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transfrontier **euro-institut** network

TEIN is a network of excellence in transfrontier training, research and support services throughout Europe

CONTEXT

Border regions represent 40% of the EU territory. Home to a third of the EU's population, the development of these areas is essential for their competitiveness. Cross-border territories are key areas within the EU, where both the effects of movement towards European integration as well as the remaining obstacles to integration can best be studied, whether this relates to the mobility of people, services, goods or capital. This is why border regions are often described as the **laboratories for European integration**.

However obstacles to cooperation remain because of the lack of knowledge of the 'other' (culture, language, judicial-social-political system) and lack of appropriate methodologies for intercultural work. This creates a need for specialised training, counselling and support to be adapted to the specific characteristics of each frontier.

TEIN brings together training organisations and universities with the aim of **facilitating cross-border cooperation** and **providing practical solutions** to European transfrontier issues.

TEIN's objective is to build capacity in cross-border and transfrontier contexts to strengthen European integration.



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WHO ARE WE?

The **TEIN** (Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network) is led by the Euro-Institut, created in 1993 in Kehl/Strasbourg on the French/German border with the aim of facilitating cross-border cooperation. All members have subscribed to a common charter to ensure the organization of the network and the quality of its output. TEIN partners come from maritime borders, old European borders, new eastern borders, post-conflict borders and external borders. Because of this, TEIN is able to measure the need for capacity building in cross-border cooperation throughout Europe.

13 PARTNERS FROM 8 BORDERS

On the Austrian-Italian-Slovene border:

- Carinthia University of Applied Sciences www.fh-kaernten.at
- University of Ljubljana Faculty of Administration www.fu.uni-lj.si

On the Czech-Polish-Slovak border:

- Institut Euroscola www.euroschola.cz
- Olza Association www.olza.pl

On the German-Polish border:

- European University Viadrina Frankfurt Oder, B/Orders in Motion EGTC Centre of Excellence www.borders-in-motion.de

On the Irish-Northern Irish border:

- Centre for Cross Border Studies www.crossborder.ie

On the French-Spanish border:

- University of Perpignan Via Domitia www.univ-perp.fr
- University of Girona www.udg.edu


On the French-Swiss-Italian border

- Université Savoie Mont Blanc www.univ-smb.fr

On the Belgian-French (-English) border:

- European Cooperation Unit, Nord-Pas-de-Calais Region www.nordpasdecalais.fr
- Institut des frontières et des discontinuités discontinuites.univ-artois.fr/spip.php?article81

On the French-German-Swiss border:

- Sciences Po Strasbourg www.iep-strasbourg.fr
 - Euro-Institut www.euroinstitut.org
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THE TEIN PARTNERS

- Exchange best practices;
- Develop training and research 'fit for purpose' for cross-border issues & contexts;
- Capitalize on learning from the different regional initiatives;
- Work on new products such as :
 - transferable training modules (e.g. for cross-border project managers);
 - methods (e.g. needs-analysis methods in cross-border regions);
 - tools (e.g. impact assessment toolkit for cross-border cooperation);
- Produce relevant research to be disseminated to actors involved in transfrontier cooperation at different levels;
- Increase knowledge and awareness of cross-border issues (at local, regional, national and European level) by producing high quality work in this field.

EXAMPLE OF TEIN PROJECTS

The Professionalizing Actors of Transfrontier Cooperation – Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (PAT-TEIN) project was launched by eight TEIN partners from five border regions in 2012 and received LEONARDO funding to transfer, merge and adapt pedagogical tools developed at the French-German border resulting in four regional-specific toolkits for cross-border intercultural project management. For more information: pat-tein.eu

The TEIN – platform for cross-border dialogue project consists in international study visits (including cross-border forums and site visits) for the exchange of ideas and insights, and sharing good practices in addressing and mitigating border conflicts of political, historical, social or ethnical/national nature.

The Castle Talks is a series of conferences organized within the framework of the Jean Monnet Project on Conflicts and Cooperation at the Borders of the European Union aiming at exchanging practices and knowledge by bringing together researchers from different disciplines as well as students and numerous cross-border cooperation actors.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

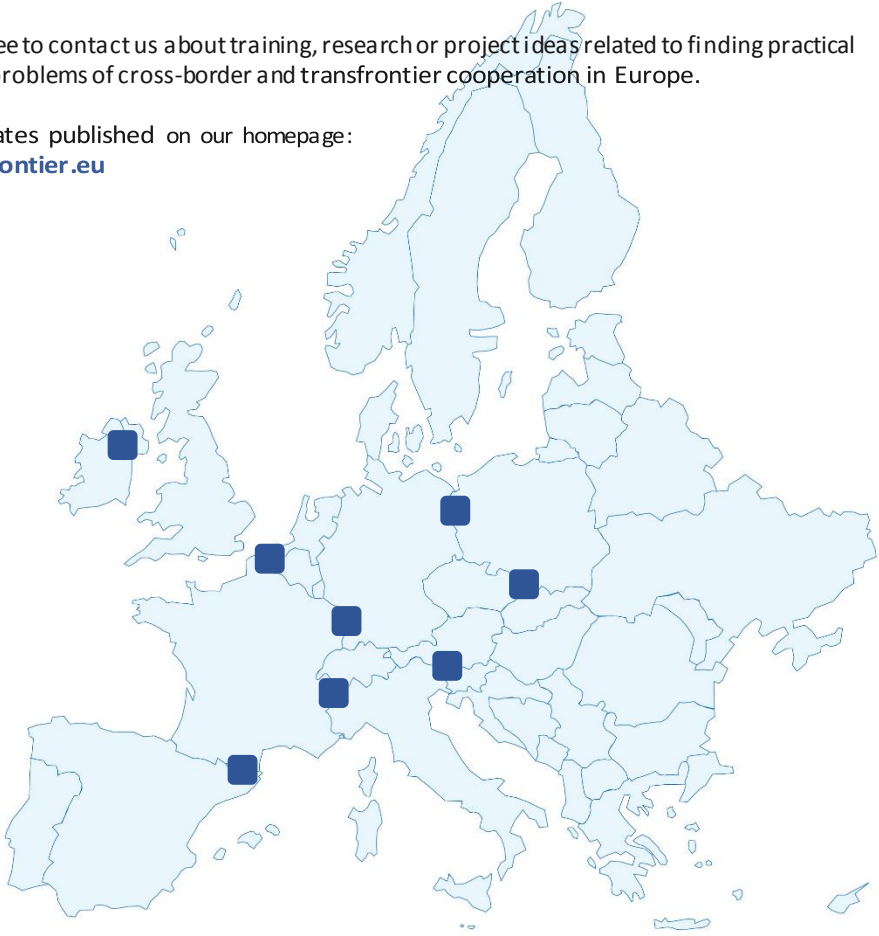
- Mission Opérationnelle transfrontalière www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org
- Association of European Border Regions www.aebr.eu



CONTACT US

Please feel free to contact us about training, research or project ideas related to finding practical solutions to problems of cross-border and transfrontier cooperation in Europe.

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