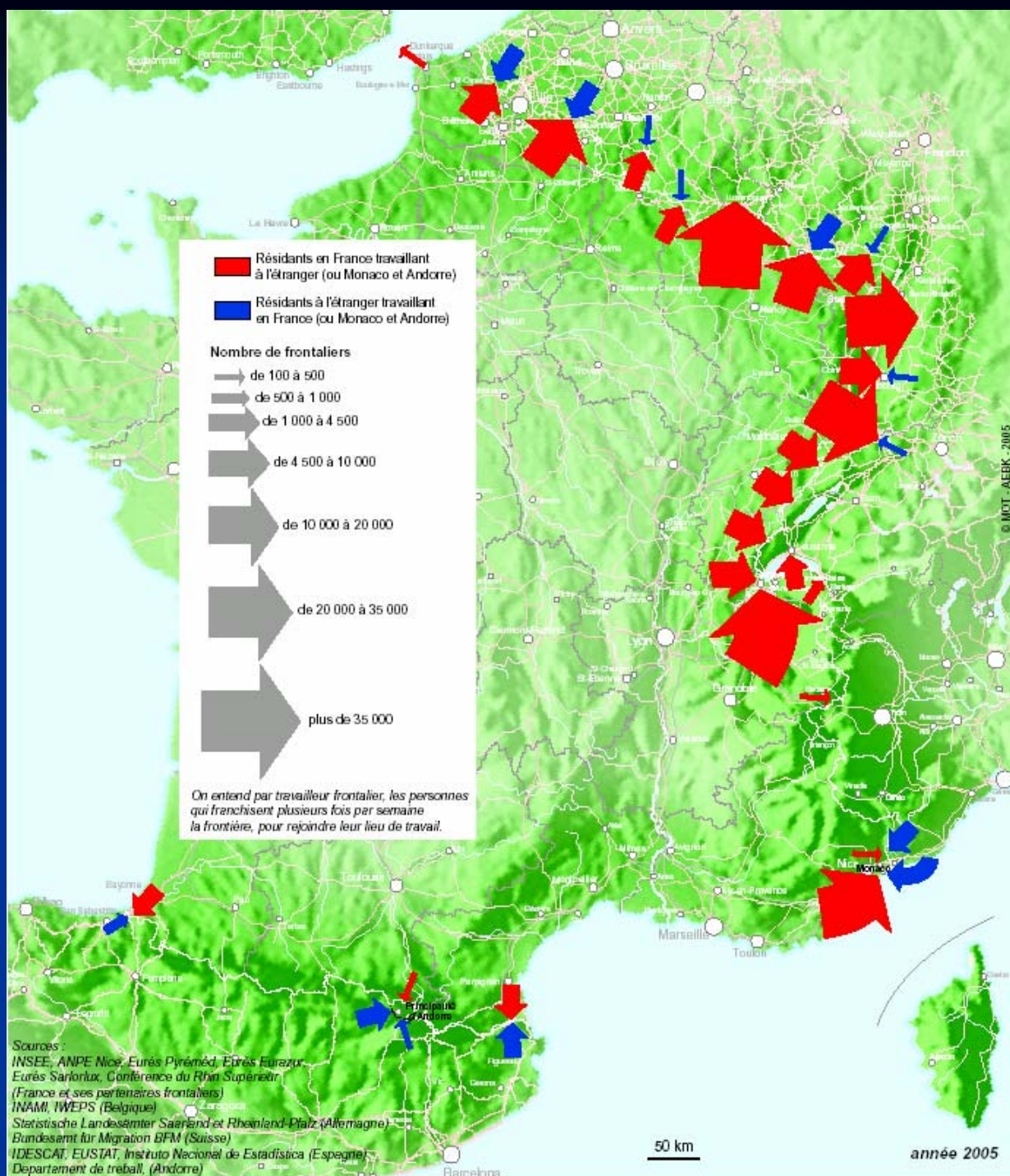
- b) Seminars for information and exchange on cross-border cooperation

- c) Setting up of a resource centre:
 - Legal files and database containing information on cross-border cooperation

 - Database with maps showing main cross-border issues (atlas on cross-border issues)

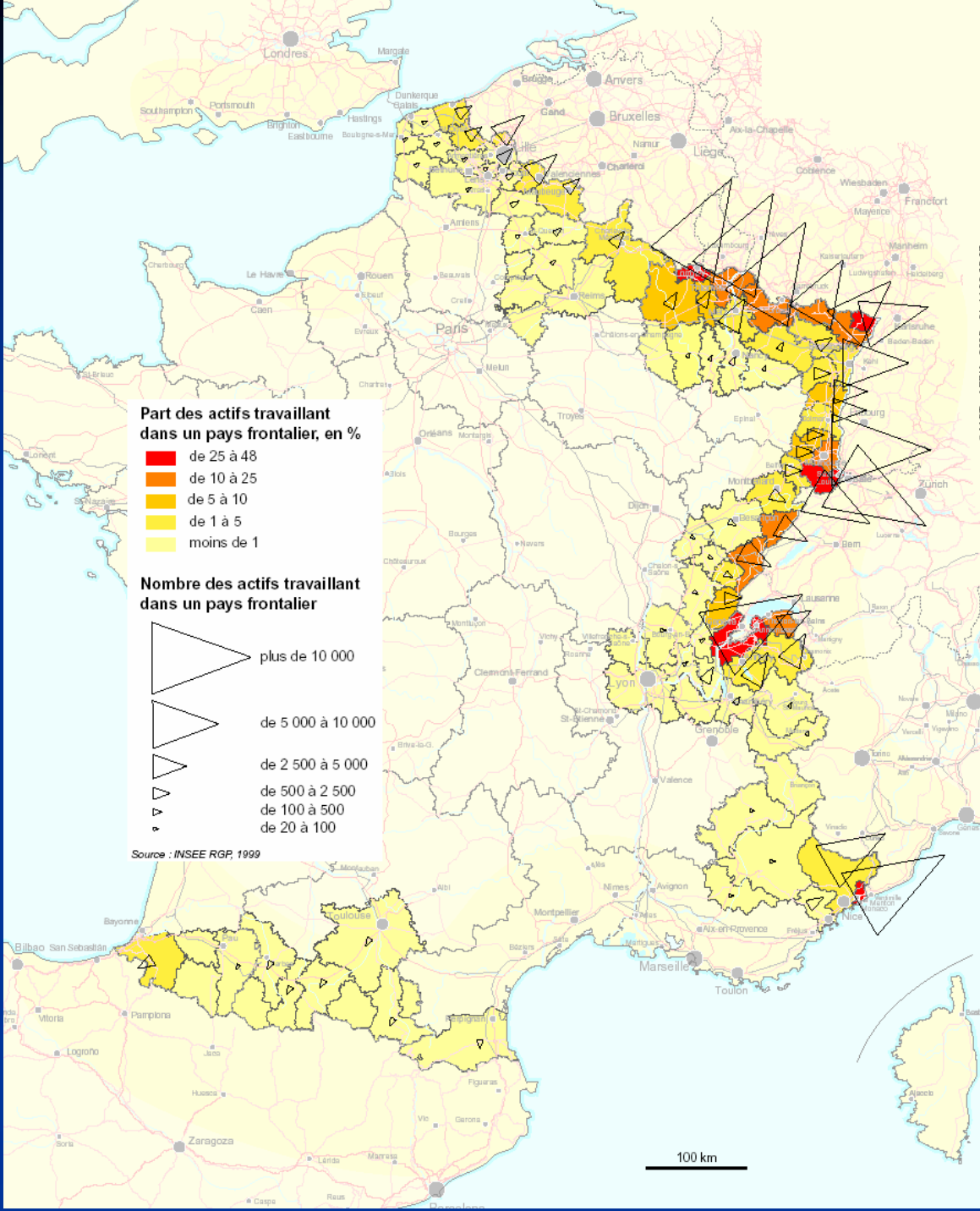


Flow of cross-border commuters



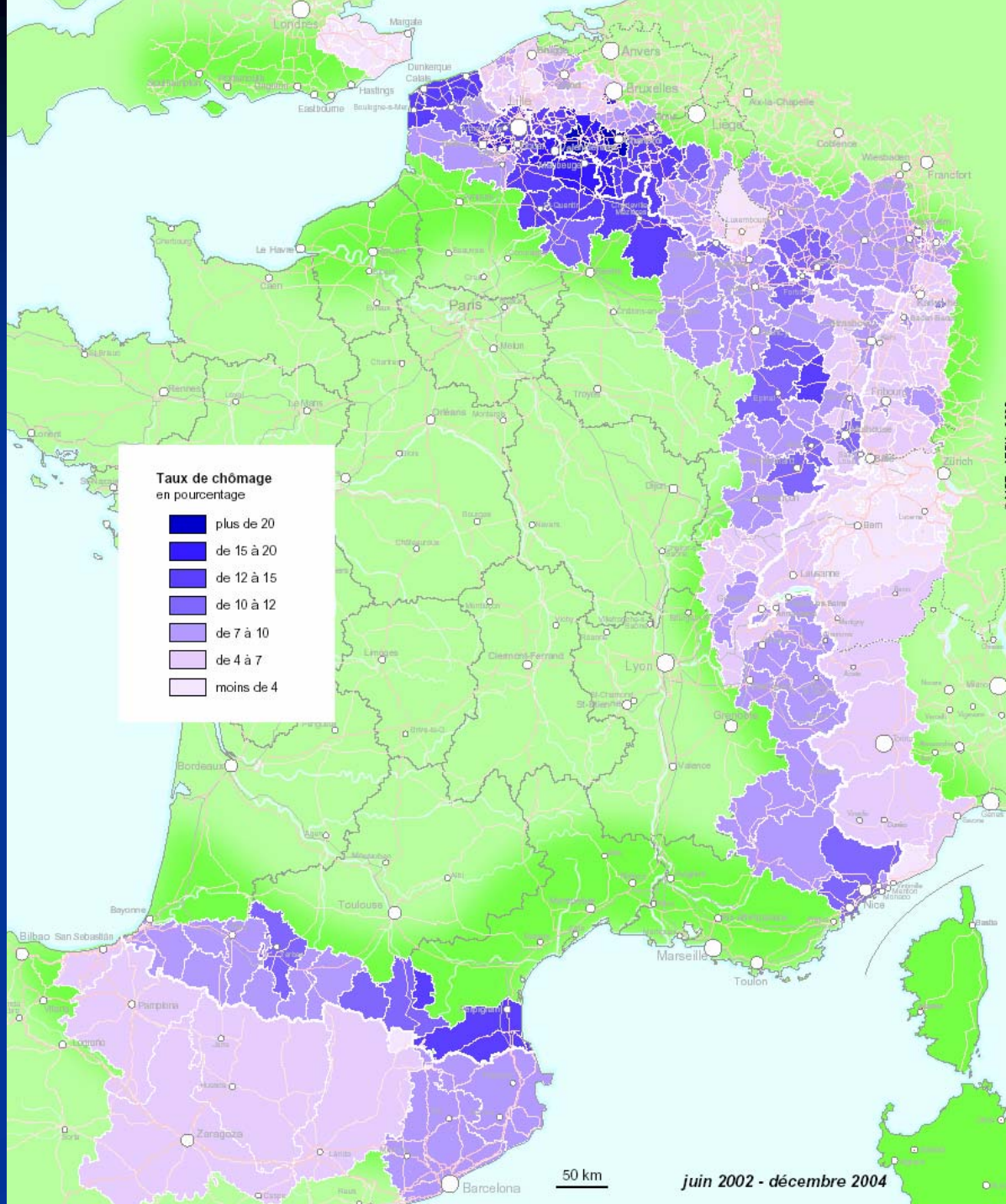


Residents working in the neighbour country



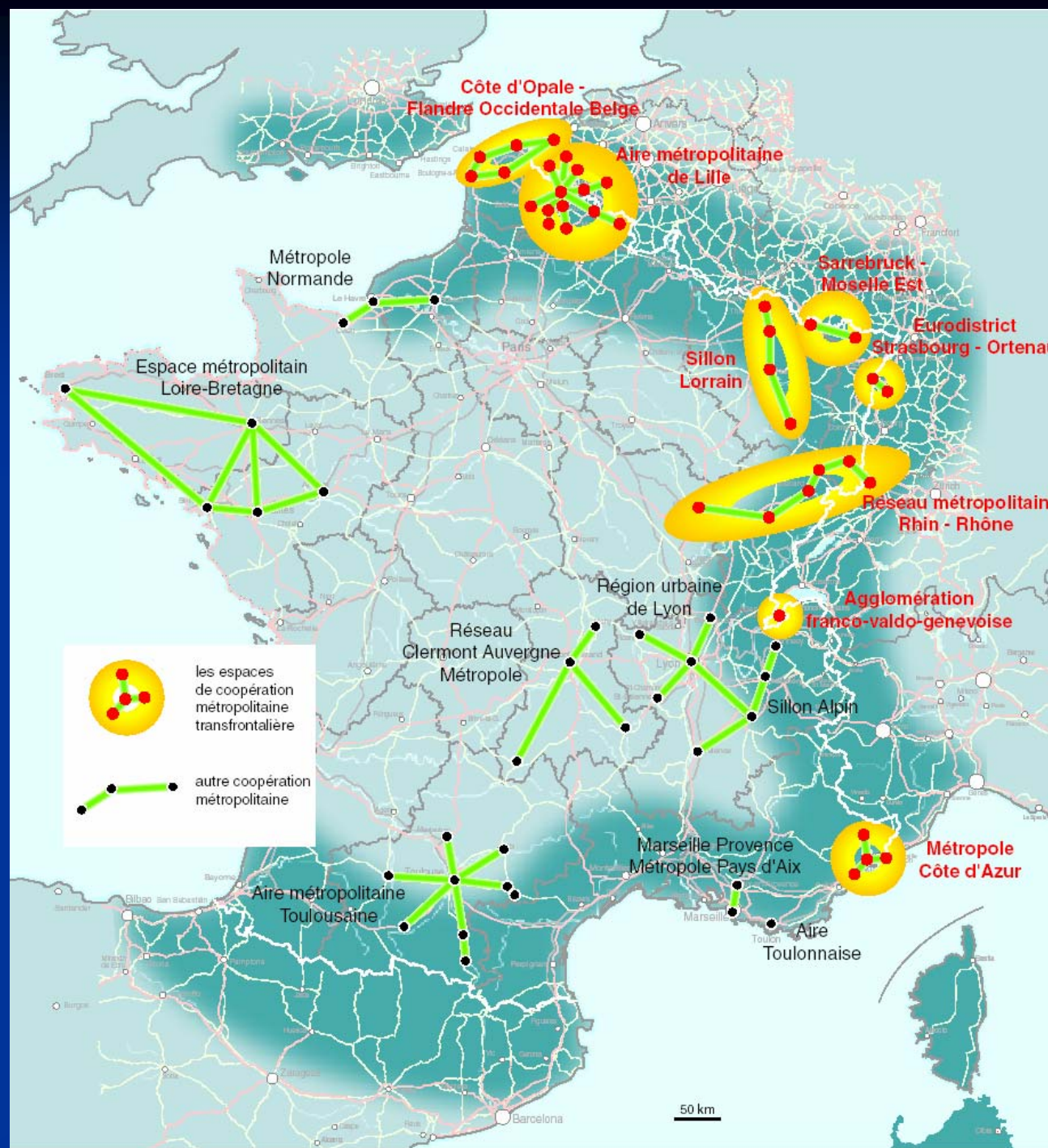


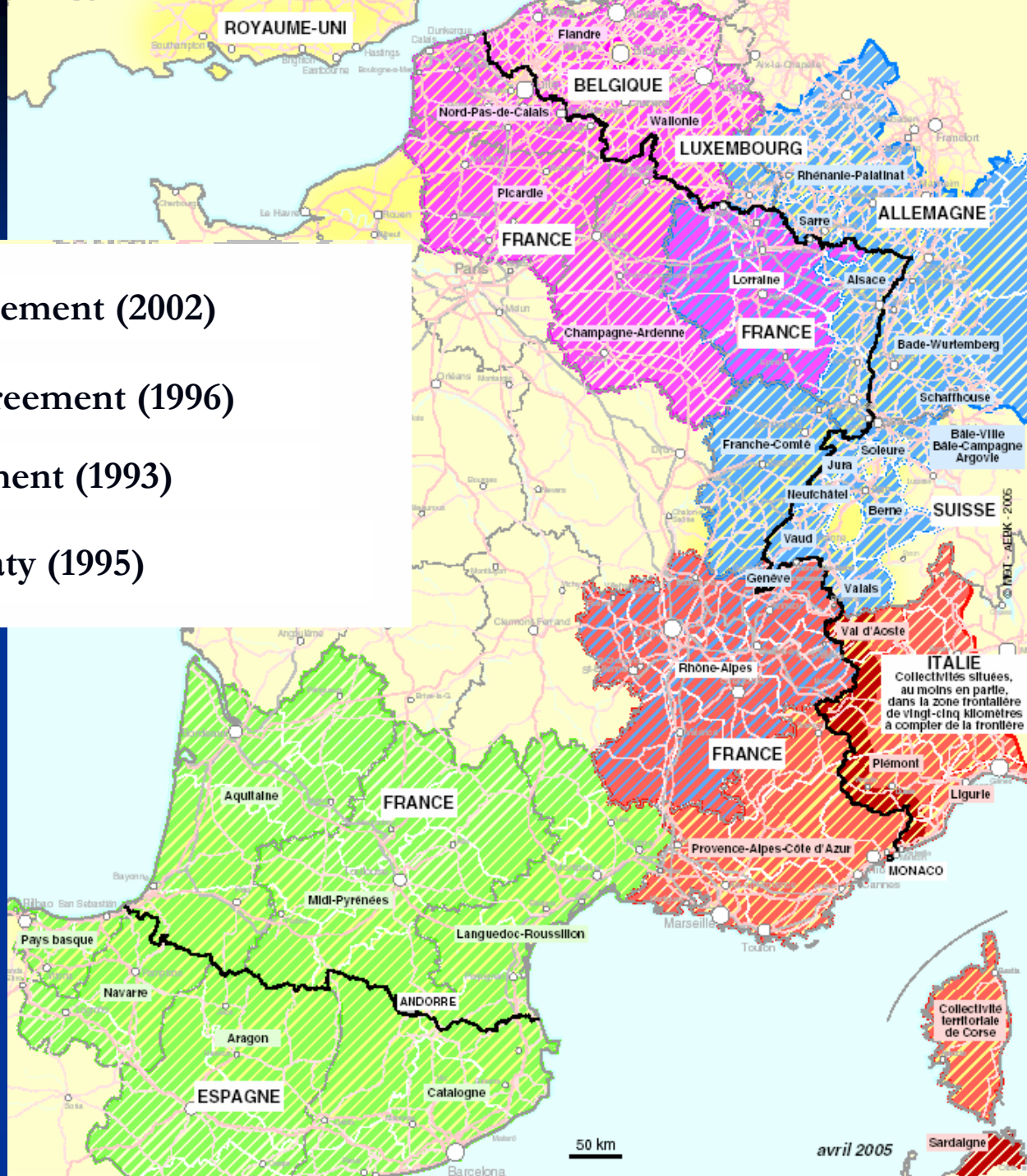
Unemployment rate in cross-border areas





Cross-border Cooperation of Metropolitan areas





Brussels Agreement (2002)



Karlsruhe Agreement (1996)



Rome Agreement (1993)



Bayonne Treaty (1995)

Collectivités situées, au moins en partie, dans la zone frontalière de vingt-cinq kilomètres à compter de la frontière



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3. Helping to outline a coherent policy

- a) Strategic studies to find solutions for the needs of local actors
- b) Help taking cross-border cooperation into account within all policy fields
- c) Evolution of the legislation at the national and the EU level



II. MISSIONS

4. European programs

INTERFORM

European network for training and research on cross-border practices financed by the INTERACT program

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO TRANSFRONTIER CO-OPERATION

Practical guide to transfrontier co-operation for the Council of Europe



III. AIMS FOR 2005-2007

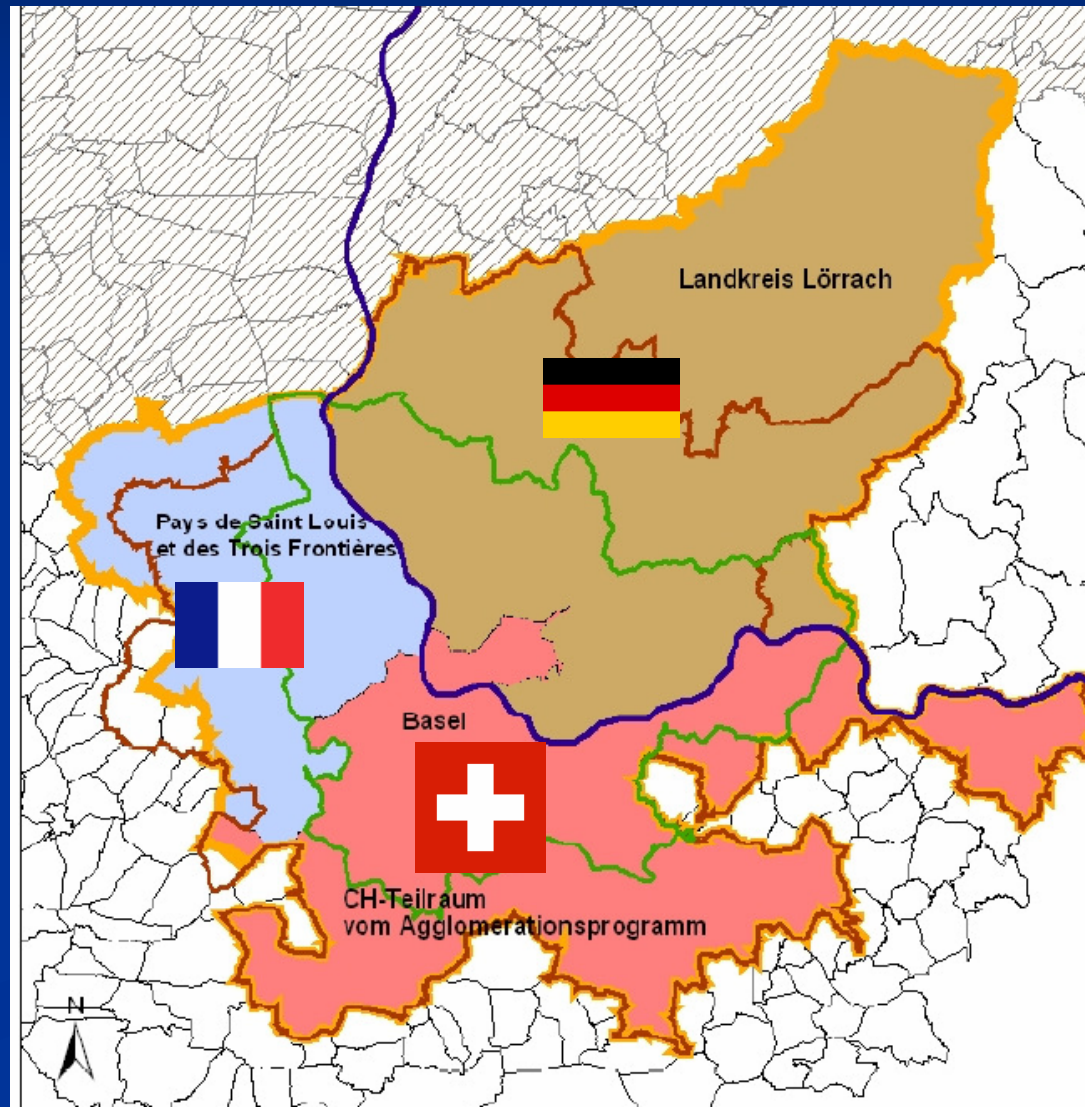
- Strengthen the MOT strategic support to borders
- Develop partnership with regions
- Act on European level



IV. EXAMPLES

1) Basel Tri-National Agglomeration (ATB)

- Population: 650 000 inhabitants
- Founded in 2002
- Missions:
 - define an overall development/urban planning policy
 - feasibility studies
 - implementation

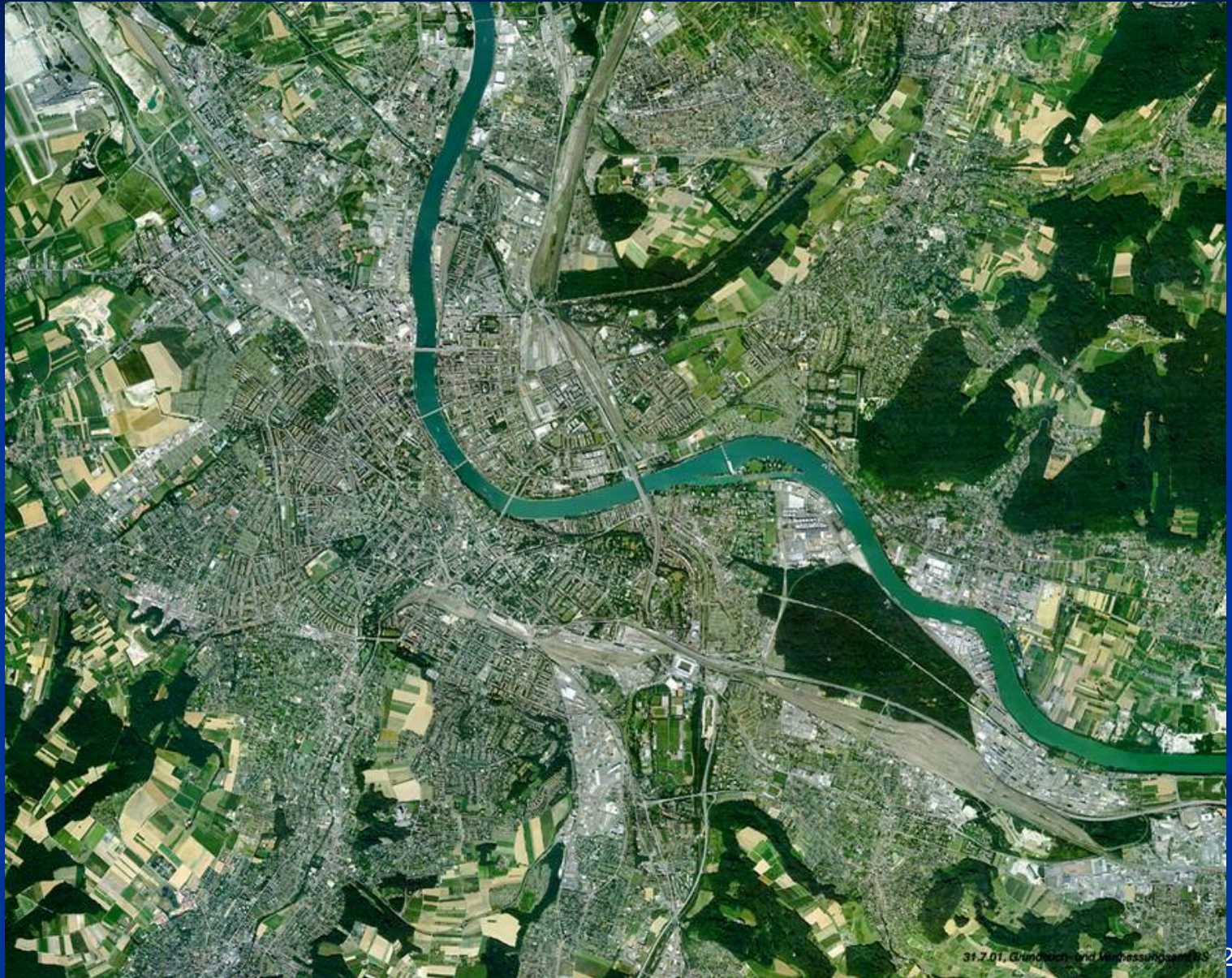




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1) Basel Tri-National Agglomeration (ATB)

- Spatial planning and sustainable development
- Transportation
- Economic development
- Nature and environment
- Infrastructure
- Urbanisation and land use
- Institutional organisation





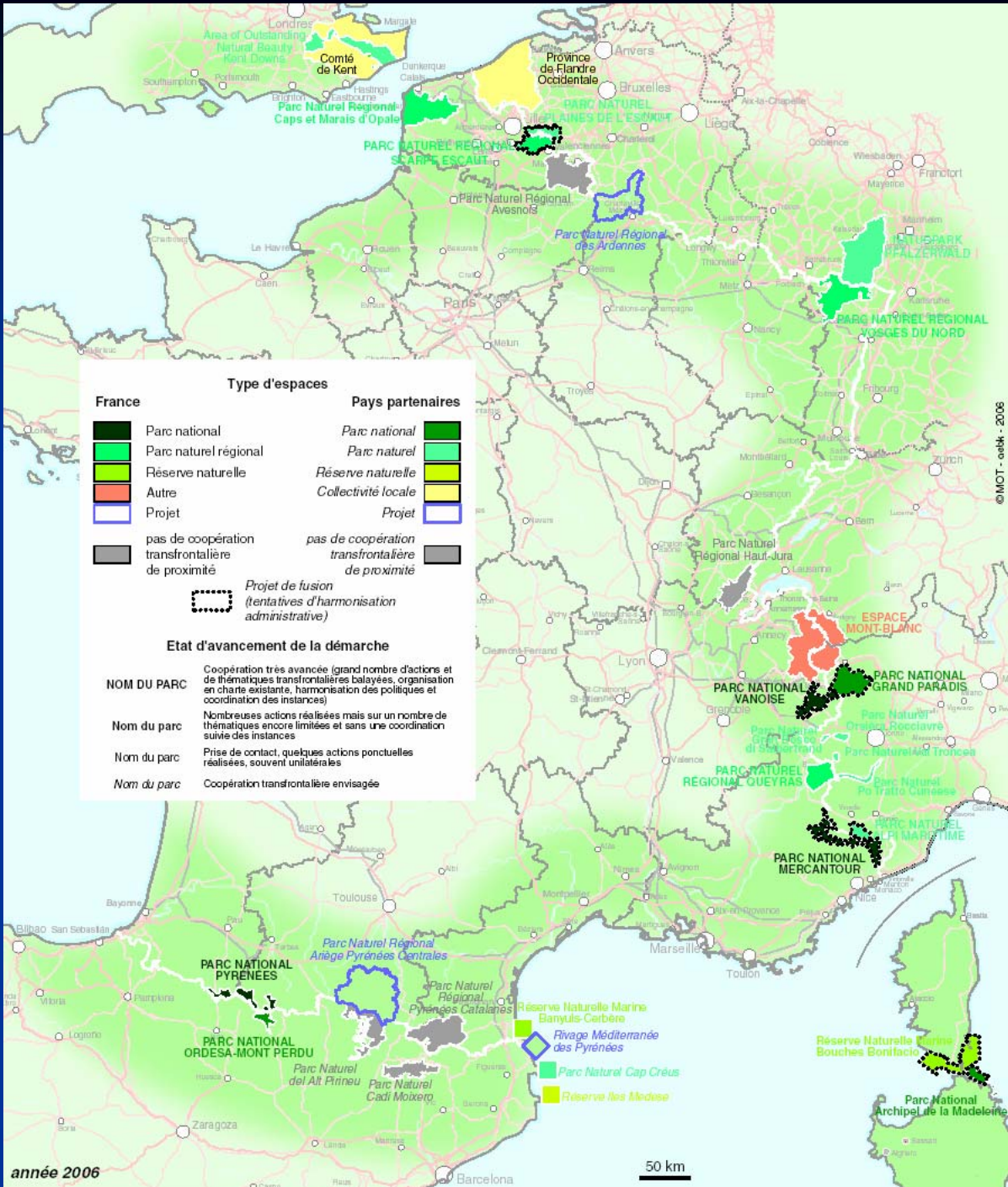
2) Eurodistricts on the French- German border

- Common German-French Declaration (22/01/2003)
- Sarrebruck-Moselle East
- Strasbourg-Ortenau
- Regio Pamina
- Freiburg Region / Centre and Southern Alsace
- Eurodistrict of the Basel Tri-National Agglomeration





3) Nature Protection Areas and cross-border cooperation

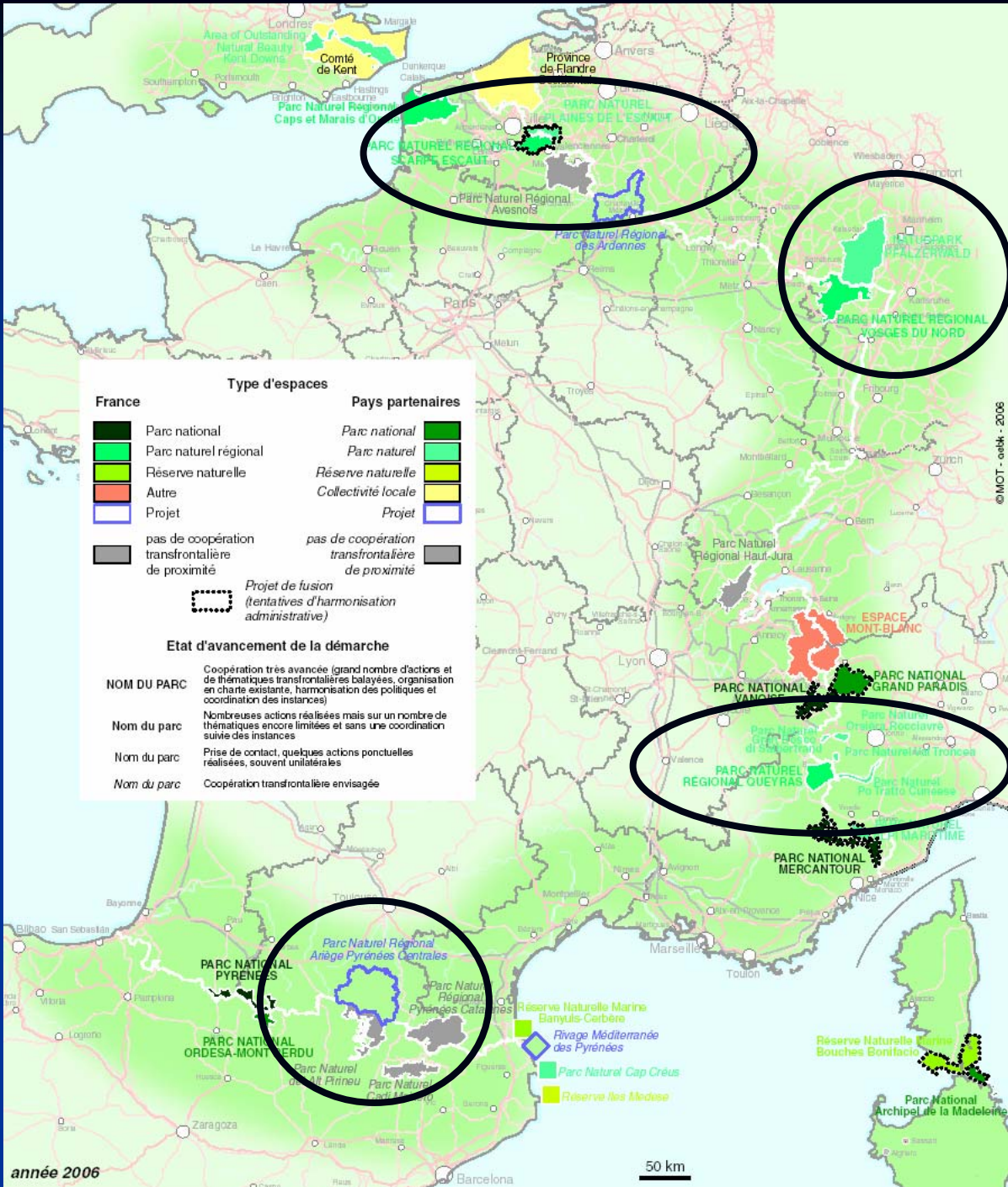




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3) Nature Protection Areas - Example of the French Federation of Regional Nature parks

- 44 Parks (3 685 municipalities, 3 millions inhabitants)
- 14 Parks concerned by border cooperation, 9 of them directly, 5 in a border department
 - **France-Belgium:** PNR Scarpe Escaut
Natural Park of Plaines de l'Escaut
 - **France-Germany:** PNR Vosges du Nord
Naturpark Pfälzerwald
 - **France-Italy:** Park Queyras FR
4 natural parks



■ France-Spain-Andorra:
Ariège Regional Nature
Park project



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3) Nature Protection Areas - Ariège Regional Nature Park project

- Initiated in 1998
- Joint planning association 2005
- Partners want a cross-border dimension





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3) Nature Protection Areas - Ariège Regional Nature Park project

- Mission: accompany a true strategy for the border area of the Ariège Regional Natural Park
 - Phase 1: State of play, diagnosis
 - Phase 2: Perspectives
 - Phase 3: Strategy, structuring



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4) Basque Eurocity Bayonne San Sébastian

- Founded in 1997 as a EEIG
- Population: 600 000 inhabitants
- Members : CABAB, Communauté Foral de Gipuzkoa, Bidassoa Txingudi
- Missions:
 - Feasibility studies
 - Search for financing
 - Coordination of initiatives





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4) Basque Eurocity Bayonne San Sébastian

Study on Waste Management, 5/2002

- Between 600 000 and 970 000 inhabitants concerned
- 4 scenarios
- Objective: Consideration of a cross-border approach to the treatment of household and similar waste materials
- Partners
 - Basque Eurocity
 - Autonomous Government of Euskadi
 - Departmental Council of Pyrénées-Atlantique
 - Diputacion de Gipuzkoa
 - ADEME

Thank You

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Thank you for your attention