

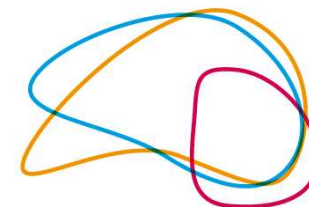


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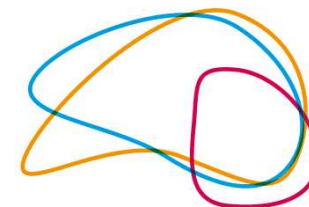
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## *Who are we?*

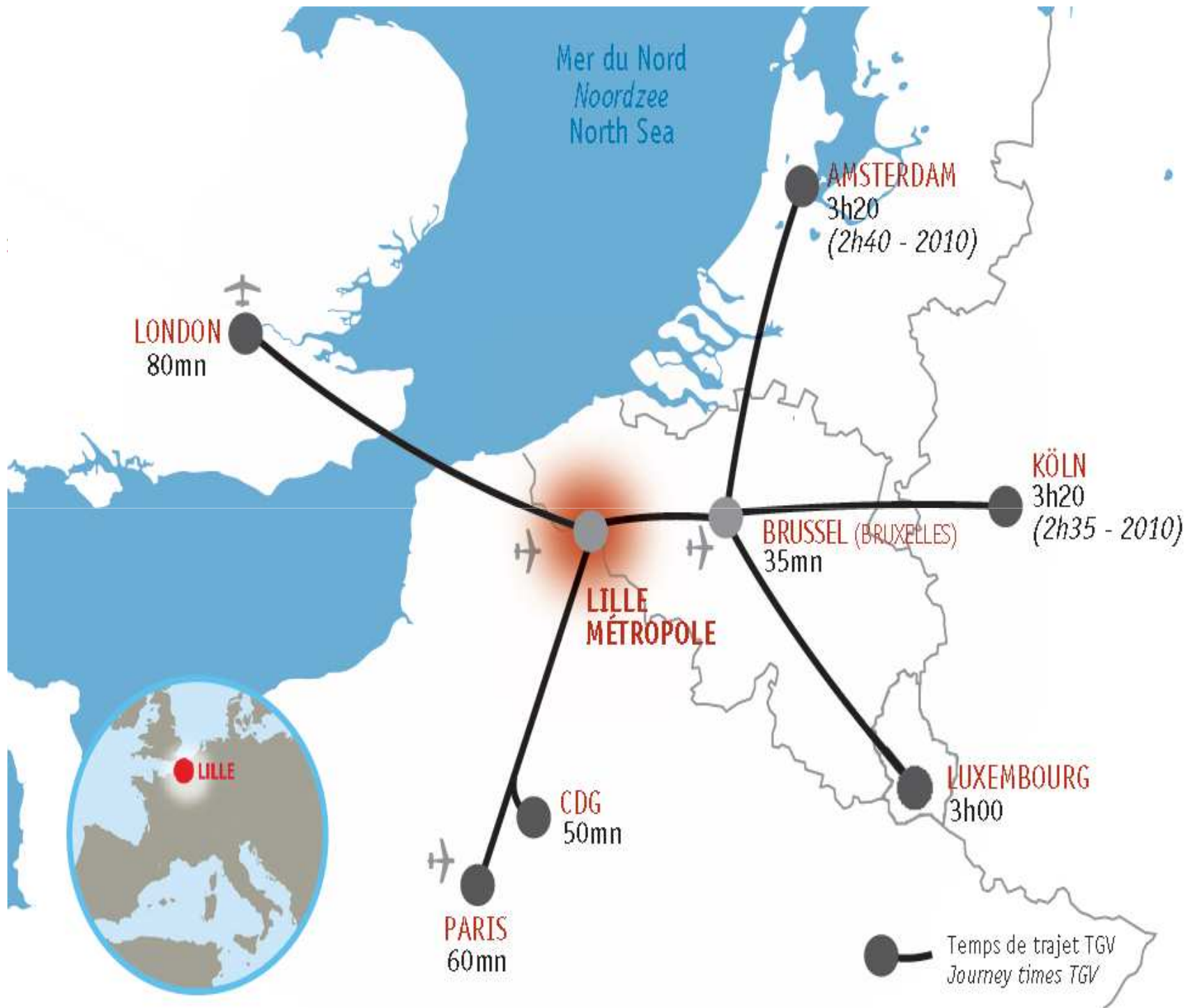
- a european cross-border metropolis, between 2 countries, 3 regions, with 2 languages (french, dutch)
- the first European Groupment of Territorial Cooperation in Europa
- an Agency = 1 director, 1 finance & administration, 1 communication, 4 project coordinators, 1 secretary
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# A cross-border conurbation

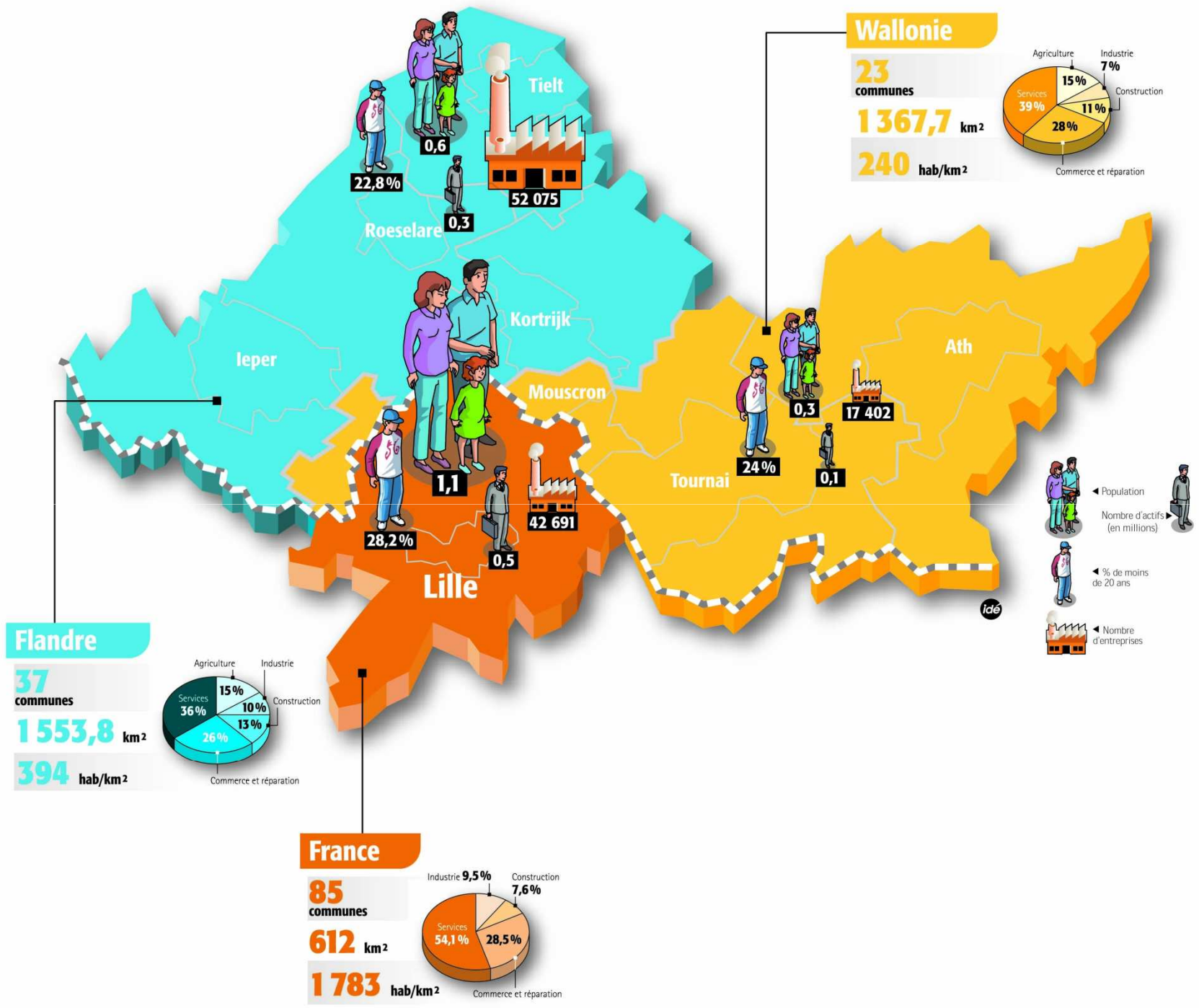
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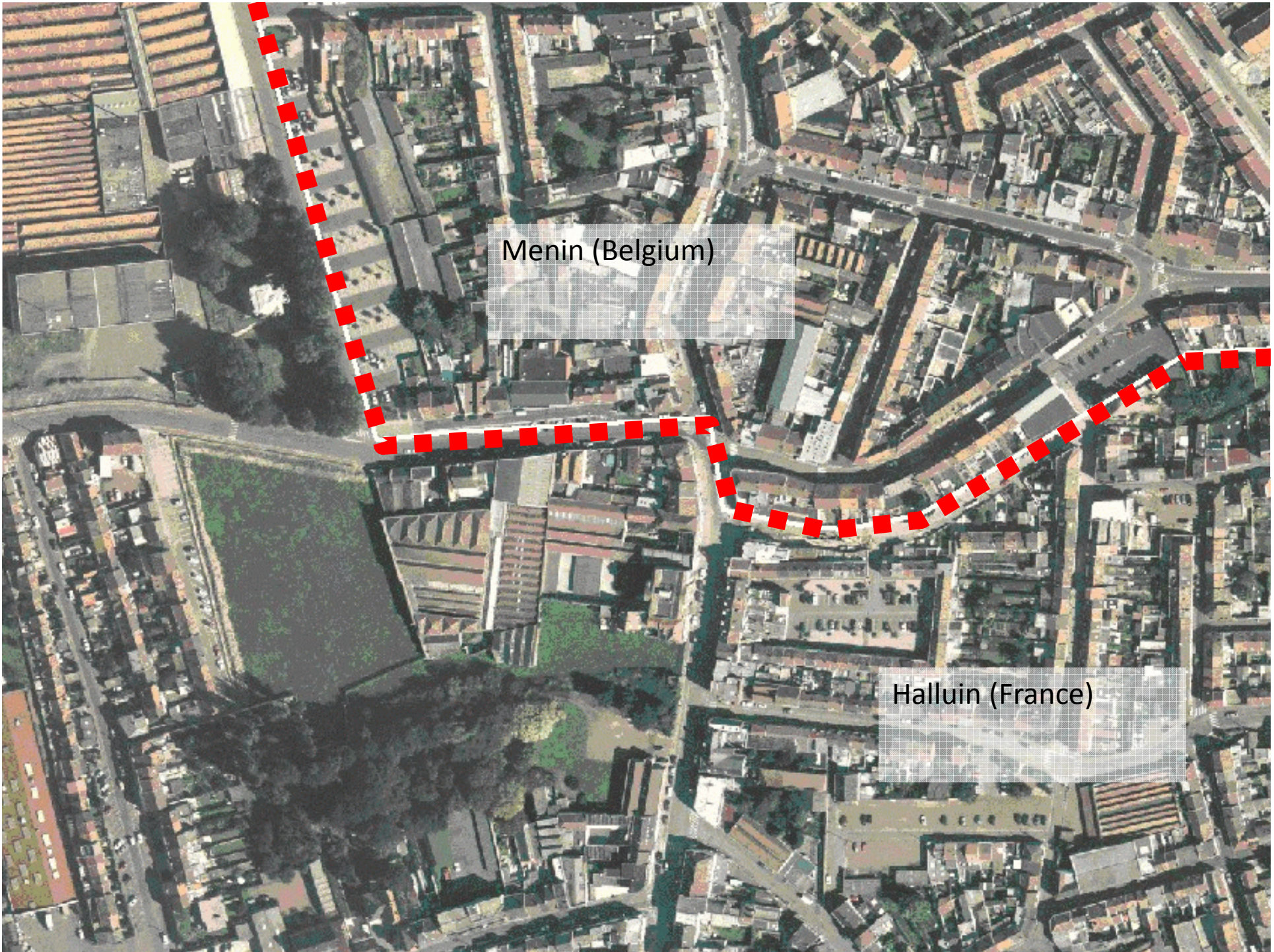
# A european cross-border metropolis



- Ranking : Top 30 of the european metropolis
- 2.200.000 inhabitants
  - 1.200.000 Lille (France)
  - 680.000 Flanders (Belgium)
  - 320.000 Wallonia (Belgium)








Menin (Belgium)

Halluin (France)





# 20 years of cross-border cooperation

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1991

- Set up of the “Permanent Conference of Cross-border Intermunicipal Organisations” (COPIT/ GPCI)

2002

- The French-Belgian Agreement on Cross-border Cooperation is signed

2005

- The above Agreement enters into force
- A French-Belgian Parliamentary Working Group is mandated in Nov 2005 by both Governments

2006

- The European Regulation 1082/2006 on EGTCs is adopted on July 5th 2006

2008

- The Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai is officially set up on January 28th 2008

2009

- Recruitment of staff for the Agency starts in June 2009

# The critical role played by COPIT/GPCI



COPIT/GPCI was a platform of cooperation between 5 local intermunicipal organisations and worked as a **cross-border cooperation laboratory**.

## Members of COPIT/GPCI :

LMCU	Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine (the Greater Lille ) - France
IEG	Mouscron - Belgium, Wallonia
IDETA	Tournai - Belgium, Wallonia
Leiedal	Kortrijk – Belgium, Flanders
wvi	Roeselare/leper – Belgium, Flanders

The European project “**Grootstad**” (1998-2002) resulted in a sector approach, which was summed up in the “**Strategy for a cross-border Metropolis**” with dozens of recommendations for action.

# French-Belgian Parliamentary working group



## A DOUBLE MISSION :

### MISSION 1.

Identify the main **legal obstacles to an effective cross-border cooperation in the Lille metropolitan area**, and more generally on the French-Belgian border.

### MISSION 2.

Define conditions of **experimentation** for adapted organisational patterns.



# French-Belgian Parliamentary working group



In 2007, the FINAL REPORT was delivered, with recommendations concerning :

- Cross-border projects **implementation modalities**, including **legal convergence** on specific topics
- Set up of an **integrated governance pattern** immediately applicable to the development project of Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Metropolitan area, and to the European scale cross-border metropolis.



**We are the first EGTC**

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# Our legal basis : 3 elements

**The EGTC European Regulation 1082/2006 adopted on July 5th 2006**

- EGTC= “cooperative groupings invested with legal personality”
- Potential members : member states / regional authorities / local authorities / bodies governed by public law / associations of the above

**Convention of Cooperation for Eurometropolis (January 2007)**

- Signed by 14 partners (4 French, 10 Belgian)
- Mission of the EGTC: “to promote and support an efficient and consistent cross-border cooperation within its territory”
- Respect of a “double-parity” principle
- Respect of bilinguism (FR/NL)

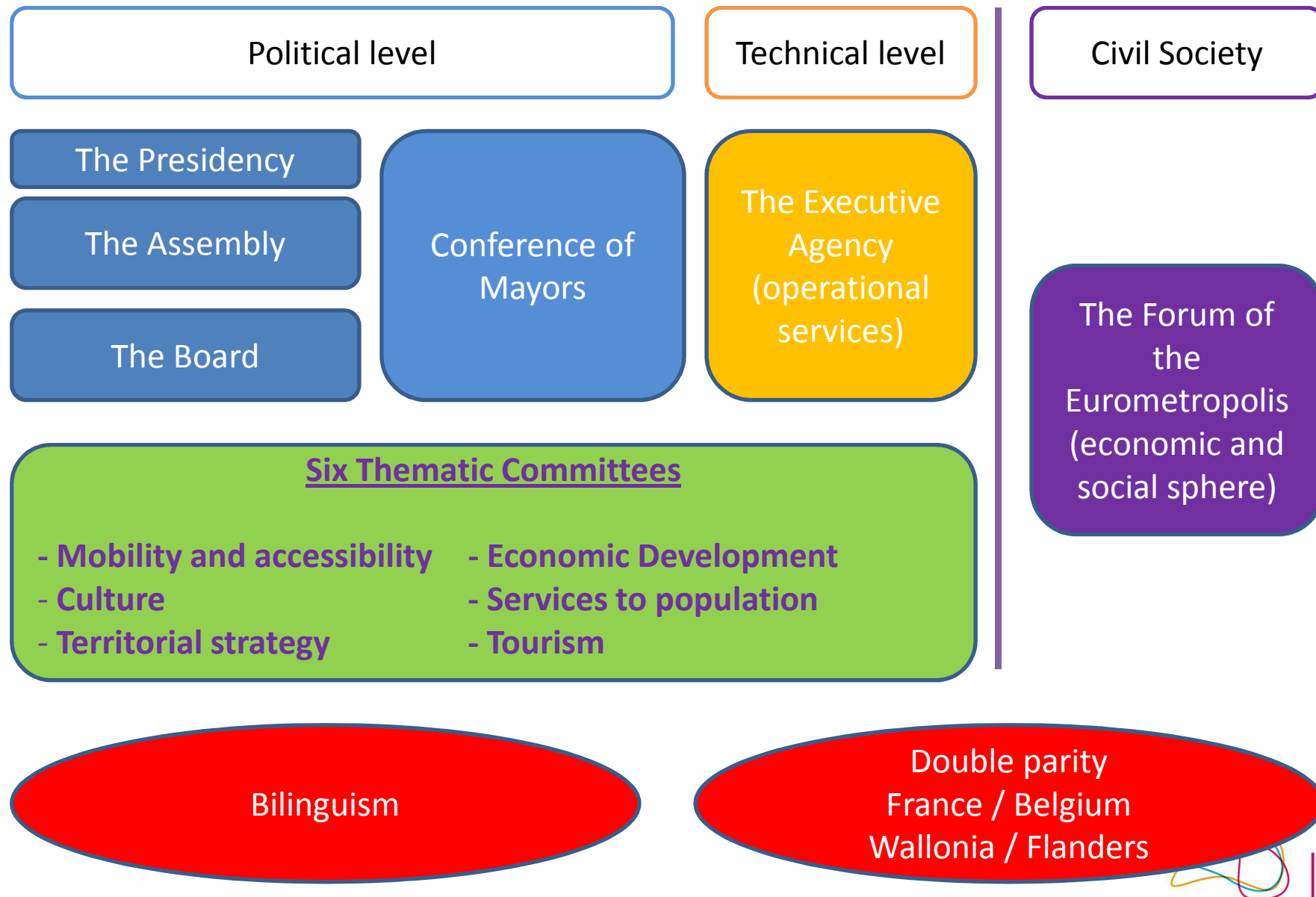
**Statutes of the EGTC (approved on 28/01/2008)**

- Purpose and missions
- Reference territory, registered office location (-> applicable law)
- organs : Assembly, Board, Chairmanship
- Advisory bodies: Conference of the Mayors
- Funding
- membership/withdrawal/Dissolution



FRENCH SIDE	BELGIAN SIDE
State level	
Etat	Etat Fédéral
Regional level	
Région Nord-Pas de Calais	Région et communauté flamandes
	Région Wallonne
	Communauté française de Belgique
Country level	
Département du Nord	Province de Flandre occidentale
	Province de Hainaut
Intermunicipal organisations	
Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine	Intercommunale Leiedal
	Intercommunale wvi
	Intercommunale IDETA
	Intercommunale IEG

# The governance of the Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai



# Added value of the EGTC



- New forms of governance : EGTC
  - A programme is carried by a non-national structure → greater neutrality
  - Laboratory of European integration & cohesion
  - Integration of the governance issue in ERFD funding
- Different types of EGTC: adapts to any form of cooperation!





# **A cross-border multi-level governance**

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# The principles



- Double parity :
  1. organs
  2. budget
- French-Dutch bilingualism
- No transfer of competence
- Evaluation after 3 years
- Advisory bodies :

# Multi-level governance



1. European level
2. State level
3. Regional level
4. Country level (province, department)
5. Intermunicipal organisations
6. Conference of mayors
7. Forum of civil society





# Conference of mayors

Roubaix 14-10-2009

# Forum of civil society



President : Patrick Peugeot

Members : 60

Conseil de développement de Lille Métropole : 30

Conseil de développement de Wallonie picarde : 15

Transforum (Flanders) : 15

Representing from social, cultural, research, educational,  
medical domains





# 1st session of the Forum

Tournai 28-09-2009

## 4 main objectives



1. Realising cross-border consistency throughout the entire territory
2. Ensuring consultation, dialogue and political debate
3. Facilitating, managing and realising projects
4. Facilitating daily life of the inhabitants



# Strategic plan



- Operational strategy
  - actions of workinggroups
  - analysis of Interreg projects
  - obstacle list of parliamentary workinggroup
- Place of EGTC in Europe (proximity)
- Design the Eurometropolis for 2030

Introduction, **Michel-François Delannoy**, Président  
du groupe de travail thématique Développement  
économique de l'Eurométropole

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## Innovation meetings

Kortrijk 04-03-2010







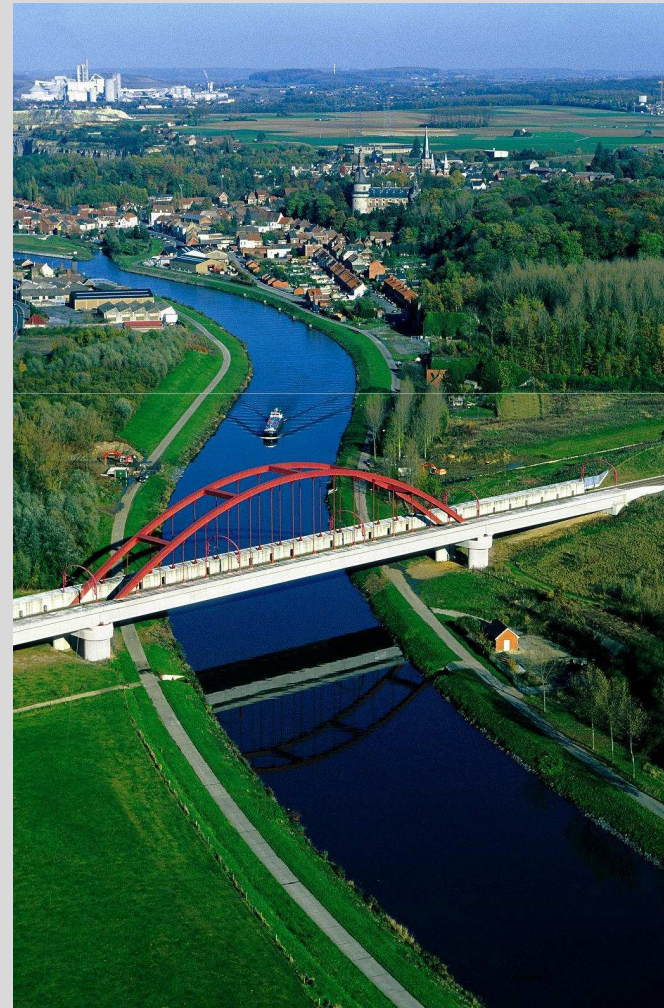
Special Assembly with Herman Van  
Rompuuy, President of European Council  
Lille 09-04-2010

# Our actions

- Strategy / vision
- Environment
- Economy
- Culture
- Services for the citizens
- Mobility
- Tourism

## Mobility / accessibility

- General assessment of mobility issues
- Development of soft transportation modes
- Train connections





# Economic Development

- Open Innovation Clusters
- Cross-Border Employment Fair
- Tax systems for workers and businesses
- Invest in Eurometropolis



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Chercheurs d'emploi, étudiants, jeunes diplômés...  
**Vous recherchez un emploi ?**  
Venez à la rencontre des entreprises de la région Nord Pas-de-Calais, de Flandre et de la Wallonie picarde,  
**Le 7 octobre 2009 à Lille Grand Palais de 10h à 18h**

Sur un seul lieu et un seul jour :

- rencontrez un maximum de professionnels (offres d'emploi en direct),
- contactez des organismes de formation,
- obtenez des informations sur les marchés de l'emploi français et belge ainsi que sur le statut du travailleur frontalier.

Munissez-vous de plusieurs exemplaires de vos CV

Pour plus d'informations, rendez-vous sur :  
**www.job-eurometropole.com**

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# Tourism

- Elaboration of a tourism map
- Sharing of touristic offer
- Training for staff and elected officials





## Services to the population

- Health
- Higher Education
- Mutualisation of existing facilities



## Territorial Strategy and Sustainable Development

- Exchange of experience concerning renewable energies in general and wind energy in particular
- Promotion of “Sustainable Neighbourhoods”



# Culture

- Cross-border cultural agenda
- Sharing of culture facilities
- Support to big scale cross-border events





# Transfrontalia

*Discover each other, know each other, speak each other*



- Action 1 : stimulate to learn the geography and history of the eurometropolis
- Action 2 : develop courtesy modules
- Action 3 : create a relief fund to encourage initiatives for meetings and/or fraternizations with 3 communities : triads
- Action 4 : develop a language portal



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## 1st International Conference on EGTC

3rd anniversary of Eurometropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai  
1st EGTC in Europe

28th January 2011

Detailed programme available from 1st December



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