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Abstract	The article provides an overview of the framework, approaches and concepts related to cross-border vocational education and training (VET) mobility in Europe, with a special focus on the Greater Region SaarLorLux. It begins by characterising the Greater Region SaarLorLux, including its labour market and education profile, describing existing transboundary VET youth mobility initiatives.. Subsequently, a case study exemplifies the potential and challenges of transboundary VET in the Greater Region SaarLorLux.	
Content and main findings	Cross-border vocational education and training (VET) opens up numerous opportunities for transboundary labour markets , but it also requires certain adaptation and harmonisation of different VET systems. Using European and international VET mobility concepts and initiatives as a starting point, the article focuses on the Greater Region SaarLorLux and its labour market . Methodologically, the article draws on extensive literature and online database research, interviews with stakeholders and VET students, as well as the research experience of the contributing authors. The analysis provides an overview of the VET mobility frameworks, key actors, initiatives and programmes in the Greater Region SaarLorLux , such as the 2014 <i>Framework</i>	

	<p><i>Agreement on Cross-border Vocational Training in the Greater Region</i> and the so-called task force <i>Grenzgänger</i>, including their development and impact in recent years. For a better understanding of the specific language situation of the Greater Region SaarLorLux and its role in VET, language policies of all regions involved are illustrated, and projects focusing on language learning in VET are briefly described. Lastly, a case study focusing on the work of the Specialist Centre for Cross-border Training (FagA/CAMT) is outlined. Established in 2013 as a non-profit organisation, the FagA/CAMT organises and promotes cross-border internships in neighbouring countries for young people from Lorraine (France), Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate (both Germany). The analysis reveals that many participants in cross-border internships lack sufficient language proficiency, leading to difficulties on many levels. This underscores the need for VET concepts that explicitly address cultural and linguistic differences and help to motivate trainees to take full advantage of transboundary VET mobility. Furthermore, the article concludes that cross-border VET mobility will become increasingly importance in cross-border labour markets within the next few years.</p>
Remarks	<p>The authors of this article provide various perspectives of the regions involved in the Greater Region SaarLorLux, since they are affiliated with universities in Luxembourg (Nienaber, Birte; Pigeron-Piroth, Isabelle; Helfer, Malte: University of Luxembourg), France (Belkacem, Rachid: Université de Lorraine) and Germany (Polzin-Haumann, Claudia; Reissner, Christina; Dörrenbächer, Peter H.; Funk, Ines: Universität des Saarlandes).</p>

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