

The "Cross-Border Metropolitan Regions" Initiative (IMeG)

Initiativkreis Metropolitane Grenzregionen

CROSS-BORDER METROPOLITAN REGIONS

Cross-border regions with potential for growth and innovation play a special role in the network of European urban and metropolitan regions. They help to strengthen European economic power and at the same time act as laboratories for European integration.



Unbounded sailing on Lake Constance (Harald Winkelhausen)

Cross-border metropolitan regions are diverse and future-orientated habitats and economic and cultural spaces – they are "Europe in miniature".

The cross-border metropolitan regions initiative (Initiativkreis Metropolitane Grenzregionen, IMeG) was established on March 17, 2011 in Berlin. The foundation members of the initiative are the federal state of Saarland as part of the Greater Region¹, the Regio Aachen e.V. as part of the Euregio Maas-Rhein and the regional associations Mittlerer Oberrhein, Südlicher Oberrhein, Hochrhein-Bodensee and Bodensee-Oberschwaben from the Trinational Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine and the Lake Constance region.

The interests of cross-border metropolitan regions can be represented more effectively in a joint venture. At the same time, the initiative wishes to provide stimuli to promote the cross-border regional development in terms of territorial cohesion.

In order to ensure successful positioning and cooperation of cross-border metropolitan regions within Germany and Europe, the initiative aims to find further partners and to actively support the work of cross-border institutions and European networks.

¹ Greater Region Saarland – Lorraine – Luxembourg – Rheinland-Pfalz – Région Wallone – Communauté Française de Belgique und Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft Belgiens



View from the three border point in Vaals in the direction of Aachen (Copyright Stadt Aachen/Andreas Herrmann)



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