



The *Collectivité européenne d'Alsace*, a
local authority committed to cross-border
and European cooperation

« BorderLabs CE » transnational project visit

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The *Collectivité européenne d'Alsace* in a nutshell

- › A recent territorial authority, **born in 2021** from the **merger of 2 French departments** (*Bas-Rhin* and *Haut-Rhin*)
- › A geographical area corresponding to the historical territory of Alsace





1.9 million inhabitants

880 municipalities

8280 km²

190 km long

2 neighbouring countries,
Germany and Switzerland

900,000 active
workers

6.5% unemployment rate

6500 employees of the
Collectivité européenne d'Alsace

2 billion €uro budget

6400 km of roads

5000 km
of cycling routes

147 state middle schools



Why « european »?

Because in Alsace:

- › Europe has a **strong presence with around twenty European organisations**, including the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights
- › The border, seen as a connecting link, makes this area a **laboratory for Europe between two major partners: France and Germany**



The main areas of responsibility of the *Collectivité européenne d'Alsace*



Family,
early childhood



Support for elderly



Support for
disabled people



Integration,
employment support



Attractivity,
tourism



Fire and
rescue service



Middle school



Environment



Sport,
culture and heritage



Land use planning,
local development

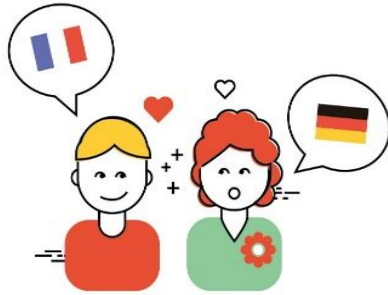


Departmental roads,
local infrastructures



Energy poverty,
housing

BILINGUALISM AND REGIONAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION



- › Support for municipalities and inter-municipal authorities
- › Creation of a public **Office for the Alsatian language**

LEADERSHIP IN CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION



- › Responsible for coordinating cross-border action by French stakeholders in the Upper Rhine region
- › Development of an **Alsatian cross-border cooperation strategy**



Cross-border cooperation plan of the *Collectivité européenne d'Alsace*

Tools and services for cross-border project leaders



More than just a strategic document, the **Alsatian cross-border cooperation plan** is a network that brings together an increasing number of cross-border partners.



7 work themes



Various services offered to cross-border project leaders and partners



A network of over **400 project leaders** and partners



Monitoring of nearly **180 cross-border projects** (ongoing, in development or completed)





The tools supporting the strategy

Gestalten wir die grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit von morgen!



Construisons la coopération transfrontalière de demain!

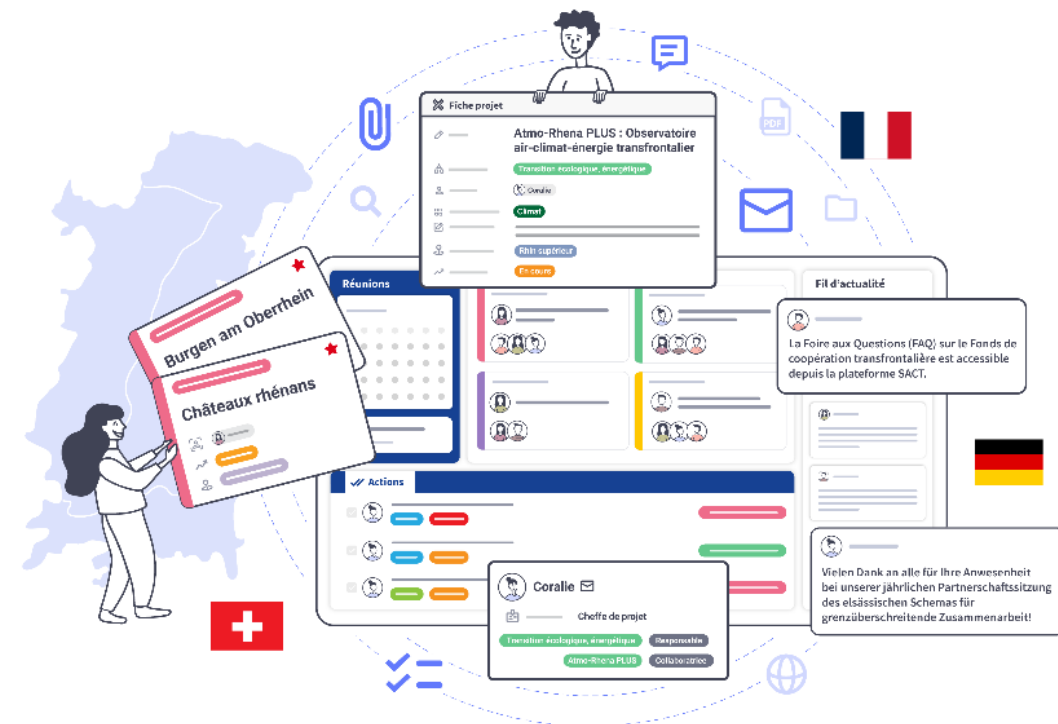
› A cross-border cooperation fund – since 2023

- 2 support programs: one for large-scale projects, another for smaller citizen and networking projects
- Around 70 cross-border projects funded since 2023

› A collaborative digital platform – launched in 2024

- More than 300 users
- Over 170 project files

› A funding search tool for cross-border projects, currently development





- › **Broad partnership meetings, since 2022**
 - Bringing together around 200 partners involved in cross-border cooperation across the Upper Rhine region, every year
- › **Smaller meetings, since 2024**
 - Meetings within *Eurodistricts* (cross-border cooperation areas)
 - Thematic workshops and focus group meetings (health, sport, etc.)





Spotlight on selected projects

flagship

From southern Alsace to the Upper Rhine

Mobility, a major challenge for the area

> Exemple of a project coordinated by the ETB



Exemple of a project conducted by the Landkreis Lörrach >



Gefördert von: **Interreg** Kofinanziert von der Europäischen Union
bwegt Initiative von Baden-Württemberg Baden-Württemberg Ministerium für Verkehr

Oberrhein | Rhin Supérieur



Major roadworks from 2024 to 2027

- › Improving road safety and reducing congestion
- › Ecology as a priority
- › Overall budget €74.5 million
 - Collectivité européenne d'Alsace: €37.35 million
 - Agglo Basel: CHF 18.05 million
 - Saint-Louis Agglomération: €15 million
 - French government: 3.8 million



> More about the project & pictures



European project « Châteaux rhénans – Burgen am Oberrhein »

- › 4 focus: research, animate, promote and engage
- › Around 100 castles and 37 partners
- › Overall budget €4.9 million – Interreg Upper Rhine funding €2.9 million



CHÂTEAUX RHÉNANS
BURGEN AM OBERRHEIN



> *More about the project*



An initiative of the *Collectivité européenne d'Alsace* to foster dialogue among all water stakeholders on shared challenges

- › Workshops, technical and scientific meetings, visits, etc.
- › Sharing experiences and best practices, anticipating future challenges, raising awareness and integrating water issues into decision-making, etc.





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Thank you for your attention