

TEIN Annual Conference

The effects of the COVID 19 crisis on the cross-border cooperation between France, Spain and Andorra

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Europe is slowly emerging from the first phase of the pandemic that has hit the 21st century. Economic and social recovery plans are being put in place. Every border has suffered from the pandemic. The closure of borders has caused restrictions during the crisis and obstacles that have had to be faced. How was this managed and what were the social and political consequences on the Pyrenean border region? What impacts on cross-border relations? What decisions were taken? How have the local authorities reacted? In order to better understand this exceptional situation for border regions, we would like to look at its implications from the point of view of the Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean, which represents the Occitania region, the Balearic Islands, Andorra (a small Pyrenean state located between France and Spain) as well as Catalonia, which suffered particularly from the pandemic.

9:00 Welcome and inauguration

Joandomènec ROS, President of IEC (Institut of Catalan Studies), Barcelona

9:15 Impact of the Covid-19 crisis in Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Andreu Domingo i Valls, Member of IEC and Deputy Director of the Centre for Demographic Studies (CED), Autonomous University of Barcelona

10:00 The impact of Covid-19 on territorial cooperation in the Pyrenees-Mediterranean Euroregion area

Xavier Bernard Sans, Director of the GECT Eurorégion Pyrénées Méditerranée

10:45 Andorra and the health crisis

Maria Ubach i Font, Minister of Foreign Affairs Andorra

11:30 Debate and conclusions

12:00 End of the conference