Wrap up

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Technical Director with the Environmental Planning team at Arcadis

Elected Councillor at Brighton and Hove since 2019 (re-elected 2023)

Set up the Brighton Planning School in 2008 and the Kent Planning School in 2018

Chartered Town Planner & Design Council Expert

Trustee of the Royal Town Planning Institute (2023-2025) and Chair of the RTPI’s International Committee in 2023

Worked with the Rockefeller Foundation’s global resilience programme as an Associate Director

In Kent, managed Cultural Co-location, a Creative Estuary project funded by the Cultural Development Fund (2020-2023) and now a Board Member for Creative Estuary (2023-2026)
Camille Martel

Small boats crossings – Search & Rescue (SAR) France-UK

Stop the Boats both an English & French priority (political optics versus ability to deliver in practice)

Border as a practice – look at where border controls take place

Pull factor theory – search & rescue detrimental to efforts to dissuade migration (surely this is the case in a number of places)

What is the EU role? Why is this only a French-British problem to solve?
EU ACTION PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN

2022 irregular arrivals to the European Union have increased across all routes confirming once more the need to find sustainable and structural European solutions to our common challenges based on the comprehensive approach set out in the New Pact on Migration and Home Affairs, including renewed action on the external dimension of migration.

Adopting the Pact in all its aspects remains the main priority. In the framework of the gradual approach adopted earlier this year under the French Presidency, the Czech Presidency is advancing the discussions on solidarity balanced along with responsibility, ahead of the Justice and Home Affairs Council of 8 December 2022.

The October Justice and Home Affairs Council had addressed the recent evolutions in the Western Balkans migratory route, which has also recently seen a large increase in migratory movements. The discussion focused, in particular, on the visa policy of the Western Balkan region and the key areas for cooperation with the Western Balkan partners, identifying common initiatives to be deployed to step up European action.

Latest events have put a spotlight on the Central Mediterranean route where over 90,000 migrants and refugees arrived in 2022, departing mainly from Libya and Tunisia, and originating primarily from Egypt, Tunisia, and Bangladesh—an increase of over 50% in comparison to 2021. Most of these arrivals reached the European Union after hazardous journeys, and search and rescue operations at sea.

The European Union has been addressing this issue over the past years, including through targeted outreach towards third countries (i.e., Tunisia, Egypt, and Bangladesh) to strengthen cooperation on the fight against smuggling and targeted actions along the routes (i.e., Niger) through the reinforcement of border and coast guard capacities, enhanced
Robin
A comparative approach to cross-border cooperation
In the dynamics of channel crossings..., logistics flows are critical
The role of elected politicians (in Brittany)

Nathan
The impact of Interreg collaboration and its impact on local authorities in the region (financial contributions)
Interreg 2 Seas
Kent County Council
The role of the elected leaders and those that are civil servants or technical advisors
The different mandates for counties, French departements, etc.
Connected Communities

Value of EU Grant to Kent County Council - €748,856

Name of funding programme - Interreg Channel Programme

Start and end dates - May 2019 to April 2023

This €5.09 million 4-year project is co-financed with European Regional Development Funding through the Interreg France Channel England Programme. The project has received €3.5 million ERDF Funding through the Interreg France Channel England Programme.

Through the Connected Communities initiative, a new Social Prescribing Plus service will be tested in several pilot areas in Kent. This will be delivered by the Public Protection Group which has significant experience working on the front line with residents, in particular vulnerable residents, and within communities, for example tackling anti-social behaviour.

Key benefits for Kent

A new Social Prescribing operating model will be trialled and tested in Kent pilot localities.

Opportunities for Kent to benefit from shared learning from European partners.
Kent overwhelmingly votes to leave the EU

- Only Tunbridge Wells (inland) voted to stay
- Loss of competence of county councils
- The conversion of country councils into regional powerhouses as part of a devolution deal
Island States must bolster resilience to existential climate threats

**Limits of transnational cooperation in the Caribbean**

- Extremely fragmented area
- Governments across the Caribbean will need to re-think how they work with the cruise industry in a more cohesive and integrated way.
- Close attention must also be paid to improving local infrastructure and to facilitating the involvement of local people
- Maintaining biodiversity in the area
Strengthening Resilience and Ending Vulnerability in Small Island Developing States | Joint SDG Fund

Making Small Island Developing States more climate resilient | UNOPS
Dynamics of cooperation in the Mediterranean
Health
Energy
Climate Change

More comprehensive & more inclusive?
The Atlantic Arc as a geopolitical space

The importance of a territorial approach and civil society integration
Insurance for resilience

how insurers can promote resilience in the face of climate change
Active government decision: waive entry visas for the Rugby World Club

Millions of British and French nationals cross the borders / there is also complimentarity

Trust between nations critical

Work going on in Kent at the Port of Dover using data/tech to enable speedier crossings (EU digitalization of ports also mentioned)

Political boundaries + collaborations / functional boundaries + collaborations
Merci!

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