

The CROSSPLAN project

The research unit is coordinated by Professor Francesco Palermo and includes three post-doc researchers (Mattia Magrassi, Alexander Schuster, Davide Strazzari). The project's full title reads "Institutional solutions for strategic cross-border planning" and is financed for a two-year period by the Autonomous Province of Trento. The survey of best practices in handling cooperation among sub-national entities in and outside Europe aims at developing a common European pattern and, in a second stage, at transposing the results of the study to the case of the Brenner-area and providing a solution for optimal governance of, inter alia, the Innsbruck-Verona road and train infrastructures.

Languages of conference:

Primary working language is English; however, papers and contributions may eventually be given in French. No translation is provided.

Participation is free. The two sessions will be live broadcast on the internet. Please, visit the [Website of the Department of Legal Sciences](#).

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International Workshop CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN EUROPE THE PERSPECTIVE OF NATIONAL LAW AND ADMINISTRATION



3 - 4 November 2008

Conference Hall
Faculty of Law - University of Trento
Trento, Via Verdi 53

14.00 Registration of participants

14.15 Welcome address

GIANNI SANTUCCI - Head of the Department of Legal Sciences, University of Trento

1st Session – Cross-border Cooperation and International Instruments

Chair: **FRANCESCO PALERMO**, CROSSPLAN project supervisor, Director of the Institute for studies on federalism and regionalism, Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

14.30 Introductory Remarks

Presentations

14.45 *The Madrid Outline Convention: towards a third protocol?*

JOSEPH MARKO, Professor of Constitutional Law and Political Science, Graz University and Expert of the Council of Europe

Remarks: **ALICE ENGL**, Researcher, Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

15.15 *Regional cross-border cooperation in the Nordic countries: Nordregio*

OLE DAMSGAARD, policy advisor cross-border cooperation, Director, NORDREGIO

Remarks: **ELISABETH ALBER**, Researcher, Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

15.45 *Benelux Convention on Cross-Border Cooperation*

HANS MOOREN, BENELUX, General Secretariat

Remarks: **JENS WOELK**, Senior lecturer, Trento University and Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

16.15 Coffee break

16.45 *The instruments of participatory democracy applied to cross-border cooperation*

ALEXANDER SCHUSTER, Post-doc researcher, Trento University and Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

Discussant: **SIMONA PIATTONI**, Professor of Political Science, School of International Studies, Trento University

17.15 *Interstate regional agreements on cross-border cooperation : an overview*

DAVIDE STRAZZARI, Post-doc researcher, Trento University

Discussant: **DANIEL DÜRR**, Maître de conférence, University Lyon 2

17.45 *The role of sub-state entities within the context of EU territorial cohesion policy*

MATTIA MAGRASSI, Post-doc researcher, Trento University

Remarks: **SARA PAROLARI**, Researcher, Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

18.15 Wrap-up discussion

18.30 End of session

2nd session – The National Perspectives

Chair: **JENS WOELK**, Trento University and Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

9.15 Introductory Remarks

Presentations

9.30 *The foreign relations of the Italian territorial autonomies: general outline and case studies*

MARIO PANARO, Embassy counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Remarks: **LISA LANZONI**, Ph.D. candidate, Verona University

10.00 *The French experience in the area of cross-border cooperation: legal framework, actors and perspectives*

SÉVERINE REYMUND, Attachée d'administration centrale, DGCL, Ministère de l'Intérieur, France

Remarks: **DAVIDE STRAZZARI**, Post-doc researcher, Trento University

10.30 *Towards cross-border governance - Fundamentals and milestones of the Upper Rhine Cooperation*

MARTIN WEBER, Cross-border cooperation advisor, Canton of Basel-Stadt

Remarks: **ALEXANDER SCHUSTER**, Post-doc researcher, Trento University and Eurac, Bolzano/Bozen

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Round table and discussion

12.15 Concluding remarks – **FRANCESCO PALERMO**, CROSSPLAN project supervisor

12.30 End of session

CONTENT OF THE WORKSHOP

The issue is looked upon from the perspective of international, constitutional and administrative law, at both the theoretical and practical level. The research unit is particularly interested in benchmarking efficiency and results in the field of cross-border cooperation and guest speakers are invited to describe different attitudes toward policy drafting, policy evaluation and strategic planning, as well as how local or national governments interact with civil society in defining cross-border actions. The discussion will also focus on the EC regulation no. 1082/2006 as well as the ongoing drafting of a third protocol to the Council of Europe's Madrid Outline Convention. In spite of regional or bilateral agreements, each state and region adopts a different approach dependent on domestic constitutional rules. In a previous seminar, held in April 2008, the perspective of the sub-national units (particularly in the Italian legal system) has been analyzed. This workshop is intended to round up the picture by providing an insight from the national perspective.