

# 1st CONGRESS ON SMART COOPERATION

“Territorial Cooperation fostering European integration: Cities and Regions linking across borders”

A Coruña - June 25 and 26, 2012

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Europe is at a crucial moment for future territorial cooperation.

In a context of crisis Europe is now working on the budget for the next seven years (2014-2020) and new regulations on Cohesion Policy. Therefore, it is of major importance to reinforce what the benefits of cooperation are, what opportunities it represents and how, through cooperation, Europe can overcome the challenges it faces in the near future.

In this context, CECICN organizes the 1st Congress on Smart Cooperation, next 25 and 26 June in A Coruña (Spain), with the aim to discuss with all stakeholders involved in cooperation key messages about why cooperation is the key to achieve Europe 2020 and Single Market goals and transmit them to the European Institutions.

The congress will be organized around two plenary sessions and seven workshops where experts from EU Institutions, CECICN partners and National Administrations will work with participants on a set of concrete messages to be sent to EU Institutions involved in the process of approval of the new Regulations.

All participant institutions will have the opportunity to transmit their position to the representatives of the European Institutions attending to the congress.

## What is CECICN?

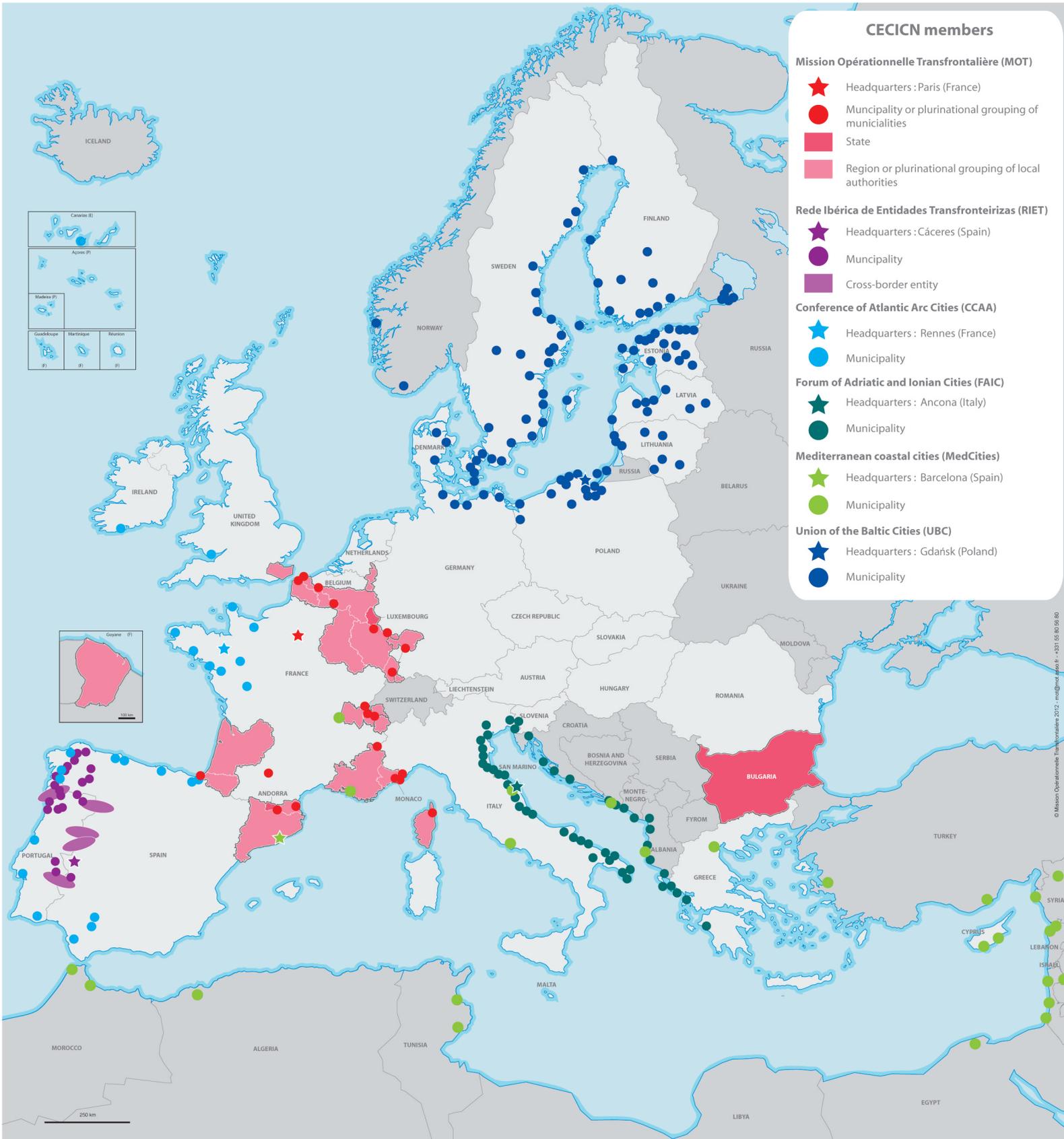
The Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional City Networks (CECICN) was born in 2010. Its objective is to boost territorial cooperation among border cities in Europe and to reinforce the message concerning the importance of territorial cooperation.

CECICN involves six cooperation networks that represent more than 500 cities in border regions and 37% of European population. Six European networks are members of CECICN:

- Union of Baltic Cities (UBC) [www.ubc.net](http://www.ubc.net)
- Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC) [www.faic1999.net](http://www.faic1999.net)
- Mediterranean Cities (MedCities) [www.medcities.org](http://www.medcities.org)
- Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities (CAAC) [www.atlanticcities.eu](http://www.atlanticcities.eu)
- Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT) [www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org](http://www.espaces-transfrontaliers.org)
- Iberian Network of Crossborder Bodies (RIET) [www.rietiberica.eu](http://www.rietiberica.eu)



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- *Confirmed institution but pending on the final speaker (in blue)*

**25th June 2012**

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### Morning session

**8.30-9.30**      **Registration of participants**

**9.30-10.30**      **Welcome address**

- [Government of Spain](#)
- [Government of Portugal](#)
- Mr. Alberto Núñez Feijóo, Regional President of Galicia
- Mr. Carlos Negreira, Mayor of A Coruña
- [Mr. José Durão Barroso, President European Commission \(by video\)](#)
- [European Commission representative](#)
- [Committee of the Regions representative](#)
- Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren, AEBR VicePresident
- Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, CECICN President

Introduction: Mr. Xoan Vázquez Mao, CECICN Secretary General

**10.30-11.00**      **What can we do to help Europe to overcome crisis?**

- Introduction: Ms. Sarah Lambert, Deputy Head of the Representation of the EC in Spain
- [Representative of the Danish Presidency](#)

**11.00-11.30**      **COFFEE – BREAK**



**11.30-12.00**      **Cities and regions cooperating across borders: an opportunity to overcome crisis.** Presentation of CECICN and AEBR document

- Chairman: Mr. Michel Delebarre, Chairman of COTER, Committee of the Regions.
- Speakers:
- Mr. Jean Peyrony, Executive Director of CECICN
- Mr. Xoan Vázquez Mao, Secretary General of CECICN
- Mr. Jens Gabbe, Expert of AEBR

**12.00-13.00**      **Panel Debate: Strategic approach to Territorial Cooperation as a tool to overcome crisis**

- Chairman: Ms. Mercedes Caballero, General Director of EU Funds. Ministry of Economy. Government of Spain
- Panelists :
  - [European Commission representative](#)
  - [European Parliament representative](#)
  - [Committee of the Regions representative](#)

**Debate with the audience**

**13.00 - 15.00**      **LUNCH**

**15.00 – 17.30**      **Workshops**

## Workshops - Afternoon session, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Workshop 1 – Macro-regions, coordinated by Xunta de Galicia

- Chairman: Mr. Jesús Gamallo Aller, General Director for external affairs and EU relations. Xunta de Galicia
- Introduction: Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of AEBR
- Mr. José Palma Andrés, Director of European Territorial Cooperation. DG REGIO. European Commission.
- Southwest Macro-region: Ms. María de Diego Durántez, General Director for Institutional Relations and External Relations. Government of Castilla y León
- Baltic Macro-region: Ms. Katarina Rembiewska. Opole Region, Poland
- Danube Strategy: Mr. Peter de Martin, Lower Austria
- Mr. Michele Brisighelli, General Secretary, Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities

### Workshop 2 – Smart Cross-border Cooperation, coordinated by RIET

- Chairman: Mr. Antonio Batista. President of RIET
- Introduction: Ms. Elena de Miguel, Head of JTS Crossborder Cooperation Programme Spain-Portugal
- Mr. João Baptista, President of Eurocity Chaves-Verín
- Mr. Marco Carpi. JTS Interreg IVA. Grande Région (BE/LU/DE/FR)
- Representative of Interreg IV A DK/DE
- Province of Niederösterreich (Austria)
- Mr. Jorge Orozco Peral, member of DG European Funds. Spanish Ministry of Treasury and Public Administrations
- Mr. João Bule. Portuguese Financial Institute for Regional Development – IFDR
- Conclusions:
  - Mr. Carlos Beltrán. Expert on ETC. Former member of DG of EU Funds. Government of Spain.
  - Mr. Jesús Bedoya. Managing Authority. Interreg SUDOE

### Workshop 3 – Cooperating in the EU external borders, coordinated by MedCities

- Chairman: Mr. Željko Kerum President of FAIC
- Speakers:
  - Mr. Joan Parpal, Barcelona Metropolitan Urban Area / Secretary General of MedCities
  - Mr. Mateu Turró, expert. Barcelona Polytechnic University
  - Mr. Albert Sorrosal, expert ENPI/CBC Regional Capacity Building Initiative

#### Workshop 4 – Cooperation contributing to smart growth, coordinated by UBC

- Chairman: Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, President of CECICN
- Introduction: Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt, Chairman UBC Business Commission
- Mr. Ignacio González Vázquez. JRC-IPTS, Smart Specialization Platform. European Commission
- Mrs. Marie-Louise Rönmark, Mayor of Umeå
- Mr. Andres Jaadla, Mayor of Rakvere
- Mr. Tarja Hautamäki, Cultural Manager Regional Council of Ostrobothnia

#### Workshop 5 – Cooperation contributing to sustainable growth: An Atlantic Strategy to reduce carbon footprint emissions

- Chairman: Mr. Philippe Duron, President of CAAC
- Introduction: Mr. José Maria Costa, President of EIXO ATLANTICO
- Mr. Vicente Rodríguez Sáez. Deputy Head of Unit – Transnational Cooperation. European Commission
- Representative of DG MARE. European Commission
- Mr. Emilio Fernández, General Coordinator of CLIMATLANTIC think tank
- Mr. Dominique Breuil, Expert on mobility. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Bernard Rice, Expert on energy. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Sofia Girnary, Expert on social behaviour. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Ricardo Bento, Expert on spatial planning. CLIMATLANTIC
- Mr. Jean-Luc Lods. Director of European Affairs. Conseil Pas-de-Calais
- Conclusions: Mr. Charles Nicol. Secretary General. Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

#### Workshop 6 – Tools for cooperation, coordinated by MOT

- Chairman: Mr. Michel Delebarre, President of MOT
- Introduction: Mr. Olivier Denert, Secretary General of MOT
- Mr. Michel Casteigts, Expert. University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour
- Representative of the Eurodistrict Strasbourg Ortenau (FR/DE)
- Representative of the Hainaut cross-border nature park (FR/BE)
- Mr. Zoltan Bara EGTC Pons Danubii (HU/SK)
- Mr. José Antonio Ruiz de Casas, DG REGIO, EC Expert
- Representative of the URBACT programme

## 26th June 2012

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### 9.00 – 11.00 Parallel Sessions

#### Multilevel Governance of cross border cooperation

Chairman: Mr. József Benedek, Chairman of CESCO

- Mr. Gyula Ocskay, Director of CESCO (HU)
- Mr. Tom Leeuwestein, Dep. Head of Unit. Europe and Local & Regional Government. Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom relations (NL)
- Mr. Jean-Luc Frès, European Territorial Cooperation Manager, DATAR (FR)
- [EU Expertise: TEIN Network, DG REGIO, INTERACT, ESPON](#)

**Debate with the audience**

#### Macro-regional Strategies: the future of the Atlantic Area

Chairman: Mr. Philippe Duron, President of CAAC

- Mr. Jesús Gamallo, General Director for external affairs and EU relations. Xunta de Galicia.
- Baltic Strategy. Mr. Marcus Andersson, Head of Research at Tendensor
- [Representative of INTERREG MED](#)
- Atlantic Strategy. Mr. Antonio Figueiredo, CLIMATLANTIC expert.
- Mr. José Antonio Ruiz de Casas. EC expert

**Debate with the audience**

### 11.00-11.30 COFFEE – BREAK

### 11.30 – 12.00 What cities and regions can do in favor of the Single Market and Europe 2020?

Workshops conclusions

Chairman: Mr. José Soeiro, President of IFDR

Summary: Mr. Jean Peyrony, Executive Director CECICN

**Debate with the audience**

**12.00 - 12.30 Removing borders key to Single Market and Europe 2020**

Chairman: Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, President of CECICN

Speaker: [Representative of European Commission - Internal Market](#)

**12.30-13.10 Final addresses**

- Mr. Per Bødker Andersen, President of CECICN
- Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren, AEBR Vice-President
- [Representative of European Commission - Internal Market](#)
- Mr. Alfonso Rueda, Regional Minister for Presidency. Xunta de Galicia
- Mr. Carlos Negreira, Mayor of A Coruña
- Mr. Samuel Juárez, Government Delegate in Galicia

Introduction: Mr. Jean Peyrony, Executive Director of CECICN