

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation is an entity with legal personality provided by the European Union. Its main legal basis is Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 amended by the regulation (EC) 1302/2013 and some articles from the Regulation (EC) No 1299/2013 and Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013. EGTCs facilitate and promote territorial cooperation, in view of strengthening the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion.

EGTCs are made up of public entities and/or non-profit private entities providing public services from at least two countries. This composition naturally enables EGTCs to take on new Interreg projects more quickly and efficiently. You can check the regulations listed above for the detailed requirements.



Can act as the Managing Authority or be responsible for managing the part of the Interreg programme that relates to the territory of the EGTC

Can be an Interreg project beneficiary (either as lead partner, project partner, or *sole beneficiary*)

Intermediate body for the management and implementation of Integrated Territorial Investment (Art. 36 Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013)

Can act as First Level Control in case of acting as the Managing Authority

Beneficiary of Joint Action Plan (Art. 104-109 Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013)

EGTCs can make your programme implementation easier! How?

- EGTCs are naturally born beneficiaries of Interreg: EGTC partnerships naturally fulfil cooperation criteria.
- They offer the possibility to establish a stable, long-term commitment of partners, therefore strengthening cooperation.
- EGTCs provide the chance to build on existing knowledge and experience of the partnership.
- Working with an EGTC means only having one entity to contract and monitor, thanks to the sole beneficiary rule.
- EGTC offer the possibility for project partners to hire staff together and make joint purchases.
- EGTCs can be a useful tool for implementing macroregional strategies.
- EGTCs may build links to other programmes/funding sources, spreading the reach of territorial cooperation.

What can your programme do to make the most of EGTCs?

- Include the sole beneficiary rule in your implementation provisions (contracts, monitoring system, FLC guidance, etc.)
- Be aware of which EGTCs exist in your programme area and if their objectives align with your programme's objectives.
- Think about including relevant EGTCs among your key programme partners.

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