



## ***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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# Draft Programme

**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><br>Rapporteur: <i>Marie-Josée Vidal</i>               |
| b) Labour market, economy, innovation      | Moderator: <i>Christiane Weidenhaupt</i><br>Rapporteur: <i>Estelle Evrard</i>      |
| c) Health care, social affairs, education  | Moderator: <i>Stef Vande Meulebroucke</i><br>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*