



Links with the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

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Committee of the Regions

1. The EGTC as a tool to cross-border governance.

2. Current activities of the Committee of the Regions.

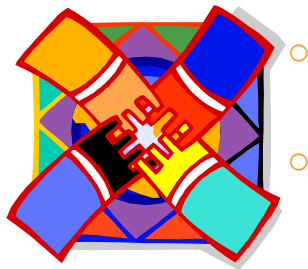
3. Contribution from the URBACT project EGTC to the CoR activities

1. The EGTC as a tool to cross-border governance.

- The EGTC Regulation gives a legal framework for territorial cooperation
- Legislative instrument at EU level, but anchored at the territory.
- Legal personality: stability, certitude, engagement, participation
- Multi-level governance: The EGTC allows a variety of multi-level institutional formatting.
- Territorial cohesion: Legal capacity to deliver structuring development projects
- Potential in macro-regions.
- Potential vis-à-vis Third Countries

2. Activities of the Committee of the Regions (I)

- Provisions of the Treaty: Specific consultative role on cross-border cooperation.
- Regulation 1082/206/EC (art. 5) → Information to the CoR
- Agreement of the Bureau in 2006 → Play a supportive role
- Principles:



- Interinstitutional cooperation.
- Constructive and forward-looking approach.

2. Activities of the Committee of the Regions (II)

■ Monitoring:

- Implementation of the legislation
- EGTC set up and in constitution

■ Some implementation gaps in AT, BE, DE, IT. MT has not implemented.

■ Currently 13 EGTC have been constituted + 1 recently signed.

2. Activities of the Committee of the Regions (III)

List of EGTC setups:

- ❖ « Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai », FR–BE, 01/2008
- ❖ « Ister-Granum », HU–SK, 05/2008
- ❖ « Galicia-Norte Portugal », ES-PT, 09/2008
- ❖ « Amphictyony », GR-CY-IT-FR, 12/2008
- ❖ « UTTS », HU-SK, 12/2009
- ❖ « Duero-Douro », ES-PT, 03/2009
- ❖ « Karst-Bodva », SK-HU, 02/2009
- ❖ « West Vlaanderen / Flandre-Dunkerque-Côte d’Opale », FR-BE, 04/2009
- ❖ « Euroregion Pirineus - Mediterrània », ES-FR 08/2009
- ❖ « Eurodistrict Strasbourg-Ortenau », FR-DE 02/2010
- ❖ « ZASNET », PT-ES, 03/2010
- ❖ « Grande Region », LUX-BE-FR-DE, 04/2010
- ❖ « Hospital de la Cerdanya », ES-FR, 05/2010
- ❖ « Archimed », ES-FR-IT-GR-CY (signed 04/2010)

2. Activities of the Committee of the Regions (IV)

- Studies 2007 and 2008.
- Study 2010: “The EGTC developments on the ground”

- **Open Days** monographic workshops.
 - Workshop on EGTC the 6 October 2010 afternoon.
 - Open Days meeting point → stand on EGTC.
 - Open Days university → Open to studies on EGTC.

2. Activities of the Committee of the Regions (V)

- Opinion on “The EGTC” adopted in 2008 (rapporteur Ms Mercedes Bresso, PES/IT)

- Opinion “**The EGTC: towards the legislative revision**”
 - Rapporteur: Mr Nuñez Feijoo (EPP/ES) appointed in february 2010.
 - First debate in COTER: June 2010.
 - Adoption of the draft opinion by COTER: November 2010
 - Adoption by the plenary: February 2011.

2. Activities of the CoR (VI)

- Website & common consultative platform.
- Expert group and progressive transformation into a network.
- Joint Consultation on EGTC: Open till 20 July 2010.



3. Synergies URBACT project EGTC and the CoR

- Most valuable expertise.
- Contribution to the Joint Consultation.
- Direct contribution to the CoR opinion on EGTC.
- Presentation during the Open Days.
- Work together with the EU2020 Monitoring Platform.
- Standing EGTC network!
- Possible URBACT EGTC 2.0 ?

Conclusive words:



Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity.

Robert Schuman, 9 May 1950



Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations



Thank you

Merci

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Vielen dank

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