



Cross-border Metropolitan Regions in Europe: integration, governance and rescaling

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European integration's process

- 'Inner borders' are peaceful recognized borders
- Lack of interests from national governments
- 'Debordering': change in the functions of the inner border: differentiations / assertion
- European Interreg programmes (since 1990)

Cities on borders in Western Europe in the 1990s

- Changing relative geographical position
- New interests in cross-border areas
- Cross-border cooperation on local and regional scale

Globalisation / Metropolisation / States in Europe

- In a competitive, globalised world, metropolises are driving forces of the economy
- Rescaling of the State (Brenner, 2003)
- States are identifying and fostering several cities as metropolises on national territory (Lefèbvre 2004; d'Albergho, 2011)



Cross-Border Metropolitan Areas

- Cross-border metropolitan area astride national border (Herzog, 1990; Blatter, 2004): one built-up and one functional area?



Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions in Europe

- A city located on a national border with several metropolitan functions
- Metropolitan governance (Le Galès, 2006)

Methodology

- 3 approaches (Van Houtum, 2000): functional, political, people (socio-cultural)
- Functional: structure and integration's degree of the cross-border build-up and/or the urban area
 - Features
 - Asymmetry/integration
 - Analysis grid (Blotevogel and Danielzyk, 2009)

Political: cross-border governance and rescaling (Blatter, 2004; Jouve and Lefèbvre, 2002, Sohn, Reitel, Walther, 2009)

- Network of actors involved in the cross-border cooperation
- Project and strategy
- Political leadership and power relations
- Political recognition by State(s) and EU
- Analysis of discourses and strategic plans
- Interviews

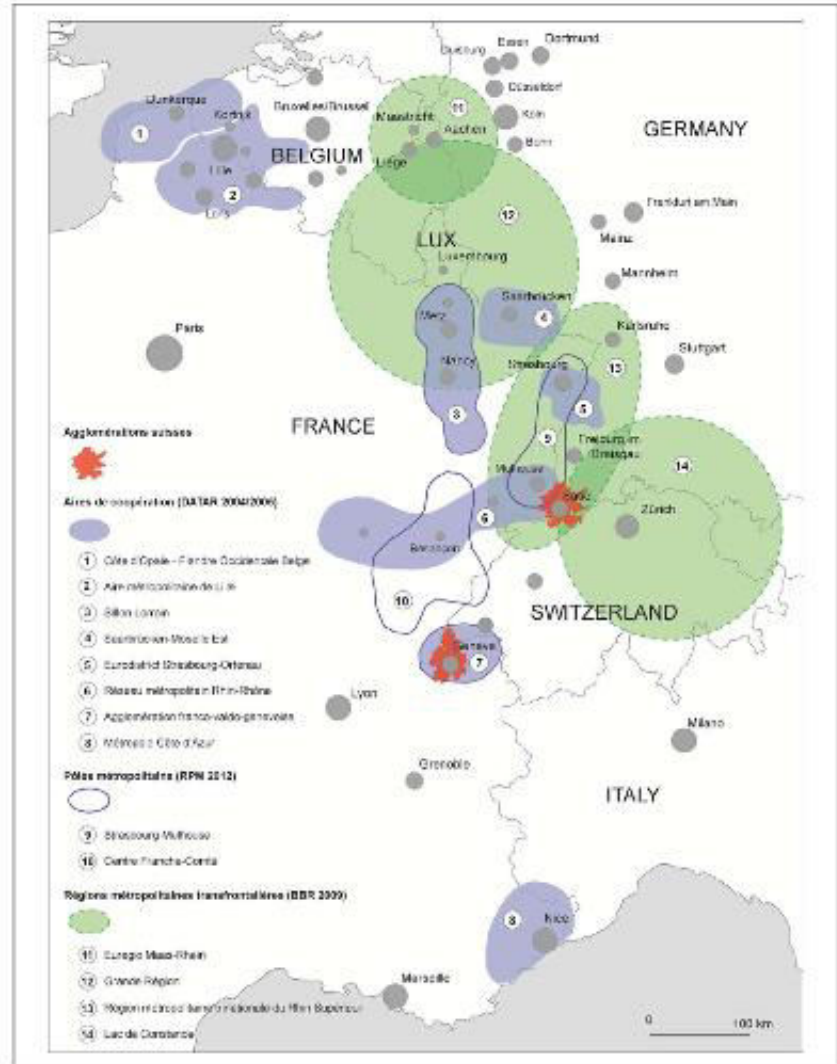
Socio-cultural (Simmel, 1911; Zijdeveld, 2009)

- The life in the great city: anonymity, stimulation
- The border as a resource (opportunity)
- Urbanity: a distinctive “style of life”; a civic culture of the city
- A community of sense
- Survey
- Interviews (mental map)



Case studies

- A first analysis on Basel and Geneva (2012-2014)
- Comparison, of 2 regions (new PhD)
- Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai (F-B)
- Upper Rhine CBMR (CH – D - F)
- Schedules: end in 2017



Expected results: several issues

- Complexity
- Rescaling
- Integration

Thank you for your attention

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