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Programme

ReCMA Conference

Regional cooperation in maritime areas

*Challenges and outlooks from the case of
post-Brexit English Channel Space*

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Conference site

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SEPTEMBER 14th & 15th 2023

As in-between spaces dealing with specific challenges, maritime areas often require transnational cooperation involving various agents, from local authorities to national governments or economic actors. The challenges may concern flow management, maritime policing, or environmental protection. This conference addresses the specificities of regional cooperation in maritime areas, in particular in maritime border areas. It aims at opening perspectives and reflections on the impact of territorial transitions linked to these cooperation dynamics, whether it be economic, institutional, or functional.

The conference draws on the specific example of Brexit as a territorial transition that has had significant effects on cooperation in the English Channel space, and more precisely in the Strait of Dover. From this specific example, the conference widens the analysis and introduces a comparative approach with other regional cooperation initiatives in maritime areas: Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, the Atlantic Ocean.

Three main axes that will be dealt with are:

- *The specific situation of straits, as hybrid maritime-terrestrial spaces of cooperation but also as areas bearing their own challenges due to social and geographical proximity. Cooperation may involve spatial and urban planning initiatives,*
- *The governance of maritime areas involving multi-level public or private local, national, or supranational agents*
- *Regional, transnational, and cross-border cooperation initiatives in the field of culture.*

SEPT. 14th
14:00 - 17:30

14:00-14:45 Welcoming address

- **Sandrine Chassagnard-Pinet**, Vice-president Research in Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Lille
- **François-Olivier Seys**, Dean of the faculty FaSEST, University of Lille
- **Philippe Deboudt**, Director of TVES research centre, University of Lille

14:45-15:15 Introduction and presentation

- **Thomas Perrin**, Associate professor, TVES research centre, University of Lille
- **Nathan Rizzuto**, PhD. student, TVES research centre, University of Lille

**15:15-15:45 Opening conference: When the sea does have character.
Post-Brexit maritime cooperation as place-consciousness**

- **Matteo Nicolini**, Professor, Faculty of Law University of Verona

15:45-16:20 Coffee break

**16:20-16:50 Cross-Channel projects in Anglo-European dynamics: exposure
and territorialisation of cultural policies and (para)diplomacies**

- **Elias Msaddek**, PhD student, CORPUS research centre, University of Picardie Jules Verne

16:50-17:30 Objectives and action of the Straits Committee

- **Mireille Hingrez-Cereda**, Vice-president of the Departmental Council of Pas-de-Calais
- **Christophe Caillier**, Policy officer at the Departmental Council of Pas-de-Calais

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SEPT. 15th
9:00 - 17:00

9:00-9:30

Small boat crossings and the challenges of FR-UK maritime rescue cooperation in the Channel

• **Camille Martel**, PhD. student, IDEES research centre, University of Le Havre Normandie

9:30-10:00

A comparative approach to FR-UK cross-border cooperation initiatives in the Channel (Normandy vs. Hauts-de-France)

• **Nathan Rizzuto**, PhD. student, TVES research centre, University of Lille
• **Robin Thillard**, PhD. student, IDEES research centre, University of Rouen Normandie

10:00-10:30

Challenges and limits to transnational cooperation in the Caribbean

• **Frédérique Turbout**, Research associate, Social Sciences Research House at the University of Caen Normandie

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-11:30

Macro-regional cooperation in the Mediterranean : processes and perspectives

• **Gemma Aubarell Solduga**, Director of the Culture, Gender and Civil Society Department, European Institute of the Mediterranean

11:30-12:00

Dynamics and cooperation projects in the Atlantic Space

Jean-Pierre Girod & Brigitte Lavigne, « Les CESER de l'Atlantique »

12:00-13:30

Lunchtime

Planning cross-border maritime spaces

13:30-14:45

Round-table 1 : « *How can we strengthen land-sea cooperation between European neighbours? What is the right scale for action?* »

14:45-15:15

Coffee break

15:15-16:30

Round-table 2 : « *Green and blue transition: towards maritime cross-border functional areas?* »

16:30-17:00

Wrap up of the conference

• **Samer Bagaeen**, Professor, School of Architecture and Planning, University of Kent & **Jean Peyrony**, Director General of the Mission opérationnelle transfrontalière



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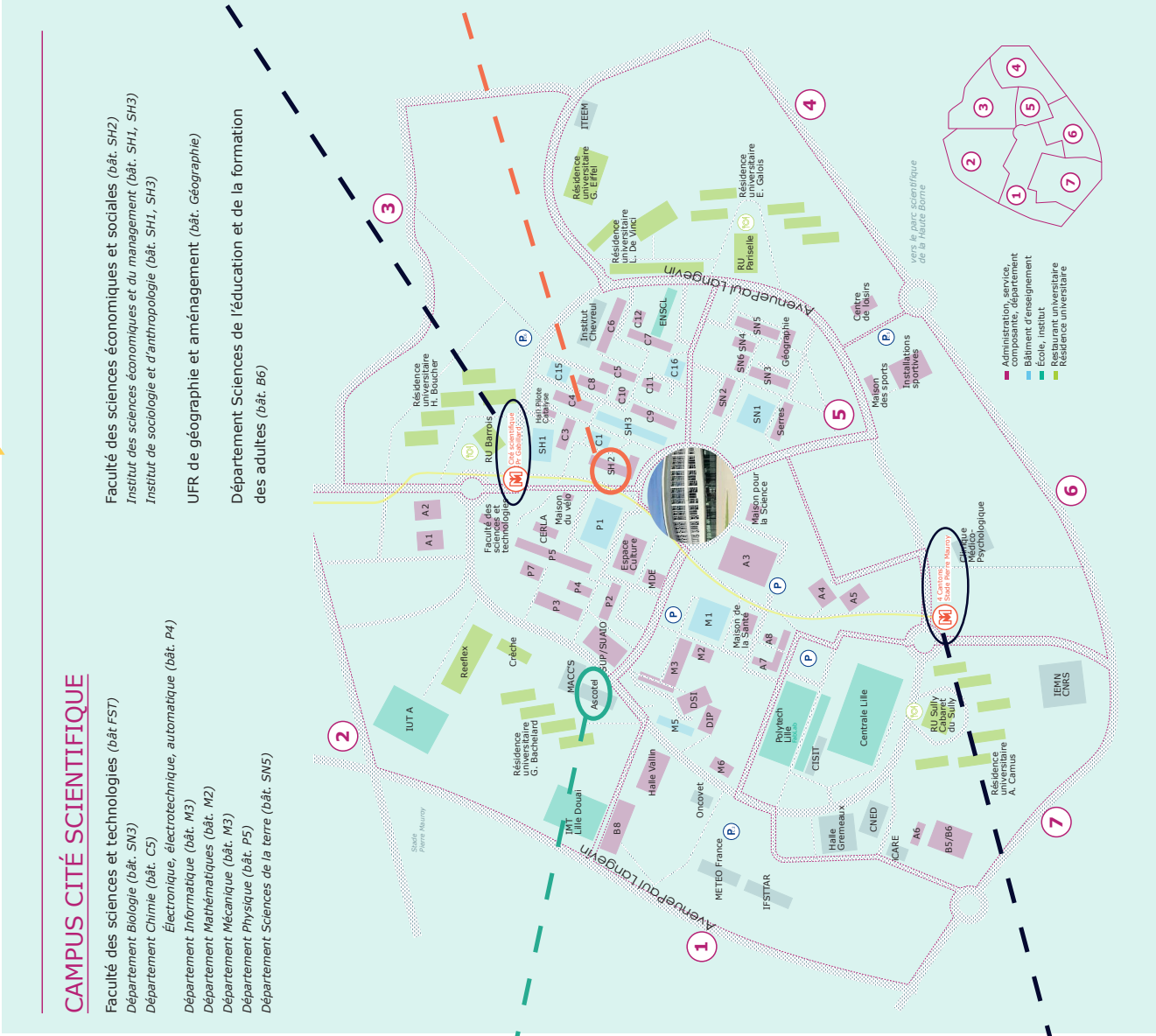
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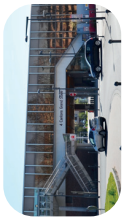
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