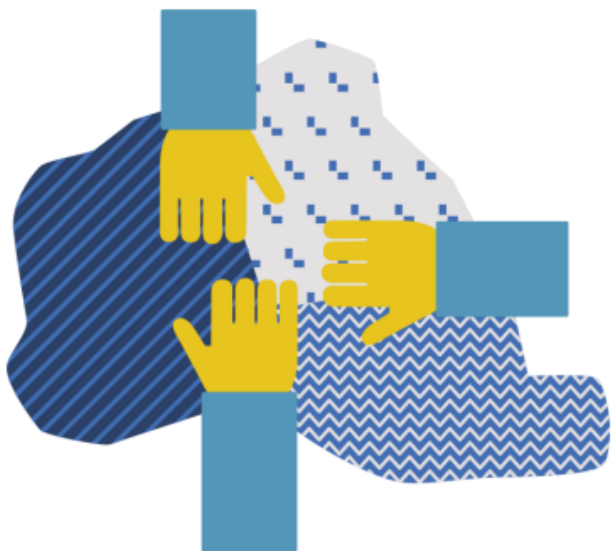


Unblocking border regions: Tackling cross-border obstacles through cooperation and coordination



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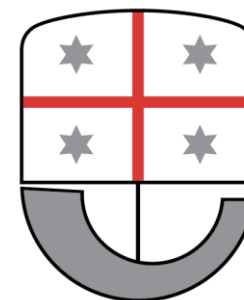
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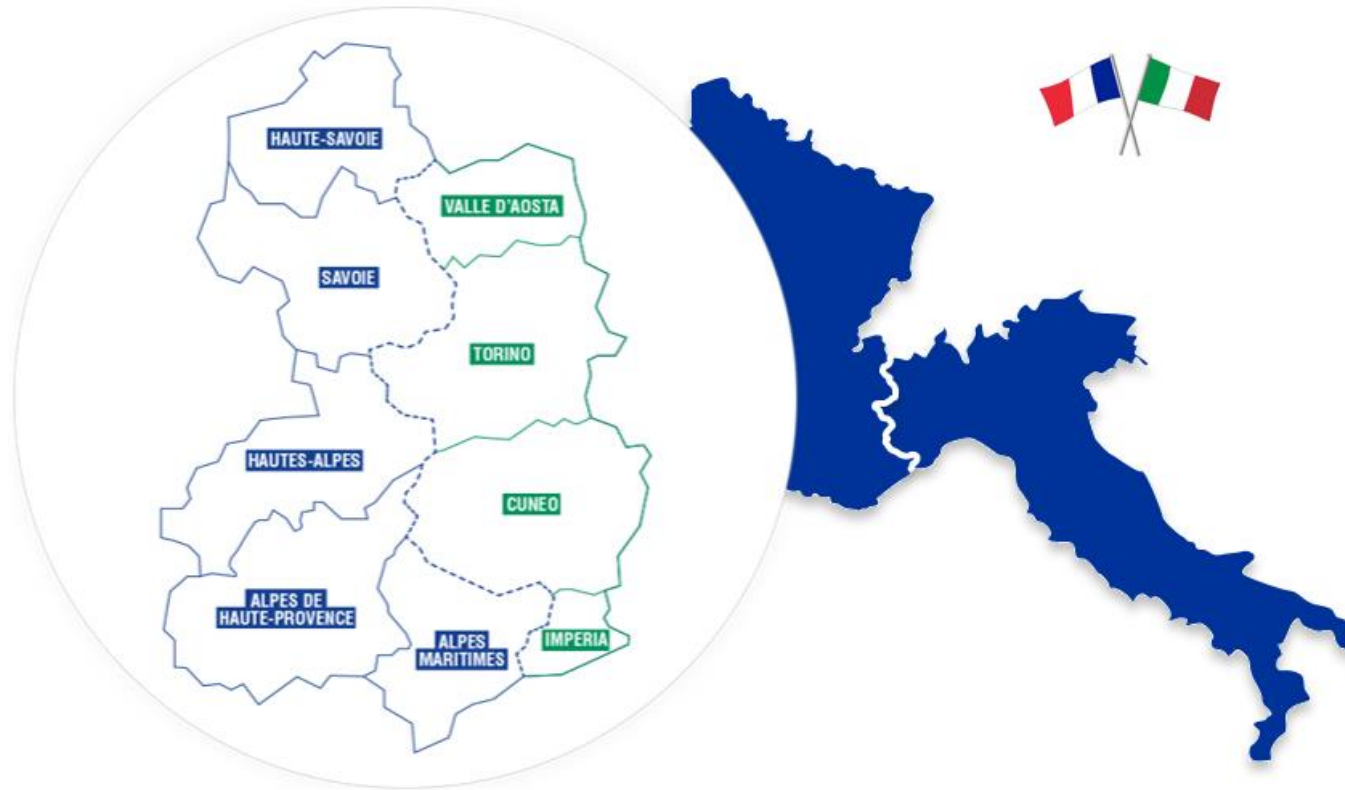


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TERRITORIAL CONTEXT – ALCOTRA FRANCE-ITALY Programme 2021-2027

ALCOTRA – Latin Alps Cross-Border Cooperation – is one of the European cross-border cooperation programmes. Its goal is to strengthen cohesion between the French and Italian border regions.



Overcoming cross-border obstacles



Italy-France Quirinale Treaty

On 26 November 2021, Prime Minister Mario Draghi and French President Emmanuel Macron signed the Quirinale Treaty in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella.

The Treaty seals the strategic relationship between Italy and France, a relationship deeply rooted in our common history and oriented towards the future.

On 1 February 2023, the Treaty between the Italian Republic and the French Republic for enhanced bilateral cooperation – the so-called Quirinale Treaty – officially entered into force.

- ❑ Article 10 - A **Cross-Border Cooperation Committee** will be established, bringing together representatives of the relevant local authorities, existing local cross-border cooperation groups, representatives of the States and of central administrations, members of parliament, etc.
- ❑ The Committee will establish “a mechanism to identify and analyse obstacles to cooperation, as well as to monitor them until they are resolved through regulatory, legislative or diplomatic means, including the introduction of local derogations in a logic of differentiation”.
- ❑ Projects financed under ISO1 will address the issues identified by the Cross-Border Cooperation Committee and will contribute to supporting its work. (Cf. ALCOTRA Operational Programme 2021/27).

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CONTEXT

Interreg ALCOTRA Programme (2021-2027)

Quirinale Treaty between Italy and France

PARTNERS

All Italian border regions (Liguria, Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta) and French regions (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur – Région Sud, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes), plus the Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT)

PERIOD

November 2023 → December 2025 (26 months)

OBJECTIVES

- **Specific Objective ISO1 – Governance of cooperation:** strengthen institutional capacity and improve the management of cross-border territories (framework for all activities).
- Identify obstacles to cross-border cooperation in key sectors: health, transport, biodiversity and environment.
- Conduct a **territorial survey + workshop** to highlight concrete problems and define operational solutions.
- Carry out a **comparative law study** on these issues.
- Promote **multi-level governance** and exchange between strategies and programmes (including EUSALP, Euroregion Alps-Mediterranean).

WHY

- The Italy–France border areas face **regulatory, bureaucratic and administrative barriers** limiting effective cooperation
- **strengthen governance** and cooperation bring **tangible benefits to citizens:** healthcare access, mobility, environmental protection
- create a space for **dialogue among institutions, citizens and associations** to enhance the Quirinale Treaty, **collect local needs and propose shared solutions** to both States.
- **align local policies with European macro-regional strategies** for greater coherence and impact.



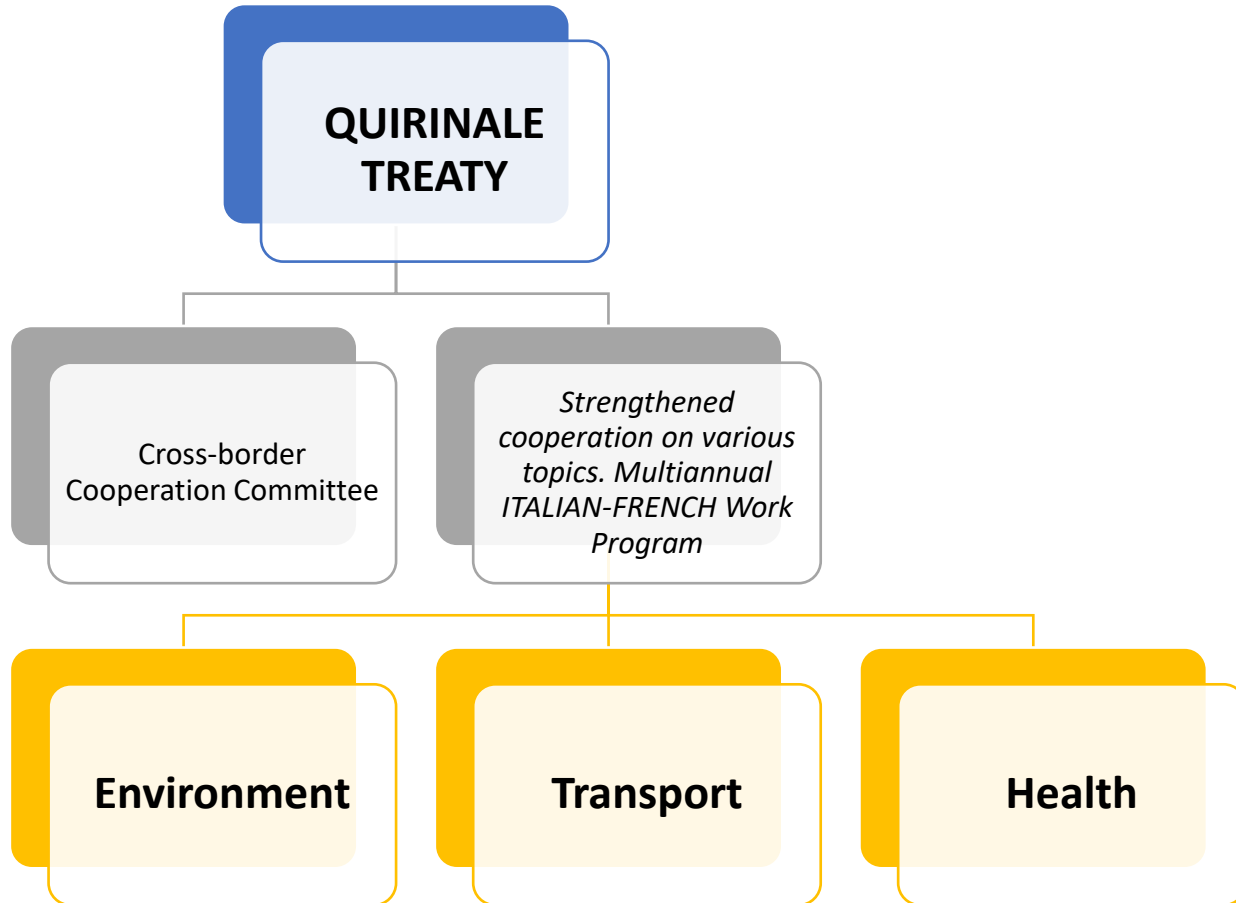
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Some examples:

- Improving **cross-border connections** (Fréjus, Mont Blanc, Cuneo-Breil-Ventimiglia, etc.)
- Providing emergency assistance across the border with reference to **healthcare facilities**
- Promoting adaptation to climate warming and the **protection of biodiversity in the Alps**



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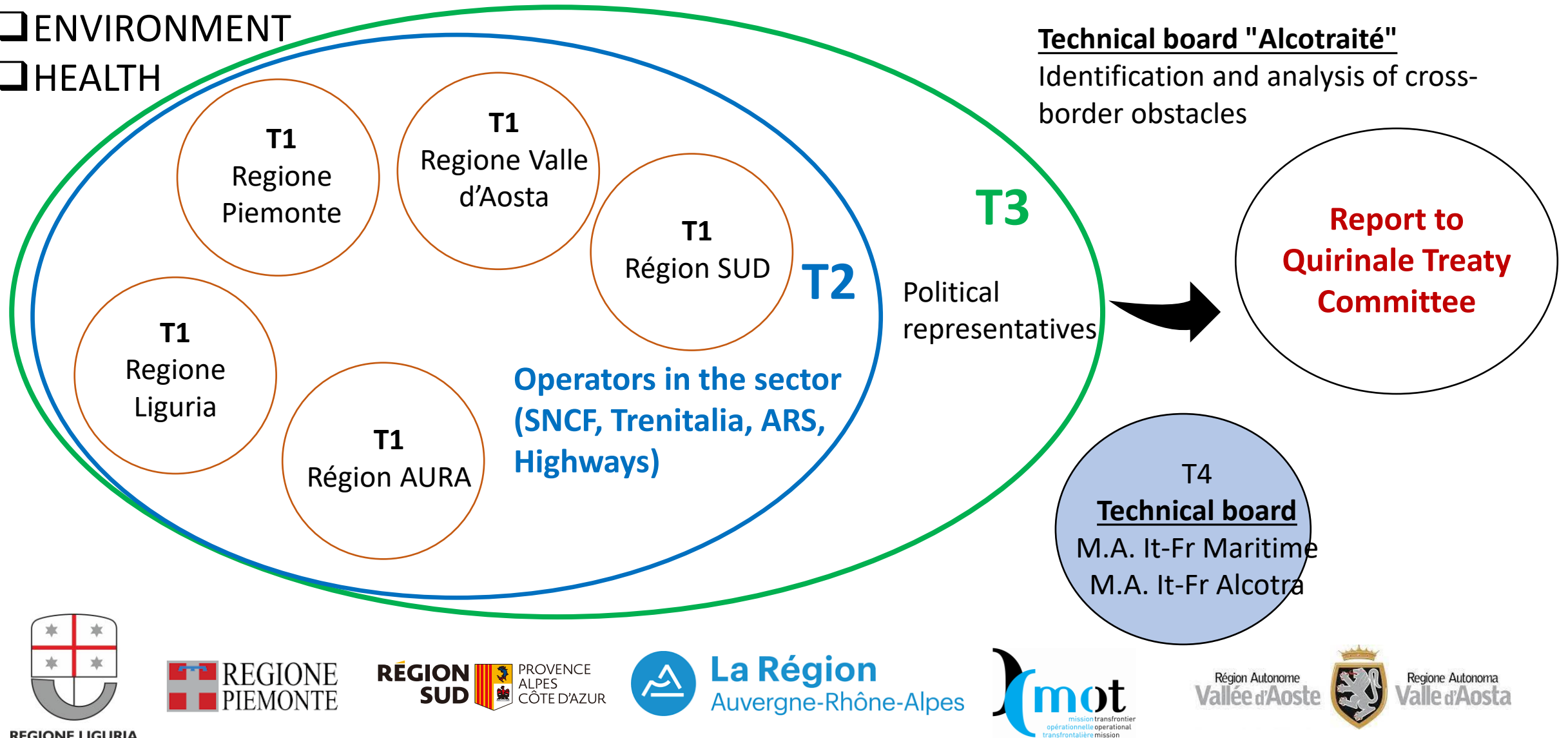
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ENHANCING GOVERNANCE OF THE ALCOTRA CROSS-BORDER TERRITORY WITH A FOCUS ON TERRITORIAL DIPLOMACY

- ❑ TRANSPORT
- ❑ ENVIRONMENT
- ❑ HEALTH



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LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMPETENCES BOOK



STUDY ON THE PARALLEL LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMPETENCES OF THE REGIONS IN THE FRANCE-ITALY INTERREG ALCOTRA 2021-2027 PROGRAM.

Starting point

After 30 years of Interreg...

- Often we do not know the right counterpart on the other side of the border
- **Competencies differ between Italy and France**
- **Constitutional reforms** have changed over time the roles and competencies of territorial authorities

Analysis and method

Structural: composite systems, types and distribution of competencies (the system, its principles, and the overall distribution of competencies)

A comprehensive overview of the distribution of competencies between the State and the Regions

In-depth focus on three topics (Health; Environment; Mobility and Transport)

Systematic comparison of competencies

Involvement of **two researchers expert in comparative law**:

- 1 on the Italian side (CNR ISSIRFA)
- 1 on the French side (DITER).

Expected results

Tools to address legal-administrative obstacles to cross-border cooperation

Adequate competencies to make exchanges and collaborations more dynamic

Legislative changes to eliminate barriers to cooperation

Proposals for tools to **overcome legal-administrative obstacles**

Collaboration prospects in various sectors



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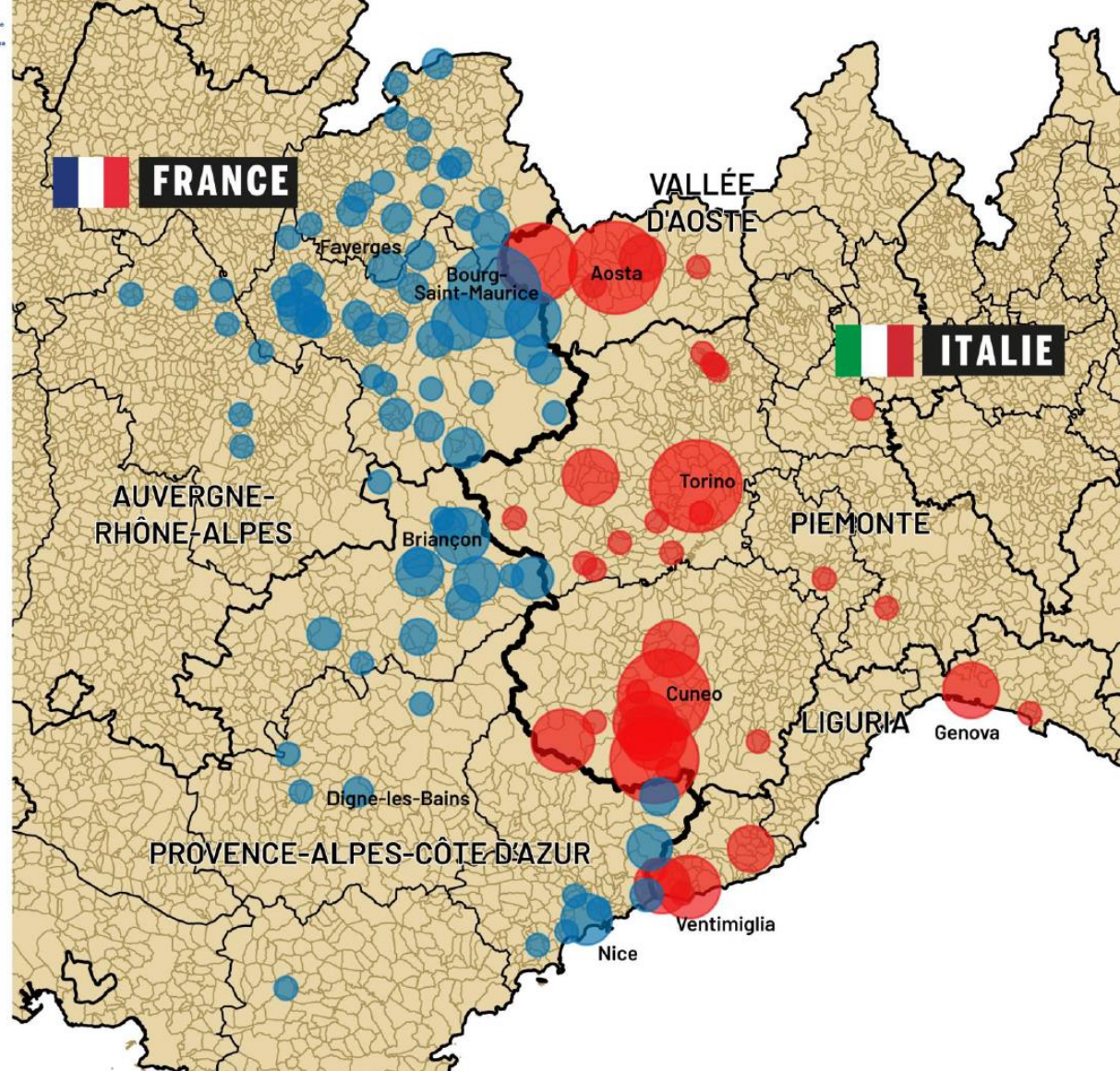
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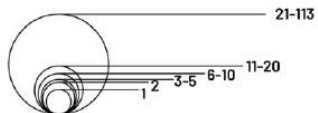
Map showing 696 participants' places of residence



Origine géographique de la commune / Origine geografica del comune

France / Francia
Italie / Italia

Nombre de répondants par commune / Numero di rispondenti per comune



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Identification of cross-border obstacles

Online Territorial Survey 2024



Co-construction of solutions to overcome cross-border obstacles.

□ Territorial workshops 2025

□ Summary report

QUIRINALE TREATY
CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION COMMITTEE



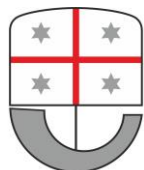
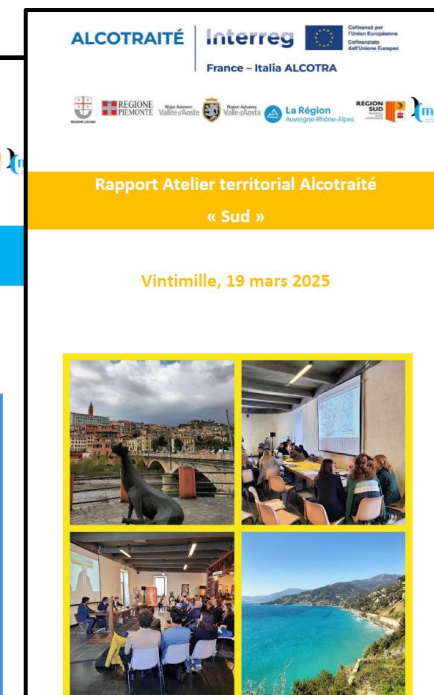
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«Role of facilitator by creating opportunities
for information sharing and exchange»



citizens, border territories, PITER
territorial strategies



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Development of thematic ROADMAPS - work in progress



HEALTH



TRANSPORT



ENVIRONMENT



Context and challenges

1. The ALCOTRAITE project / Quirinal Treaty
2. **Overview of the work process** (identification of obstacles, meetings in thematic and territorial groups)
3. Detailed sheets for **priority obstacles**

Template model

1. Definition of the obstacle
2. Nature of the obstacle (legal, technical, etc.)
3. Countries, regions involved, stakeholders
4. Impacts of the obstacle
5. Reference texts
6. **Proposed solutions**
 - a. **Level:** Local, Regional, National, European
 - b. **Progress**
 - c. **Actions to be implemented**
7. Objectives to be achieved
8. Partners, relevant national actors, and relevant cross-border bodies
9. **Work schedule**
10. Funding sources
11. Expected challenges during implementation – **Conditions for success**

Starting from the solutions related to the identified priority issues, thematic roadmaps will be developed to achieve objectives that contribute to overcoming cross-border obstacles.



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Communication to the territories regarding the opportunities of the Quirinal Treaty

- The **cross-border living area**: a laboratory of European integration between Italy and France 18.04.2024 (Rome)
- 2° symposium of **French-Italian Cooperation** 30.11.2024 (Menton)
- **Borders forum** 2-3.12.2024 (Paris)
- **European Week of Regions and Cities 2025** 15.10.2025 (Bruxelles)

Moments of exchange and synergies

- **Events dedicated to the Quirinal Treaty**
 - Launch events 31.10.2023 (Turin)
 - Anniversary event 26.11.2024 (Turin)
- Meetings of the **Cross-Border Cooperation Committee - Quirinal Treaty** 31.10.2023 (Turin) - 07.02.2025 (Nice)
- Annual Meeting of the Franco-Italian **Cross-border Committee for Biodiversity** (24.09.2024 – 26.09.2025)
- **EUSALP**
 - Action Group 4 Mobility 18.06.2025 (Nice)
 - Action Group 7 Green Infrastructure 26.09.2025 and 06.10.2025
- **ISO1 prosatif-go project** 05.03.2025 (Courmayeur) - 02.10.2025 (Embrun)
- **Meeting between Alcotra and Marittimo Managing Authorities** 14.02.2024 (Ventimiglia)
- **Euroregion Alps-Mediterranean AlpMed** 04.07.2023 (Courchevel)



31 octobre 2023 h 9:00 - 11:30
Turin (TO)
 Sala Trasparenza - Grattacielo Regione Piemonte, Piazza Piemonte, 1

European Week of Regions and Cities



A Dialogue for Enhanced Cross-Border Cooperation to Shape the BRIDGEforEU Regulation

The freshly approved BRIDGEforEU Regulation will help local authorities improve life in border regions for citizens, administrations and businesses. How can existing tools like the b-solutions initiative and Interreg help shape the new regulation? What role can Interreg programmes play? What are the...

Cohesion | EU | European | Governance and Public administration | INTERREG | Local and regional | T |
 Wed 15/10/2025, 14.30 - 16.00 CET

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FRONTIERA ITALIA-FRANCIA: OSTACOLO O OPPORTUNITÀ?

Evento annuale in occasione dell'anniversario della firma del Trattato del Quirinale

Torino, 26 novembre 2024 ore 9:00 - 13:00
 MAUTO Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile
 Corso Unità d'Italia, 40



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RESULTS



- Identified obstacles in key sectors: healthcare, transport, biodiversity, and environment
- Developed possible solutions:
 - Transport: **Alcotraité 2 Transport project**
 - Environment: Supported the meeting of the Italy-France **Cross-Border Cooperation Committee for the management of water resources of the Roja River**; co-organized the 2024 and 2025 **Annual IT-FR - Biodiversity Committee**
 - Health: **Synergies with the ISO1** Prosatif Go project for future collaborations
- Conducted a **comparative law study**
- Developed **roadmaps** to highlight concrete issues and **operational guidelines** to overcome them
- Submitted **proposals and working documents to the Cross-Border Cooperation Committee** (Quirinal Treaty)
- **Strengthened dialogue** between **ALCOTRA, EUSALP, Interreg Italy-France Maritime**, and other **EU initiatives**

Deepen the study of parallel legislative and administrative competences, **expanding to other priority topics** (employment and vocational training, data interoperability and bilingualism, risk management and climate change)

Continue to propose shared solutions to regulatory and institutional obstacles, and align local policies with European macro-regional strategies, to ensure greater **coherence and impact of interventions**.

Post-2027

BRIDGEforEU (Regulation (UE) 2025/925)



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