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FRANCO-GERMANO-SUISSE
DU RHIN SUPERIEUR

BUILDING THE TRILATERAL METROPOLITAN REGION OF THE UPPER RHINE

TRINATIONALE
METROPOLREGION
OBERRHEIN



REGION METROPOLITAINE
TRINATIONALE
DU RHIN SUPERIEUR



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Quelle: RP Freiburg



Between 3 massifs:

- Black Forest
- Vosges
- Jura

The Rhine = natural border

3 countries:

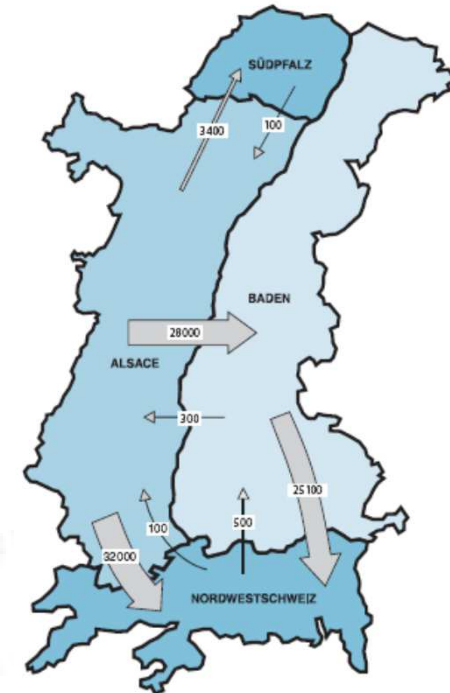
- Germany
- France
- Switzerland





The Upper Rhine Region

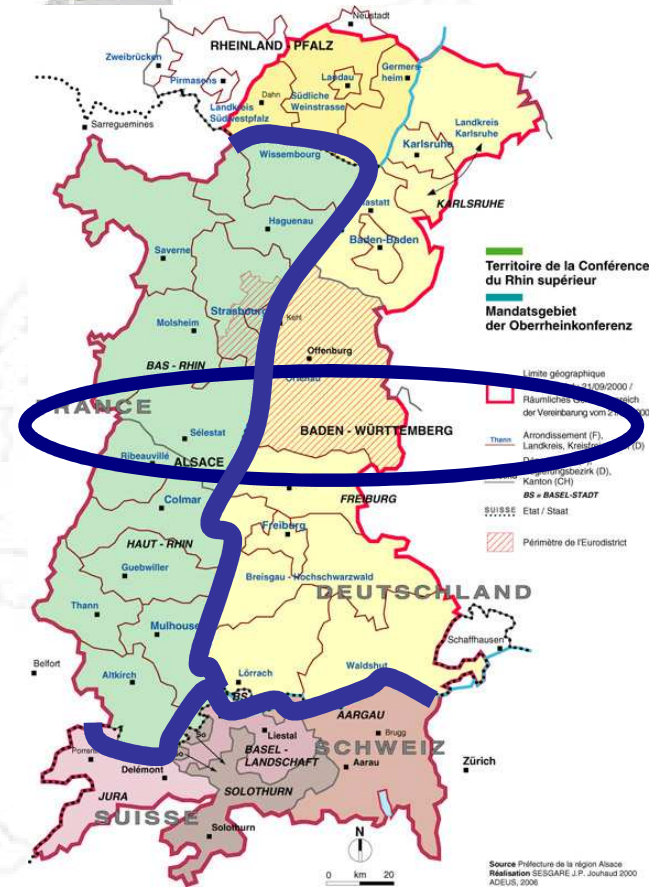
- From Southern Palatinate to North-Western Switzerland
- Total area: 21.517 km²
- 5.9 mill. inhabitants: 30 % in F,
23 % in CH, 47 % in D
- 90.000 commuters
- 167.000 students
- 167 research facilities - more than
in Silicon Valley
- 200 billion Euros GDP
- over 35 years of experience in CBC
- more than 400 INTERREG projects



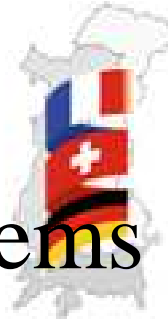


Differences in

- political and administrative systems
- culture
→ working and communication styles
- languages



Three states – three political systems



•France

- Centrally governed state
- Decentralisation steps since 1982
- Unity
- Indivisibility



•Switzerland

- Federal system
- Consensus democracy



•Germany

- Federalism: 16 *Länder*
- Important competences at a regional level
- Subsidiarity

Historic context



From 1870 to 1945 :

- 3 wars
- the border changed 4 times
- change of language, political and administration structure
- migration and displaced people

After the 2nd World War:

- reconstruction and individual reconciling initiatives
- economic exchange and growth
- financial support for the development of cooperation
- new sense of togetherness
- 1949: Euro-Airport
- building bridges



Levels of cross-border the Upper Rhine region



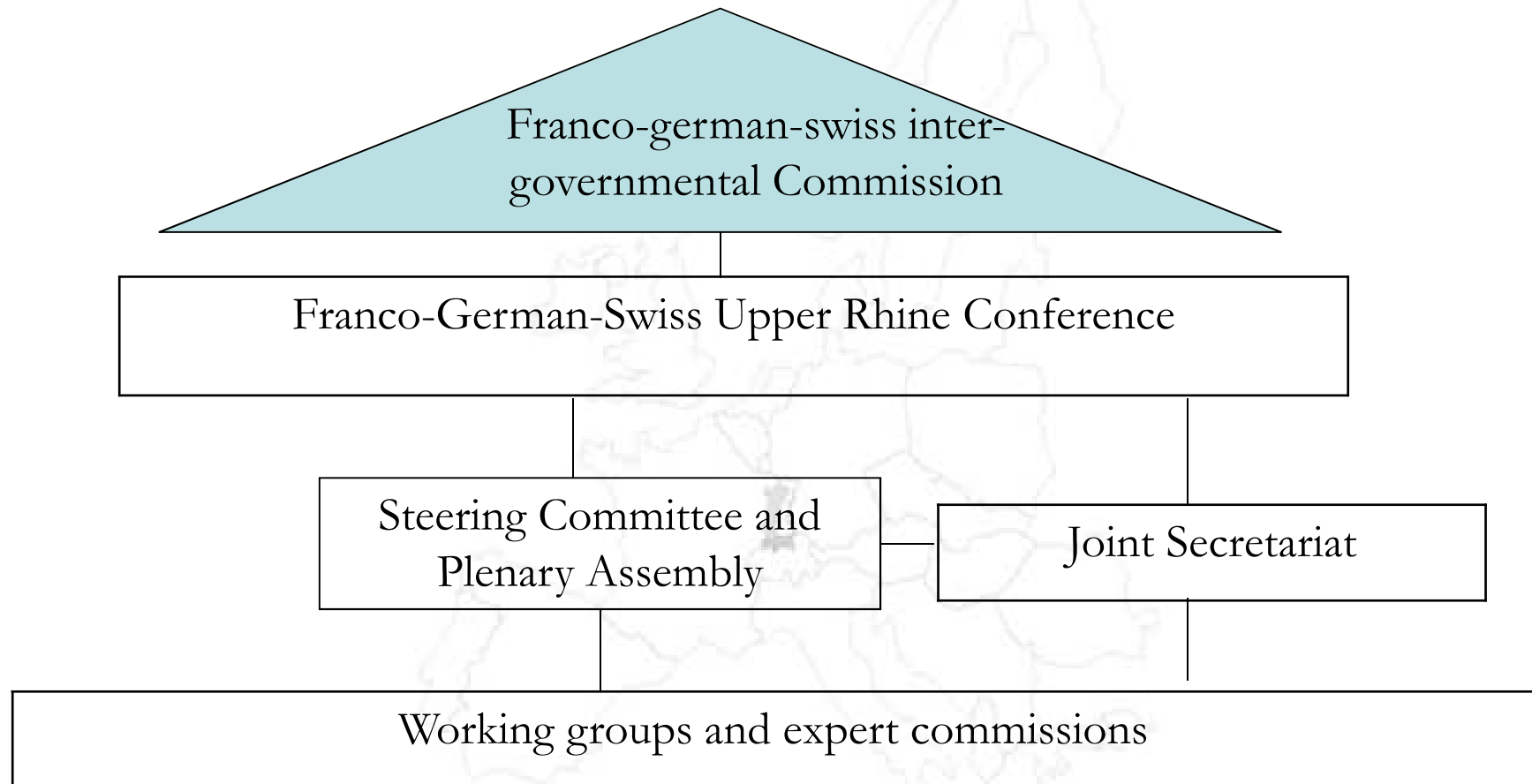
cooperation (cbc) in

- **1975:** inter-governmental Commission (D/F/CH), Bonn Agreement
- **1991:** Conference of the Upper Rhine, central information and coordination board, interstate treaty and revision of the Bonn Agreement in **2000**
- **Article 1:** In order to promote cross-border co-operation, the Parties establish a joint Governmental Commission for the Upper Rhine (hereinafter referred to as „the Commission“).
- **Article 3:** In order to fulfil its tasks, the Commission relies on a regional commission, named the „Franco-German-Swiss Conference on the Upper Rhine “.
- **Article 4:** The Commission shall in particular be responsible for dealing with those matters of cross-border co-operation, which cannot be dealt with by the Upper Rhine Conference.
- Joint Secretariat



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Organisation chart



12 permanent working groups



transport



environment



culture



education



youth



health



economy



land use planning



disaster
management



climate protection

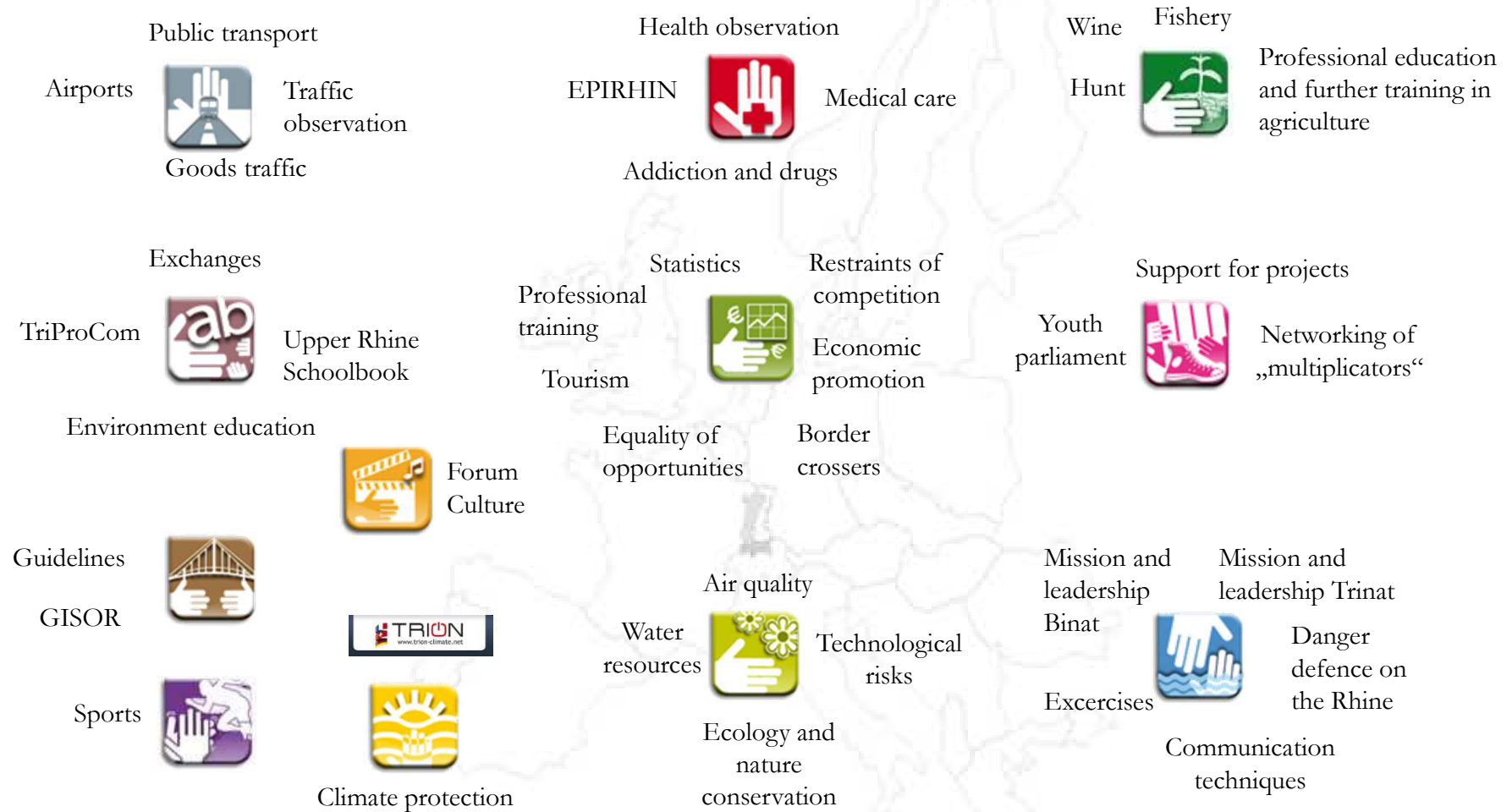


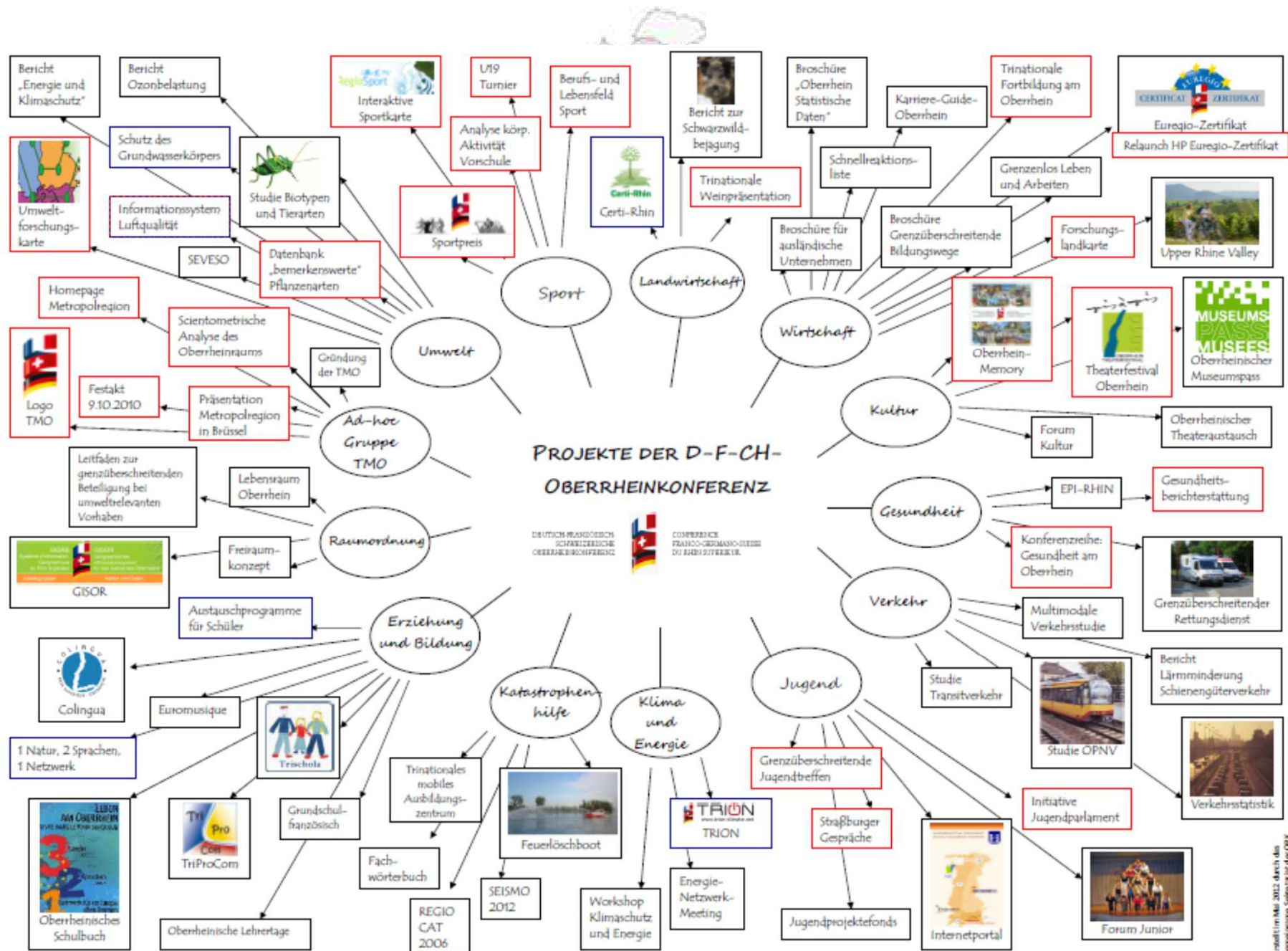
agriculture



sport

Expert commissions





Fishing licence

- Expert commission “Fishery”
 - Rhine designates the national borders
 - Different legal set-ups concerning: fishing in the Rhine and closed seasons, required formation for a fishing licence
- ⇒ Problems: a French fisherman was arrested by the German water police for not having the required fishing licence
- ⇒ Need to create a common fishing licence
- ⇒ Recognized by all parties
- ⇒ Common training courses

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CARTE CAP
Certificat d'Aptitude à la Pêche

Nom _____
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CERTIFICAT D'APTITUDE À LA PÊCHE

N° _____ /2013

Je soussigné _____, Président de la FDAAPPMA _____,
responsable de la formation du CAP, certifie que :

Monsieur/Madame _____
Né(e) le _____ à _____

a suivi la formation préparatoire à l'obtention du CAP, à la Fédération du Bas Rhin pour la Pêche et la Protection du Milieu Aquatique à Oberschaefolsheim, soit huit heures de cours portant sur la biologie, l'écologie, l'halieutisme, la réglementation suisse et allemande ainsi que sur le respect du poisson et satisfait à l'examen final.

À _____, le _____ Le Président,

Franco-German fire service vessel *Europa 1*:



- Ⓢ Franco-German Crew
- Ⓢ Rescue of persons
- Ⓢ Fire-fighting
- Ⓢ Operating on the Rhine
on the Franco-German
border



Museum Pass



- Annual or monthly subscription
- Free entrance for more than 230 museums, parks and castles in the whole Upper Rhine Region (France, Germany, Switzerland)
- For all exhibitions



- **1991: INTERREG** as instrument for implementation



- **The Upper Rhine Council:** founded in 1997, tri-national „Parliament“, 71 elected representatives from Alsace, Baden, South-Palatinate and North-western Switzerland. The Council facilitates the sharing of information and increases dialogue between elected representatives



- **Network of Upper Rhine Cities:** founded in 2002 because of the polycentric structure of the Upper Rhine Region; works as an information and co-operation platform and concentrates the forces of the member cities

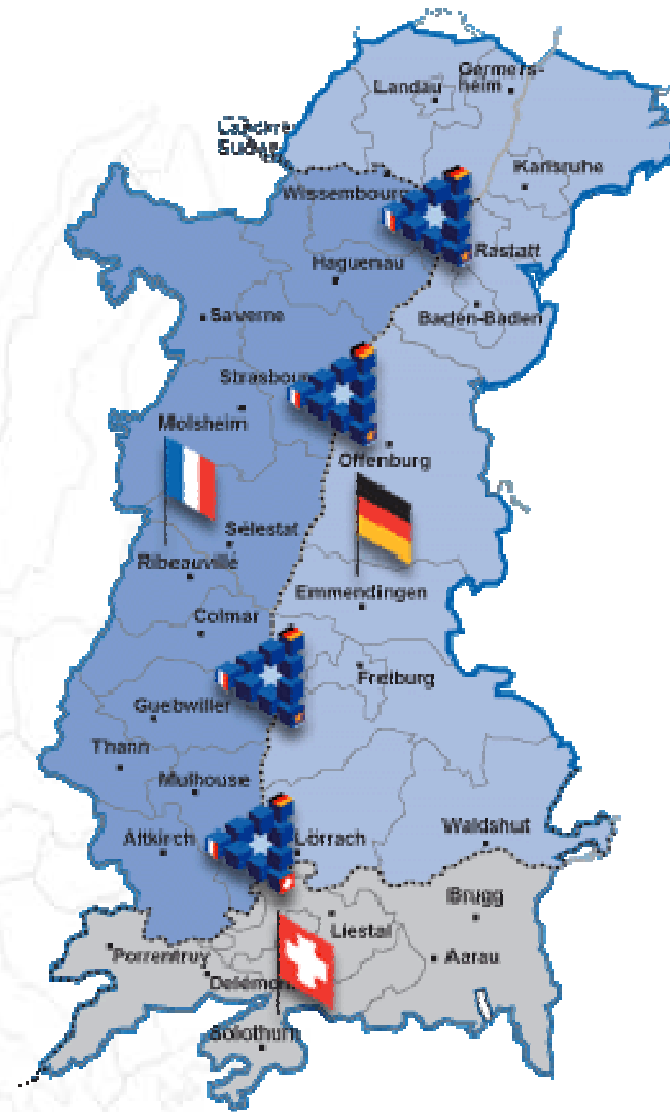
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Infobest



- There are 4 Infobest offices:
- Infobest Pamina 1991
- Infobest Kehl/Strasbourg 1993
- Infobest Vogelgrun/Breisach 1996
- Infobest Palmrain 1993
- contact point for the citizens
- They provide advice for the everyday life of border crossers
- Expert commission „border crosser“ of the Upper Rhine Conference: looks for legal solutions if necessary



Eurodistricts

- Strasburg-Ortenau: 2005
- Freiburg- South Alsace: 2006
- tri-national Eurodistrict Basel: 2007
- Regio Pamina: 2011
- programs for a better cross-border integration and co-operation of cities and communities



Governance and coordination of cbc

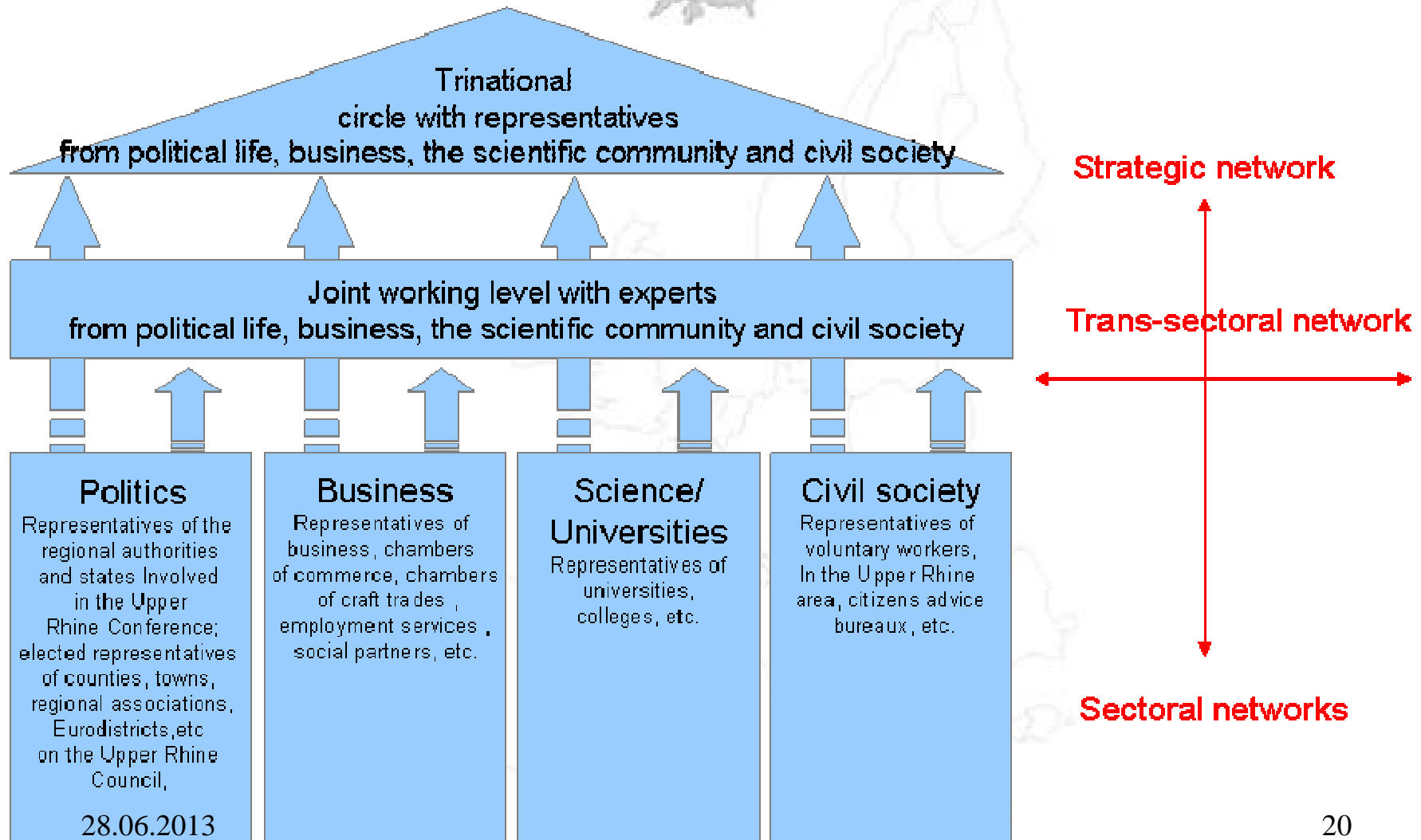


- At the beginning: co-operation in order to solve problems
➡ project-oriented approach of co-operation
- Trust and mutual understanding grow with the ongoing cross-border cooperation in projects and between administrations
- Plurality of boards: need to coordinate and steer
- Will to expand and encourage the co-operation in the economic as well as in the scientific sector

2010: Creation of the Trinational Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine

➡ Towards a strategy-oriented approach of co-operation

Multi-level governance of the Trinational Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine



Business Cluster

- Chambers of commerce
- Life Sciences
- Automotive
- Information and communication
- Creative and leisure economy
- => integrated job market



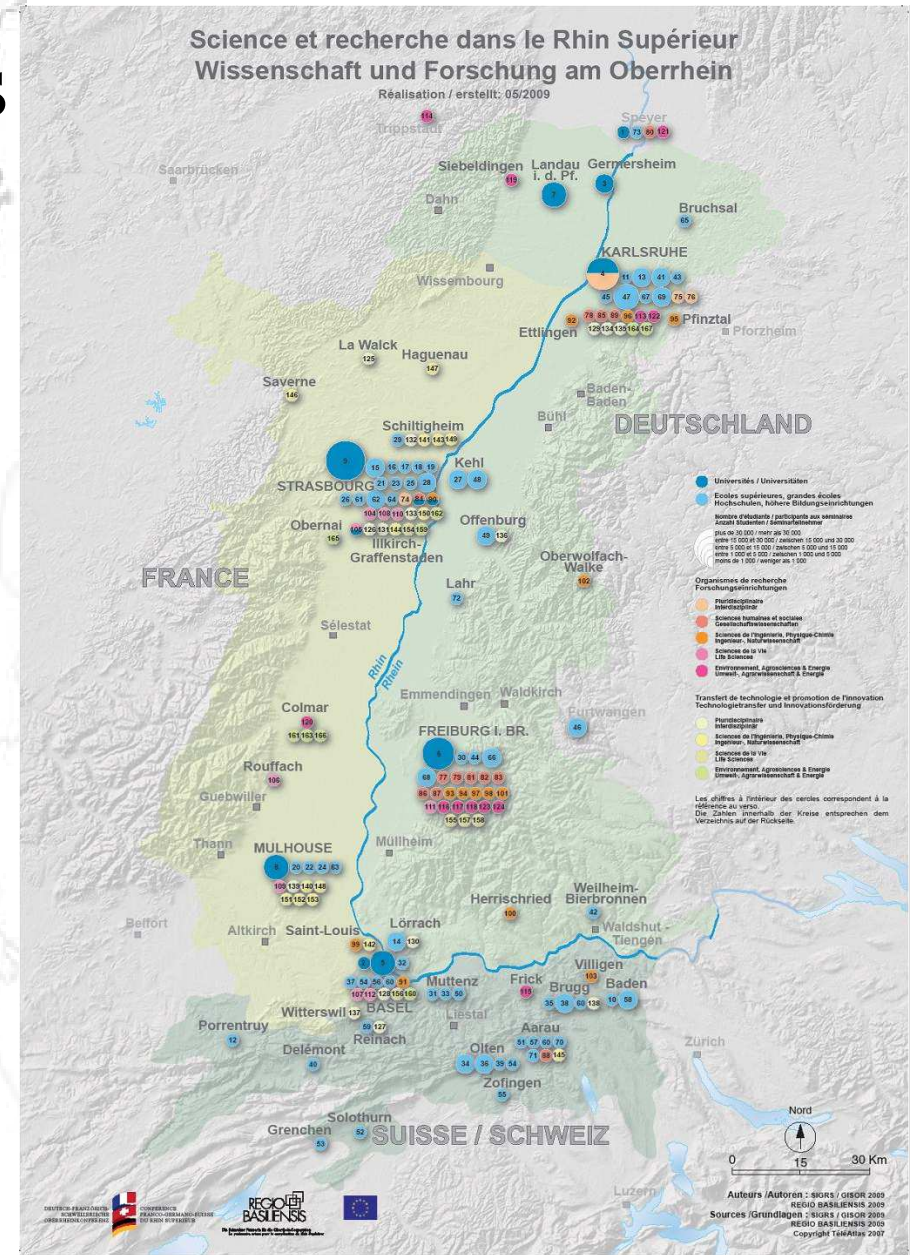
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Cluster of Universities Science



- 167 Institutions in the Upper Rhine region
- EUCOR: Confederation of the Upper Rhine Universities
- Trinational meetings of scientists
- Financial support for science



Involving citizens



- The Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine: a project for and with its citizens
- Citizen forums:
 - - Strasbourg (October 2010)
 - - Karlsruhe (January 2011)
 - - Basel (May 2011)
- 13th Three-Country-Conference: Spring 2012 in Landau (Germany)
- Citizen dialogue: June 2013



Networking between the pillars



- Continuous exchange between the pillars
- Regular coordination of activities
- Concerted action both internally and externally
- Developing the potential of the region
- Strategic tool for development of the Upper Rhine area: shared strategy
- Added value for all stakeholders

International Conference of Lake



Constance



- Founded in 1972

Fields of activity:

- Education, science, research
- Health
- Culture
- Environment
- Transport
- Economy, employment and tourism
- Development of spaces
- Agenda 21: sustainable development



Cross-border co-operation

Lessons learned



- Being open to co-operation
- Understanding each other's language
- Communication and information
- Projects: encounters, trust, mutual understanding

➔ Institutions that support and encourage cbc

- knowledge
- personal and financial resources
- organisation and management



Thank you

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