



Presentation of the « EGTC » URBACT project

Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations

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1. Presentation of the URBACT II Programme

- URBACT is a European programme which aims to encourage **the sharing of experiences between European cities and to disseminate knowledge on sustainable urban development**
- URBACT I (2002-2006)
- URBACT II (2007-2013)





1. Presentation of the URBACT II Programme

Objectives of the URBACT II Programme

- Exchange platform for decision-makers, practitioners and other actors involved in urban policies
- Learn from good practices exchanged between URBACT partners
- Disseminate the good practices to all European cities





2. Presentation of the “EGTC” URBACT project

2.1. Main objectives of the “EGTC” project

Working Group dealing with :

- exchange of experience and ideas
- between cross-border conurbations
- on innovative governance tools, including the European grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)
- for the development and implementation of cross-border urban strategies
- With the support of the *Lead expert*





2.2 Partnership

MOT, Lead Partner

Lille Métropole Urban Community
Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai,
FR/BE

Slubice
Frankfurt on Oder/Slubice
conurbation, PL/DE

Chaves
Eurocidade Chaves-Verin, PT/ES

Esztergom
Ister-Granum EGTC, HU/SK

Canton of Basel Stadt
Trinational Eurodistrict Basel,
CH/DE/FR

Urban Community of Strasbourg
Eurodistrict Strasbourg-Ortenau,
FR/DE



- Lead partner (LP)
- Cross-border conurbation
- Project partner (PP)



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2.3. Definition of the issue

Why to deal with cross-border conurbations?

- 80% of population live in urban areas
- Process of down-scaling of development strategies at conurbation level
- Required definition of a multi-level urban governance partnership
- EU integration facilitating the emergence of cross-border conurbations
- 60 cross-border conurbations identified in the EU

Why to deal with cross-border governance?

No cross-border government

Set of national multi-level governance networks

Sustainable CB conurbations requiring innovative power-sharing system



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2.3. Definition of the issue

What is cross-border governance?

- **articulation** of all relevant **stakeholders** and **levels**
- **from both sides of the border**
- in order to **elaborate** and **implement common cross-border strategies** and projects for the sustainable development of cross-border conurbations





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2.4. Expected outputs

- **Thematic seminars on governance of cross-border conurbations**
- **Dissemination conferences**
- **A handbook on cross-border governance**
- **A local action plan per cross-border conurbation**





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2.4. Expected outputs

Thematic Seminar 1: Management of governance

(March 2009 - Chaves -Portugal)

- ✓ Political leadership and expectations
- ✓ Articulation between technical/political levels
- ✓ Institutionalisation of governance
- ✓ Financial aspects

Thematic Seminar 2: The interface with external actors

(November 2009 - Lille - France)

- ✓ Civil society involvement
- ✓ Public/private partnership
- ✓ Cross-border leadership and external public authorities
- ✓ Communication and media





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2.4. Expected outputs

Dissemination Conferences

Kick-off conference (Nov. 2008 – Strasbourg - France)

Presentation of objectives of the project

Presentation of the cross-border conurbations involved

Debate with policy-makers and practitioners at the EU level

Final Conference (May 2010 - Esztergom - Hungary)

Presentation of the EGTC project main achievements

Debate on recommendations in favor of cross-border governance

Handbook (May 2010)

- series of good practices of the cross-border conurbations involved
- methodology to establish an efficient governance system
- recommendations at National/EU levels to facilitate governance





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2.4. Expected outputs

A Local Action Plan per conurbation

A strategy to improve the partnership system:

- The leadership and formal organization

- The multi-level, participatory and informal agenda

A plan based on:

- The history of place and local governance culture

- The work of a Local Support Group

- The exchanges between the 6 conurbations





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2.5. Partnership networks

A “Cities and integrated sustainable development” pole

MOT – Other Lead partners of URBACT projects – Lead expert

Exchange on the objectives and achievements of all URBACT Projects

The EGTC working group

MOT – Local Urban partners

Direct involvement in all EGTC project’s outputs except the Local Action Plan

A European Support Group

MOT – EU/National/Regional Authorities involved in the 6 conurbations

Elaboration of recommendations

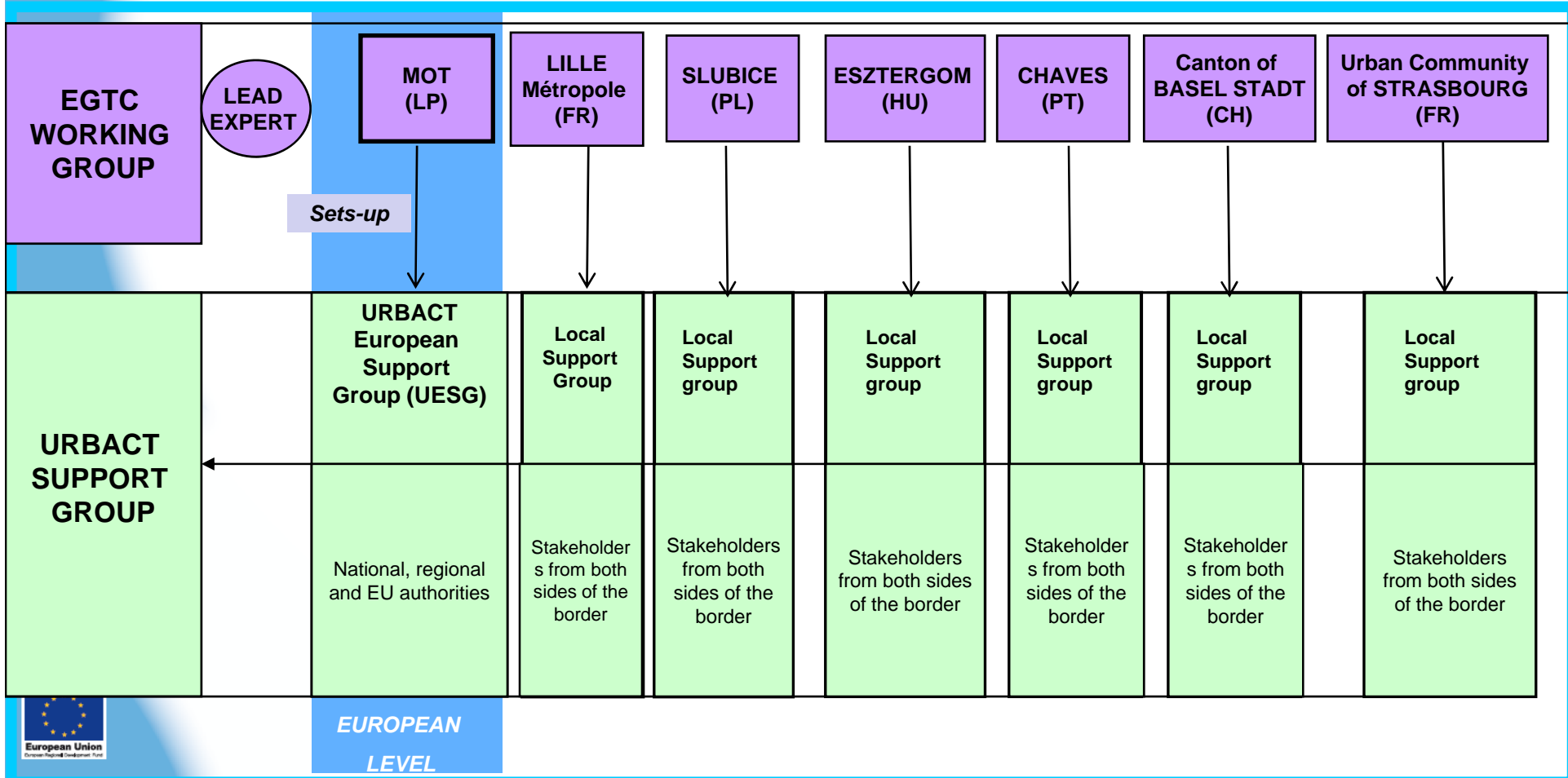
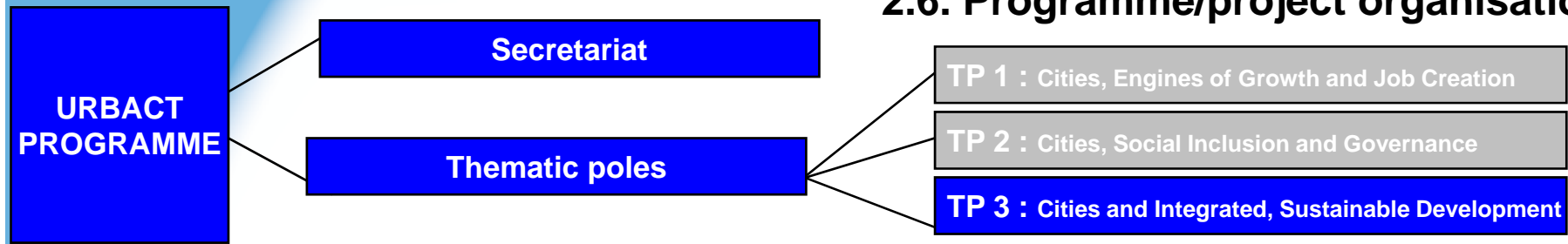
6 CB Local Support Groups (1 per area)

Stakeholders from both sides of the border

Definition of the Local Action Plan on cross-border governance



2.6. Programme/project organisation





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2.7. Calendar

- 19 November 2008: Kick-off conference, Strasbourg (France)
- March 2009: Thematic Seminar 1, Chaves (Portugal)
- November 2009: Thematic Seminar 2, Lille (France)
- May 2010: Final conference, Esztergom (Hungary)





Thank you for your attention!

- For more information on the “EGTC” URBACT project, see the website:

<http://urbact.eu/egtc>

- Project contents, partnership, baseline study, calendar, follow-up of activities, etc.

