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The aim of this two-day ITEM conference, organised in cooperation with the Province of Overijssel, is to promote cross-border cooperation and mobility by bringing parties together, sharing cross-border projects with each other and, above all, working on cross-border cooperation in terms of knowledge development and access to knowledge.

This year sees the fifth annual ITEM conference, and ITEM cordially invites you to this jubilee celebration in Enschede.



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Thursday 21 November 2019 | 10.00 am – 5.00 pm | Wilinktheater
Wenninkgaarde 40-42, Enschede

'Cross-border care and safety'

During this inspiring day full of success stories in the field of cross-border care and safety along the Dutch border, possible solutions for bottlenecks will also be discussed and presented.

Languages: Dutch/English

Moderator: Ms Simone van Trier, Mr Martin Unfried

10.00 – 10.30 am	Arrival and welcome of guests	
10.30 – 10.55 am	Welcome speech	Prof. Schneider, board ITEM Mr Welten, EUREGIO, The Mayor of Haaksbergen Mr Ramírez, Association of European Border Regions
10.55 – 11.15 am	Keynote address	Mr Valls, Working Community of the Pyrenees (Communauté de Travail des Pyrénées, CTP)
11.15 – 11.30 am	Presentation	Cross-border ambulance-related care, Mr Wouters (BENEGO)
11.30 – 11.50 am	Best practice 1	PREpare project (Pilot Region for Cross-border Emergency Care and Crisis Preparedness in the EUREGIO), Ms Boekhorst
11.50 am – 12.15 pm	Best practice 2	Euregio Maas-Rijn Incidentbestrijding en Crisisbeheersing (Euregio Meuse-Rhine Incident response and Crisis Management) - EMRIC, Ms Ramakers
12.15 – 12.30 pm	Questions	
12.30 – 2.00 pm	Lunch	
2.00 – 2.30 pm	Best practice 3	Euregional Centre for Paediatric Surgery (Euregionaal Kinderchirurgisch centrum), Prof. Van Gemert
2.30 – 3.00 pm	Best practice 4	Euregional RIEC East Netherlands (Regional Intelligence and Expertise Centre), Ms Molenaar
3.00 – 3.30 pm	Speech	Evaluation of EURIEC, Mr Geerlings and Prof. dr. Nelen
3.30 – 3.45 pm	Questions	
3.45 – 4.15 pm	Concluding speech	Mr Peters, European Commission (DGRegio) Mr Blom, Benelux
4.15 – 5.00 pm	Drinks	

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PROGRAMME:

Languages: English, German, Dutch (interpreting into/from Dutch, English, and German)

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Grote Kerk

10.00 – 10.30 am [Arrival of guests](#)

10.30 – 11.30 am [Welcome and keynote addresses](#)

King's Commissioner for Overijssel, Mr Heidema
Mayor of the Municipality of Enschede, Mr van Veldhuizen
German Ambassador to the Netherlands, Mr Brengelmann
Board ITEM, Prof. dr. Schneider

11.00 – 11.15 am [Interview: cross-border cooperation](#)

11.15 am – 12.30 pm [Plenary panel sessions: cross-border cooperation](#)

11.15 - 11.45 am: **Cross-border governance structure**

University of Twente – dr. Jaansoo
Region connector – Mr van Damme
Region connector – Ms Farwick
European Commission (DG Regio) – Mr Peters
Benelux – Mr Blom
ITEM/Maastricht University – Prof. dr. Bollen-Vandenboorn

12 noon – 12.30 pm: **Examples of projects in practice**

MUMC+ (Euregional Centre for Paediatric Surgery) – Prof. van Gemert
EMRIC (Euregio Meuse-Rhine Incident response and Crisis management) –
Ms Ramakers
Regional Intelligence and Expertise Centre East Netherlands –
Ms Molenaar

12.45 – 1.00 pm **Speech: ‘Benelux und Deutschland, Chance für alle vier’ (Benelux and Germany: Opportunities for all four countries)**
Mr Fricke, Bundestag (German parliament)

Wilminktheater (Wenninkgaarde 40-42)

1.00 – 2.30 pm **Lunch**

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2.30 – 4.00 pm **Five information sessions (held in parallel in separate areas)**

‘Building cross-border cooperation’

1. **Cross-border cooperation in practice (governance in euregio’s & legal instruments)**

Session leader: ITEM, Mr Unfried *Kienhuis Hoving Foyer*

2. **Cross-border statistics (labour market information Dutch-German border)**

Statistics Netherlands (CBS), Mr van der Valk and moderator Ms Woldringh
Congreszaal 1

3. **Working towards a platform for knowledge sharing on cross-border cooperation: ‘cooperating knowledge institutions present themselves’.**

Session leader: ITEM, Prof. dr. Bollen-Vandenboorn *Urencozaal*

4. **Cross-border employment: labour mediation, services, and neighbouring language policy.**

Session leader: Euregio Rhine-Waal, Mr Kamps / Former Ambassador for euregional education, Ms Straus / Platform 31 'SGA lessons learned', Ms Ghauharali and Ms van Eeden *Congreszaal 2*

5. **Cross-border care and safety**

Session leader: ITEM, Ms Kortese *Sociëteit*

Grote Kerk (Oude Markt 32)

4.15 – 4.35 pm **Speech: ‘Possible solutions for cross-border projects’**

ITEM, Mr Unfried

4.35 – 4.45 pm **Concluding speech: ‘Building cross-border cooperation’**

ITEM, Prof. dr. Bollen-Vandenboorn

4.45 – 6.00 pm **Networking and drinks**