

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Project and EGTC Perspective**

**Simplification of European Territorial Cooperation in the post-2020 programming period**

Brussels, 22 November 2017

**Description:** The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify key causes of complexity and structure the discussions on the day of the workshop. An analysis of replies and most common complexity issues will be presented on the day by the moderators and the outcome of this questionnaire will be used in the final report that will be shared with other EU institutions.

Please return us the filled-in questionnaire to [egtc@cor.europa.eu](mailto:egtc@cor.europa.eu) by **6 November.** At the bottom of each table you will find an "other" row where all other complexity issues can be specified. For practical reasons we would prefer contributions in English.

**1. CROSS-BORDER, TRANSNATIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION – INTERREG A, B and C**

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| **Potential causes of complexity** | **Evaluation**  *(please classify from 1-5:*  *1= not complex*  *5= very complex)* | **What exactly is the problem?**  *(please describe)* | **What would be suitable solutions?** | | |
| Changes of the Legal Base Regulation/delegating/ implementing acts  *(Y/N; if yes, please specify which rule and if possible how and when)* | Changes in the application of the existing rules  *(Y/N; if Yes please specify)* | Other Measures *(i.e. better co-operation, more guidance, technical assistance etc.)* |
| **Managing authority** | | | | | |
| Support from the Managing Authority |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support in case of unforeseen events |  |  |  |  |  |
| First level control |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Preparation of the projects** | | | | | |
| Finding reliable partners |  |  |  |  |  |
| Language and cultural barrier |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Application procedure** | | | | | |
| Questions of eligibility |  |  |  |  |  |
| Priority axes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Documents required for application |  |  |  |  |  |
| Timing of selection procedure |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Awarding projects** | | | | | |
| Information provided to rejected projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transparency on the project selection |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Management of projects** | | | | | |
| Co-financing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bureaucracy related to project management |  |  |  |  |  |
| VAT rules |  |  |  |  |  |
| Procurement rules and procedures |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eligibility of costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exchange rate |  |  |  |  |  |
| Payment of reported costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stare aid rules |  |  |  |  |  |
| Simplified costs options |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cooperation with national authorities / local authorities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Link between national/regional and EU regulations and legislation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rules set by the programme |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold plating by Member States |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Reporting and follow-up** | | | | | |
| Online reporting systems |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visibility of the projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share of time dedicated to administrative requirements |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reporting procedure |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other complexity issues** | | | | | |
| Others: |  |  |  |  |  |

**2. EUROPEAN GROUPING OF TERRITORIAL COOPERATION (EGTC) RELATED ISSUES**

**INTERREG PROGRAMMES AND OTHER EU FUNDED PROGRAMMES**

THIS PART IS ONLY FOR EGTCs

EGTCs – Please also answer the section 1 is you have worked on Interreg projects

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| EGTC not considered eligible |  |  |  |  |  |
| EGTC not considered to represent multiple member states |  |  |  |  |  |
| EGTC staff not recognised |  |  |  |  |  |
| Management authority has no knowledge about EGTCs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Certain expenses made in project are not recognised |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-public authority members of EGTC considered problematic by the Managing Authority |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other complexity issues: |  |  |  |  |  |