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THEME
The European experience in Local and Regional Democracy

- Regional cooperation in Europe: overview
- Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
- The cross-border project management
- Cross-border clusters and business cooperation
- New energy concepts, innovative materials and resilience: scientific cross-border cooperation – University of Freiburg
- Transborder cooperation and regional initiatives on sustainable development / metropol
Key contributors

The Council of Europe

- One of the oldest international organisations dedicated to fostering co-operation in Europe
- 47 memberstates
- The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- Objectives: to promote human rights, local and regional democracy and the rule of law
- Main issue: the role of co-operation to meet the challenges of European society: cultural identity and diversity, achieving democrating stability, participation in public life of Youth

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- 1 congress, 2 chambers, 200 000 communities
- A watchdog for grassroots democracy
- Monitoring local and regional democracy

European charter of Local Self-Government

- Protects the rights of local and regional communities
- Establish the principle of the transfer of competences to local communities (included transfer financial resources)
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| Monday 20.04 | Regional cooperation in Europe: overview | Visits: the European institutions  
Plenary: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe | Boat tour  
Dinner                                        |
| Tuesday 21.04 | Transborder cooperation: a major asset for the European Union | Plenary: House of Europe Strasbourg-Alsace  
Standing Conference of the Association of European Border Regions | Workshop: how to build a cross-border project?  
Visit: Hospices de Strasbourg and tasting of wines  
Dinner                                        |
| Wednesday 22.04 | University of Freiburg: New energy concepts, innovative materials and resilience | Plenary: New energy concepts, innovative materials and resilience: scientific cross-border cooperation | Freiburg-im-Breisgau: tour in the city  
Dinner                                        |
| Thursday 23.04 | Cross-border clusters and business cooperation | Plenary: Biovalley: a case study  
Workshop: how to increase the enterprise-university cooperation for the design, manufacture and distribution of products | Visit: the Ungerer Museum  
Dinner show                                        |
| Friday 24.04 | Final discussion                         | Plenary: Final discussion  
Visit: the Haut-Koenigsbourg castle | Free time/ departure                                        |