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An example of a cross-border functional area

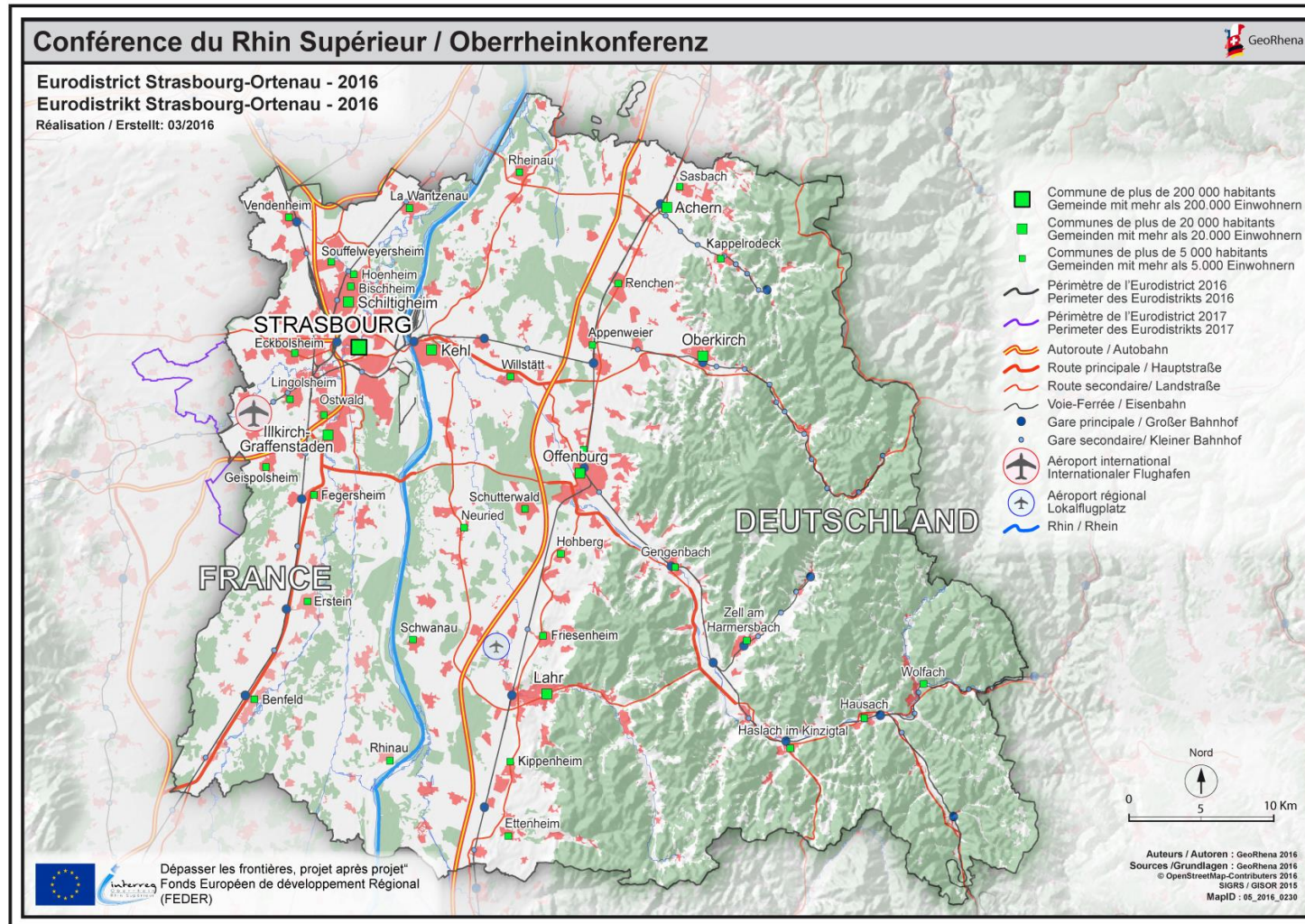


# CROSS-BORDER FUNCTIONAL AREA (CBFA) AT THE FRENCH-GERMAN BORDER



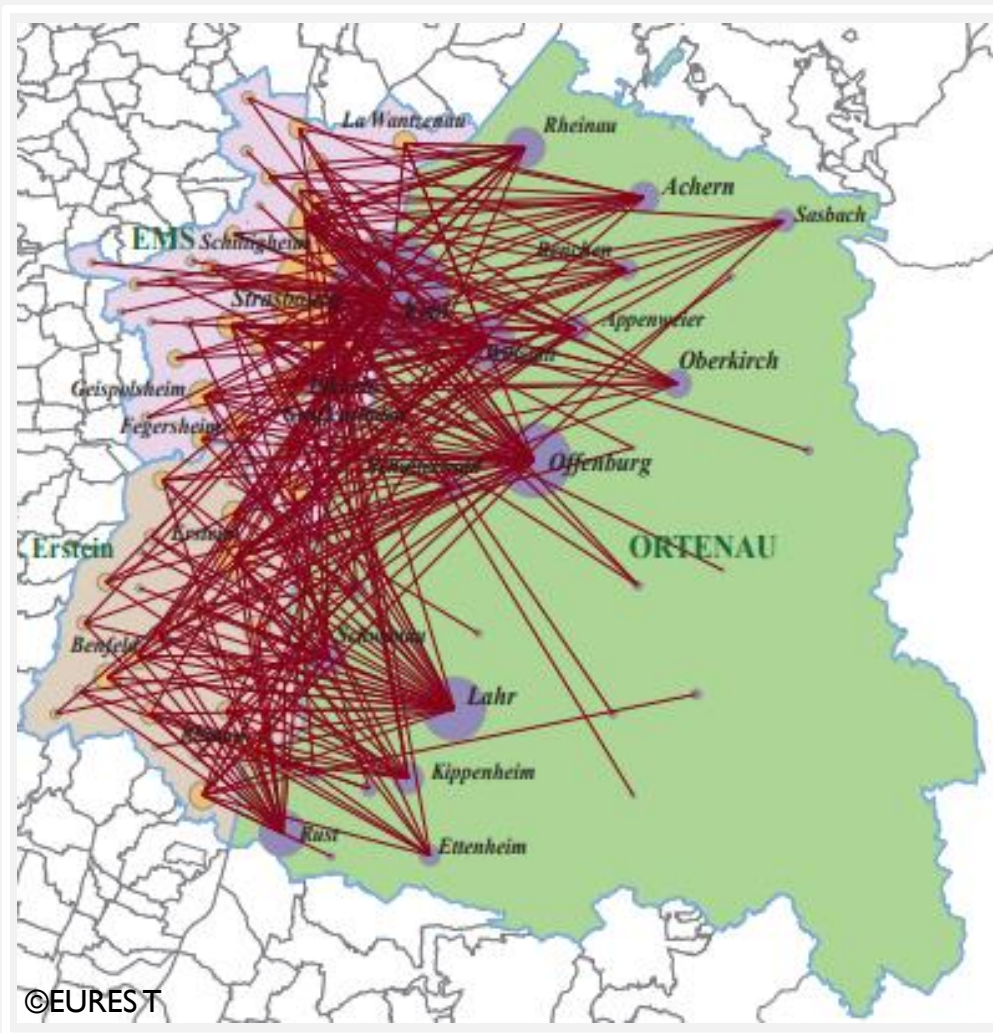


# TERRITORY OF MULTIDIMENSIONAL LINKAGES



- **112 municipalities**
- **2473 km<sup>2</sup>**
- **980 000 inhabitants**

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- **Political cooperation of EGTC**
- **Important cross-border commuter flows**



Experiment new forms of cross-border cooperation (overcome obstacles, create synergies)



Eurodistrict as a „European laboratory“



Improve and facilitate citizens' daily life



Creating cross-border encounters



STRASBOURG

ERSTEIN

BENFELD

RHINAU

# CHALLENGES

ACHERN

OBERKIRCH



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## CBFA – PROXIMITY TO BORDER

- **Geographical and perceived proximity** between neighbouring cities success factor for cooperation (Strasbourg & Kehl)
- **Cross-border functional areas can be even smaller than cross-border entities** (Euroregions, EGTCs etc.)





## CBFA – LOCAL DECISION-MAKING POWER

- **Decision-making power needed at the local level as success criteria for cross-border partnerships**



„Micro” challenges

- Will to cooperate
- Find adequate cross-border partners
- Communication
- Funding
- Comparable data

tools & politics at local level as solution





## CBFA – LEGAL FRAMEWORK IS KEY

- National borders remain barrier to cross-border cooperation in FA



- Tools & funding & channels for direct dialogue between sub-national and European level
- Legal framework applicable at local level for facilitating bottom-up cross-border integration



# THANK YOU AND STAY IN TOUCH!

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