



EUROPEAN SPATIAL PLANNING
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« Approaching New Functional Areas »

A national point of view

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INTRODUCTION : THE "CROSS-BORDER TERRITORY" CONCEPT, THROUGH THE GLANCE OF MOT

- . Cross border functional areas : firstly « lived » spaces**
- . Territories that have not been defined precisely at Community level**

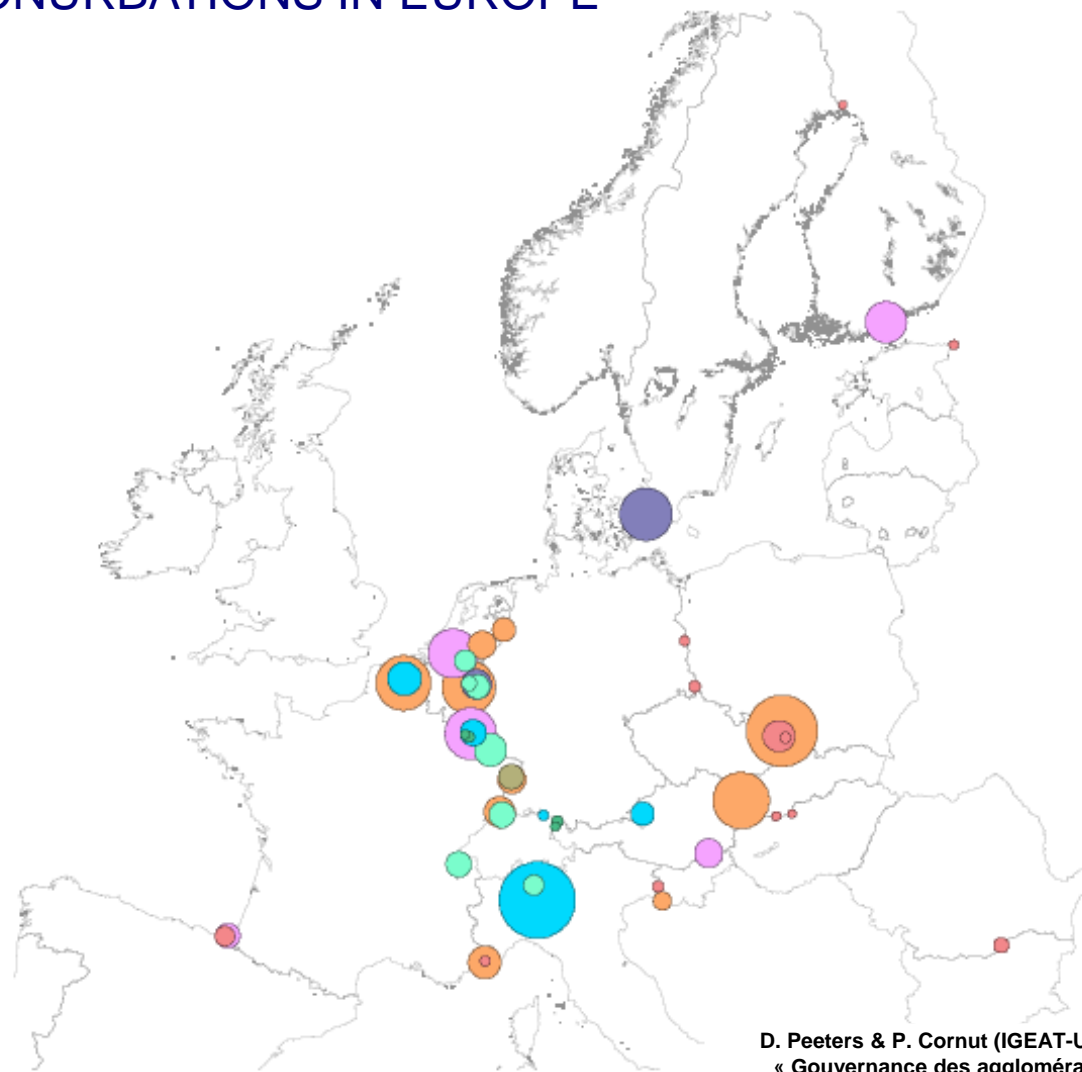
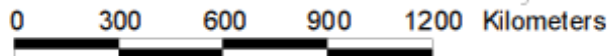
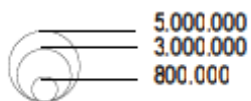
- 1. Outline definitions : go beyond the concept of functional areas**
 - a. What is a cross border territory?**
 - b. The existence of cross border functions is not sufficient to determine the existence of a cross border territory**
 - c. The cross border territory must also be a space monitored jointly on either side of the border**

CROSS BORDER CONURBATIONS IN EUROPE

Typology of FUA

- 1 e.g. Görlitz-Zgorzelec
- 2 e.g. Genève-Annemasse
- 3 e.g. Strasbourg-Kehl
- 4 e.g. Esch-/Al. - Audun-I.-T.
- 5 e.g. Luxembourg
- 6 e.g. Heerlen-Aachen
- 7 e.g. Vienne-Bratislava
- 8 e.g. Helsinki-Tallinn

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D. Peeters & P. Cornut (IGEAT-ULB) in
« Gouvernance des agglomérations
transfrontalières en Europe », MOT, 2006,
Sources : ESPON 143 & 111

2. Observed problems

- a. **Difficulty of asserting the existence of the cross-border territory, of backing it politically, of making it work in a way that is democratic and shared by its inhabitants**

- b. **Difficulty of communicating on the definition of cross-border territories and of obtaining recognition of their singularity and their role in the territorial development of the States concerned and in the construction of Europe**

2. Observed problems

c. Difficulty of understanding the operation of cross-border territories and its consequences

at local level

at national level

at european level

3. Perspectives and recommendations

- a. **Know and raise awareness of cross-border territories**
- b. **Mobilise knowledge for better action in the service of cross-border territories**
- c. **Raise awareness of cross-border territories (at different scales) and their role in the construction of Europe**

CONCLUSION