



Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations



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The Local Action Plans to improve project partners'
cross-border governance

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KEY FEATURES OF THE TERRITORY

Creation : october 2005 **L'Eurodistrict**

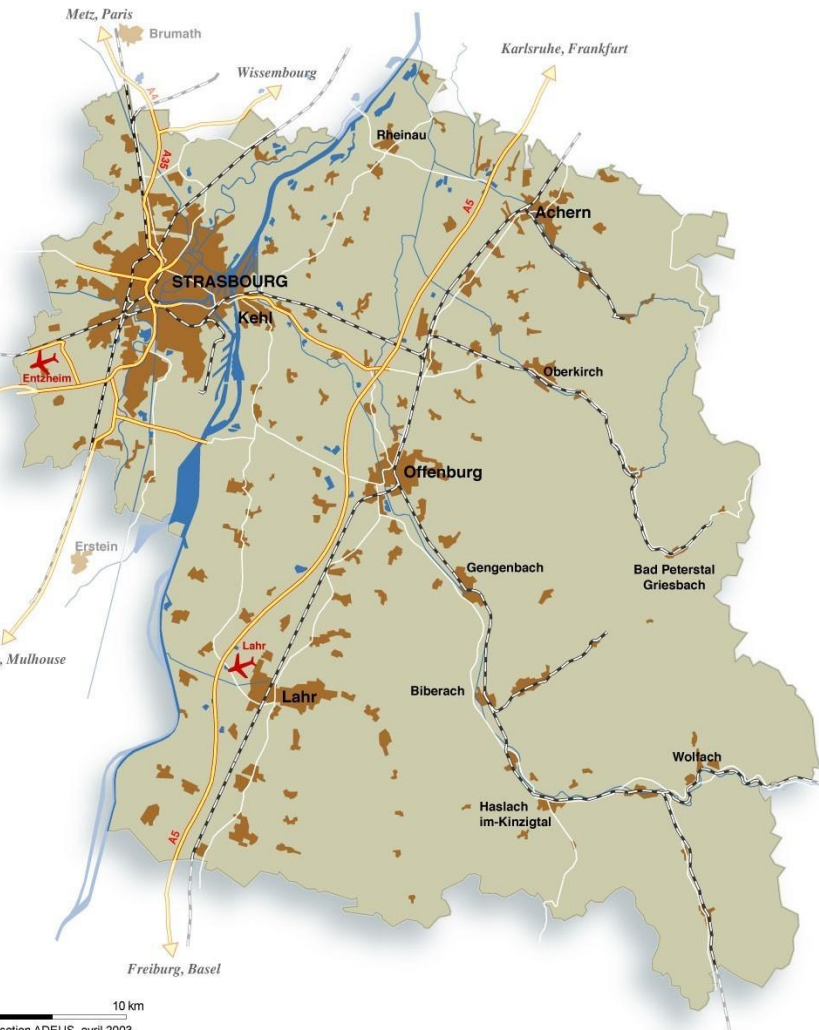
EGTC : 1.02.2010

- **French side (28 communes)**
 - *Urban Community of Strasbourg*
- **German side (51 communes)**
 - *Ortenaudistrict*
 - *5 major cities*

= 79 communes over 2.100 km²

= 868.000 inhabitants

= strong European dimension despite of an unbalanced territorial structure



Main Outcomes of the Local Action Plan

➤ Leadership issues

- *unified and concerted political expression***
- *increased political responsibility (majority)***
- *reinforced legitimacy through the EGTC***

➤ Community issues

- *popular events sustain crossborder conscience***
- *awaken people's interest in cyber-participation***
- *involve media and opinion leaders***

= structure follows strategy !

GOOD PRACTICES WORTH BEING IMPLEMENTED

- ***GEOPORTAIL (TEB)*** : *crossborder observatory aiming to capitalize informations and datas relevant for territorial development*
- ***FREE SOCIAL ZONE (Eurocidade)*** : *facilitate the common access to social services*
- ***FORUM (Eurometropole)*** : *permanent advisory committee representing bodies and civil society in decision making processes*

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE URBACT II-EGTC PROJECT...

Main topics	state in 2008	state in 2010
1. Which legal structure ?	Open discussion about the appropriate form	Clear choice for the EGTC form
2. Which evolution for the LSG ?	Existing monitoring committee	Maintain advocated for non-members
3. Which strategy for citizenship participation ?	Referendum	Internet platform, communication, thematic workshops

PERSPECTIVES

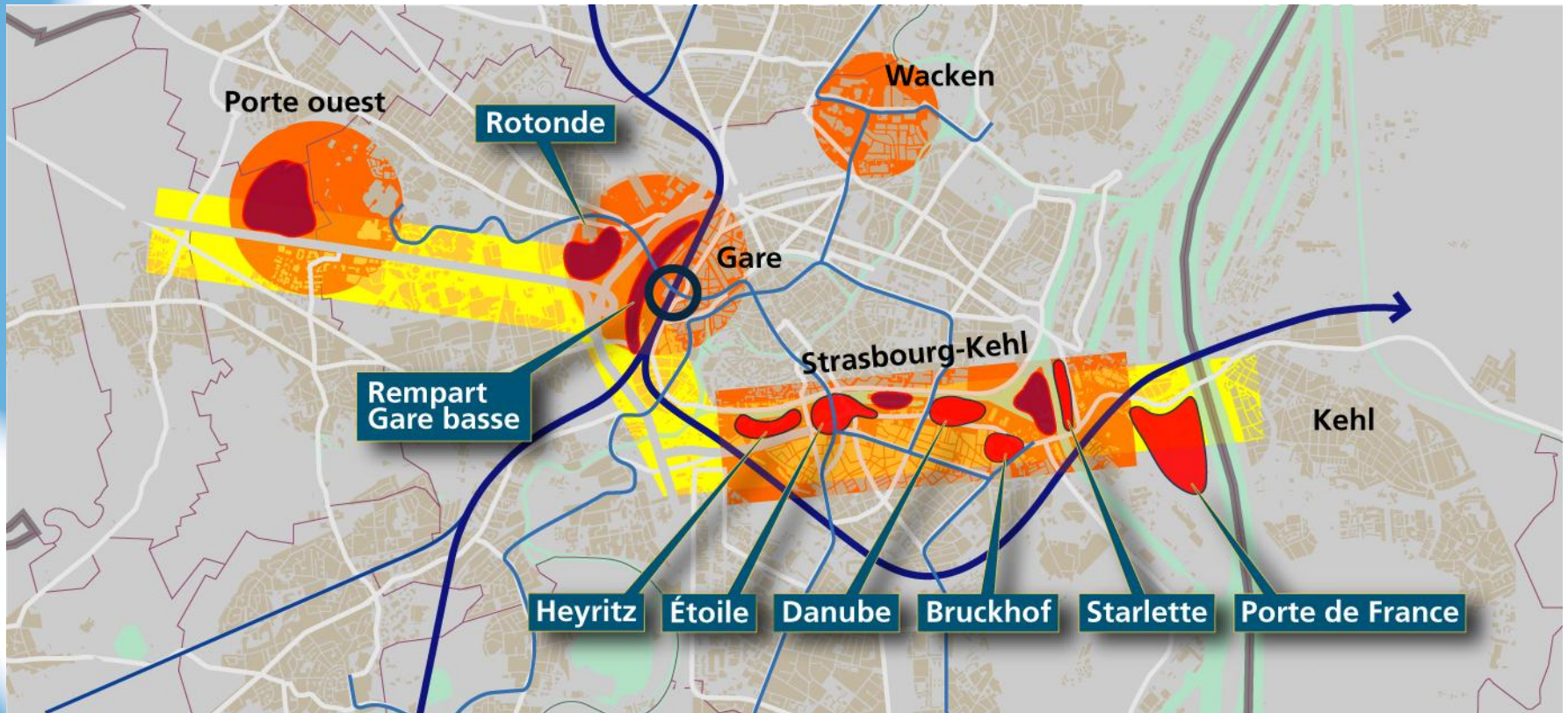
➤ **At local scale**

- *Full operating capacity for the EGTC by late 2010*
- *Enlargement of both territories and memberships*
- *Common territorial development framework with an integrated governance (co-decision)*

➤ **At European scale**

- *Input for the 2011 revision of the EGTC Regulation*
- *Participation in European consultations*
- *Lobbying for cross-border subsidiarity and experimentation (pilot zone for EU 2020)*

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Thank you

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