

**INTERact**



# Project Development Seminar

EGTC as a potential Interreg beneficiaries

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# EUROPEAN GROUPINGS OF TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006  
amended by Regulation (EC) No 1302/2013

an entity with **legal personality**

defined to facilitate and promote **territorial cooperation**

between Member States, national, regional and/or local authorities and other public-law bodies, also from third countries\*

with the aim of strengthening economic, social, and territorial **cohesion** in the European Union



## Legal personality

- Have a certain **organisation**
- Can act on behalf of its members
- Can employ **staff**
- Has its own **budget**
- Can receive grants (e.g. EU grants), loans
- Can rent/buy offices/equipments
- Can contract supplies, works and services
- Can take and be part of legal actions



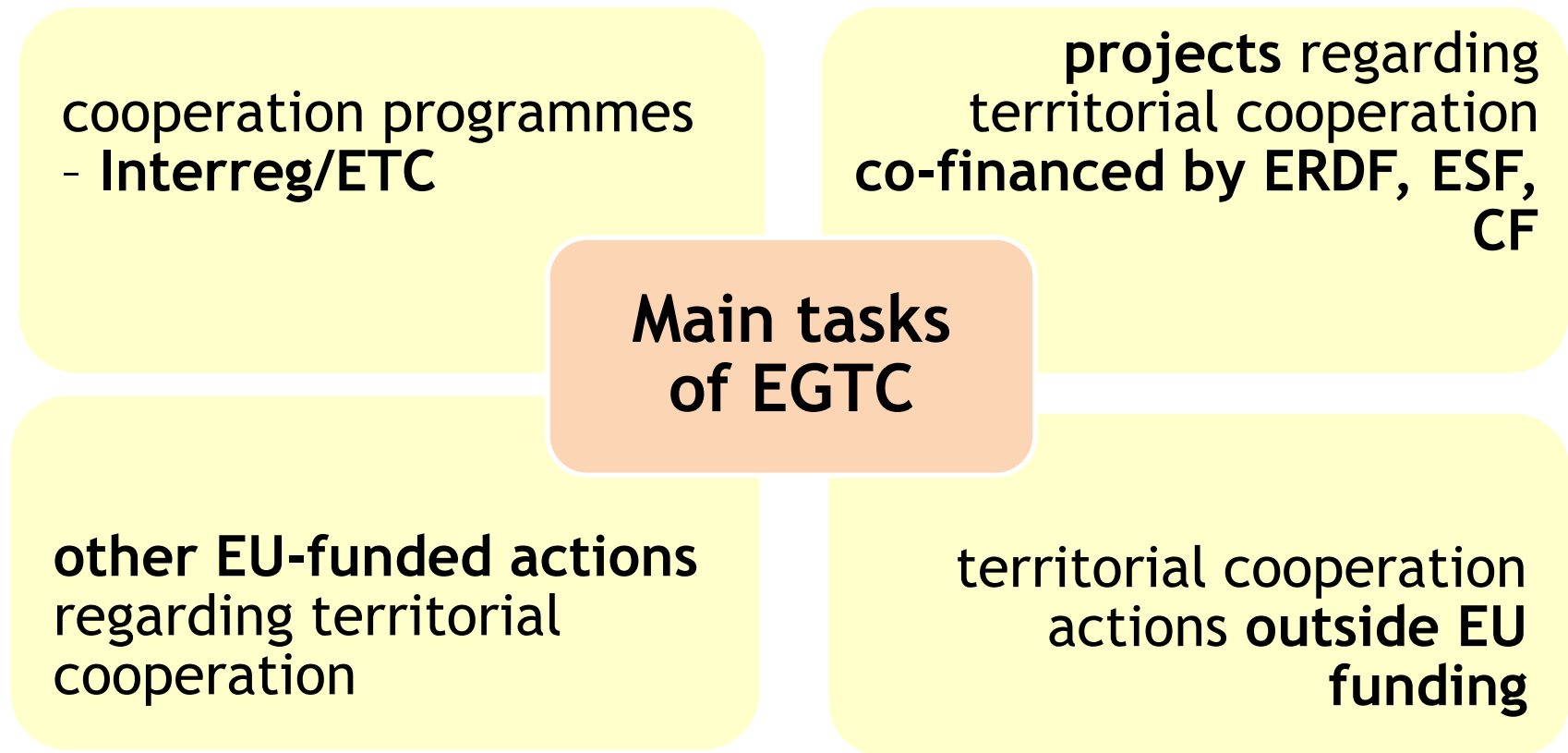
- *EGTC has the «most extensive legal capacity» under the legislation of a Member State where it has a headquarter*
- *Status (private/public) is determined by the legislation of a Member State of a headquarter*



## EGTCs facilitate and promote territorial cooperation



- Interreg - all 3 strands
- Interregional and transnational actions within operational programmes of the Investment for growth and jobs goal (Art. 96(3)(d) Reg. (EC) No 1303/2013)
- Other (with or without EU financing)
  - **Broad scope of actions and tasks**
  - Limits: Powers of the State such as police, regulatory, justice or foreign affairs



- *Member States may restrict the tasks that EGTC may carry out without EU financing - Interreg investment priorities always on board!*



# EGTC composition

Members from **min. 2 Member States**

Members from min. **2 Member States** and min. **1 neighbouring third country and/or overseas countries or territories (OCT)**

Members from **1 Member State** and min. **1 neighbouring third country and/or OCT**

The third country:

- must be neighbour of one of the Member States involved, or be part of one joint CBC, transnational or sea-basin programme
- adopts similar legislation or signs an agreement with one of the Member States involved in the EGTC

The EU Member States involved authorize it.

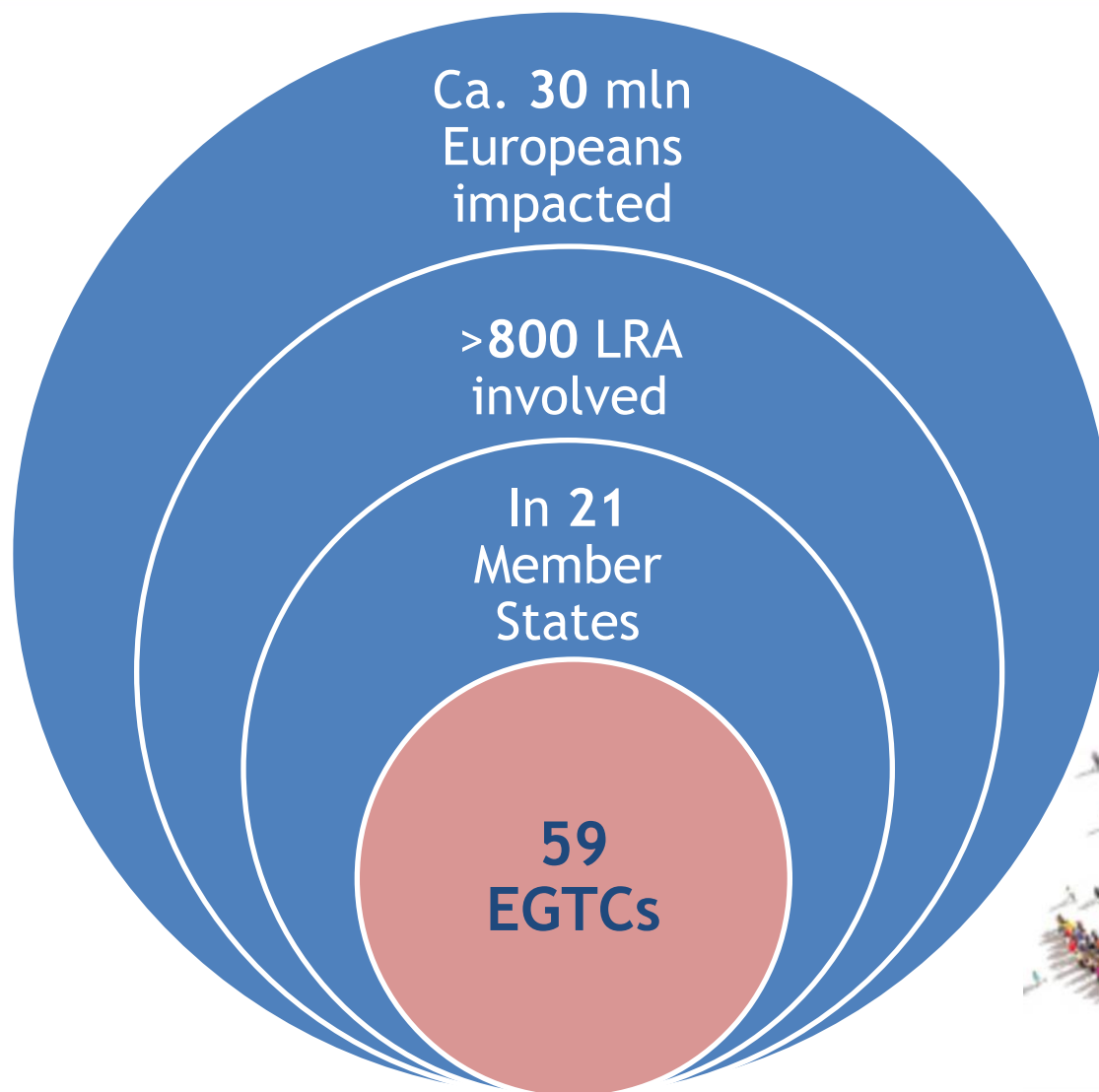
- Member State means also outermost regions



## Applicable legislation

- 1. EGTC Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 amended by Regulation (EC) No 1302/2013**
- 2. Provisions of an EGTC convention, where authorised by the EGTC Regulation**
- 3. Other applicable EU legislation (e.g. public procurement, EU fund specific provisions)**
- 4. National rules of Member State of a headquarter (control/audit, budgetary rules, public procurement, etc.)**







**Groupements européens de coopération territoriale (GECT)**  
**European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)**  
**Europäischer Verbund für territoriale Zusammenarbeit (EVTZ)**

**GECT créés**  
**Existing EGTC**  
**Bestehende EVTZs**

MARS  
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Type of cooperation  
Art der Zusammenarbeit

Transfrontalière  
Cross-border  
Grenzüberschreitende

Transnationale et interrégionale  
Transnational and interregional  
*Transnationale und interregionale*

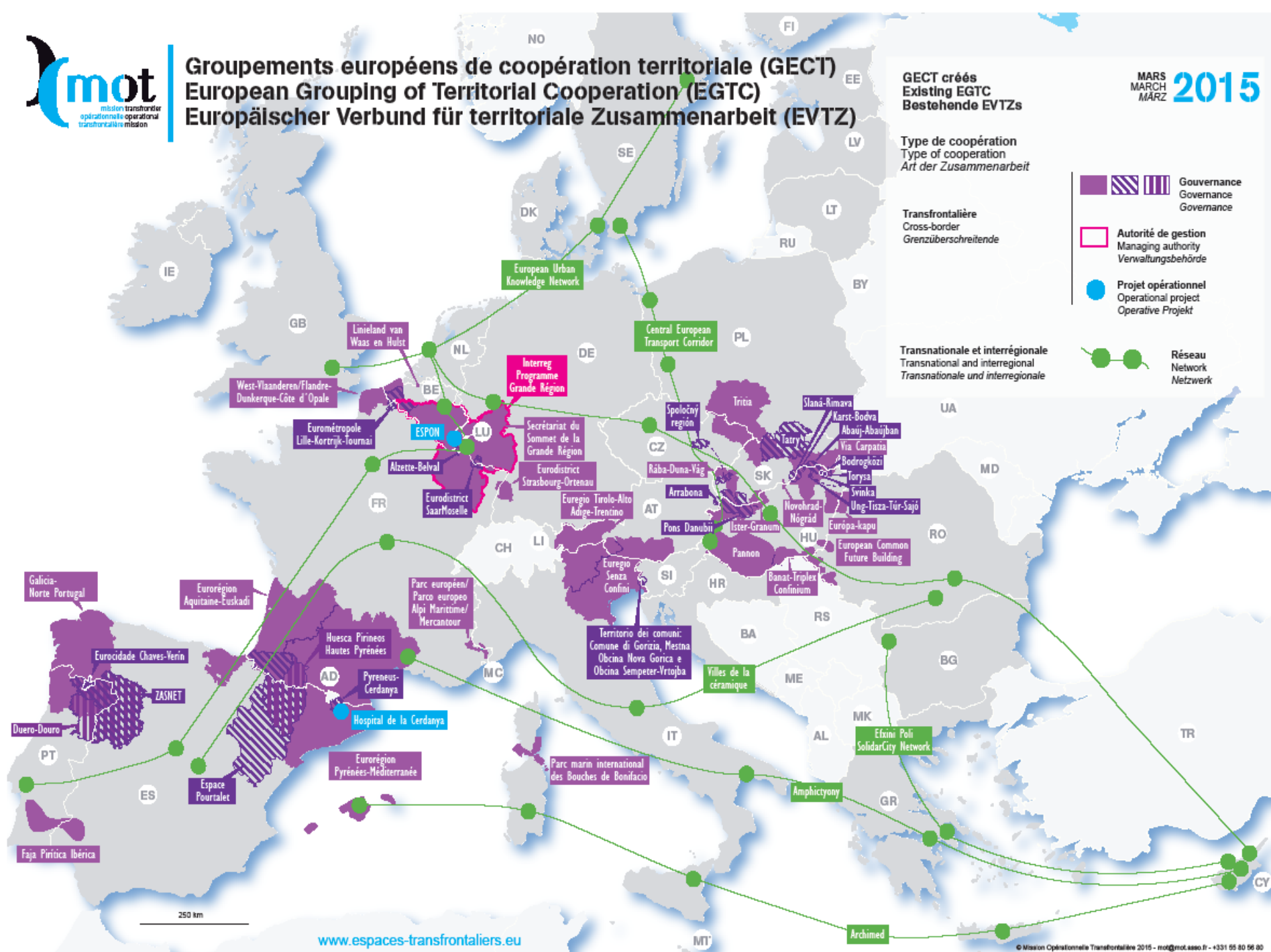
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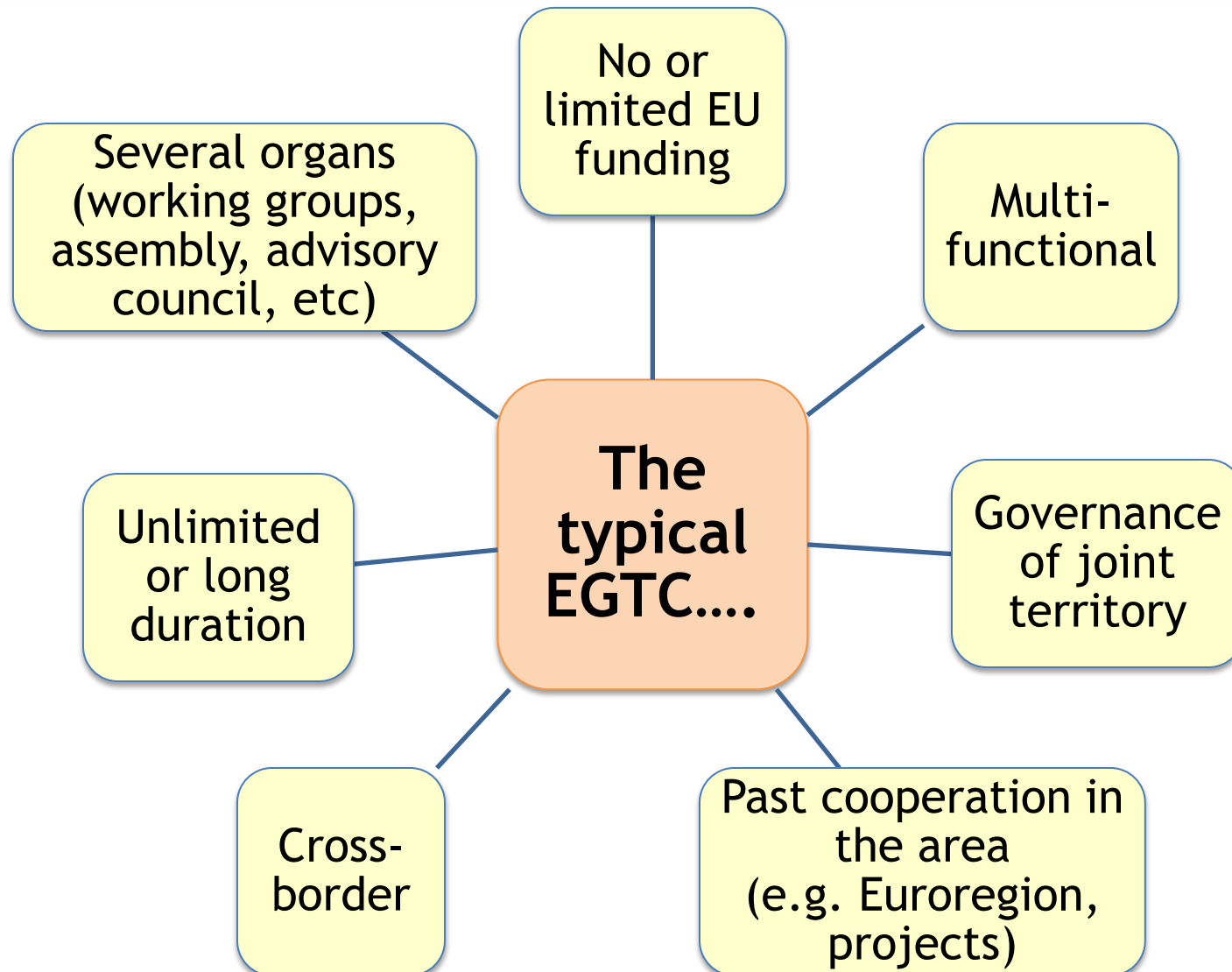
 **Autorité de gestion**  
Managing authority  
Verwaltungsbehörde

 **Projet opérationnel**  
Operational project  
*Operative Projekt*



Réseau  
Network  
Netzwerk





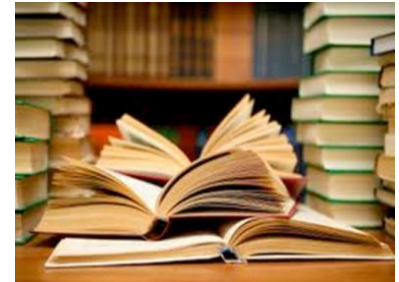


## Growth and jobs

- EGTC Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai (FR, BE): economic pole for development and attracting investments

## Education

- EGTC Pyrénées-Méditerranée (FR, ES): creation of a joint university campus and course



## Culture, heritage, tourism and environment

- EGTC Karst-Bodva (SK, HU): through EU financing, implementation of environmental protection



## Health

- EGTC Cross-border hospital Cerdanya (ES, FR)

## Small Project Fund

- EGTC Tatry (PL, SK)
- EGTC Via Carpatia (SK, HU)

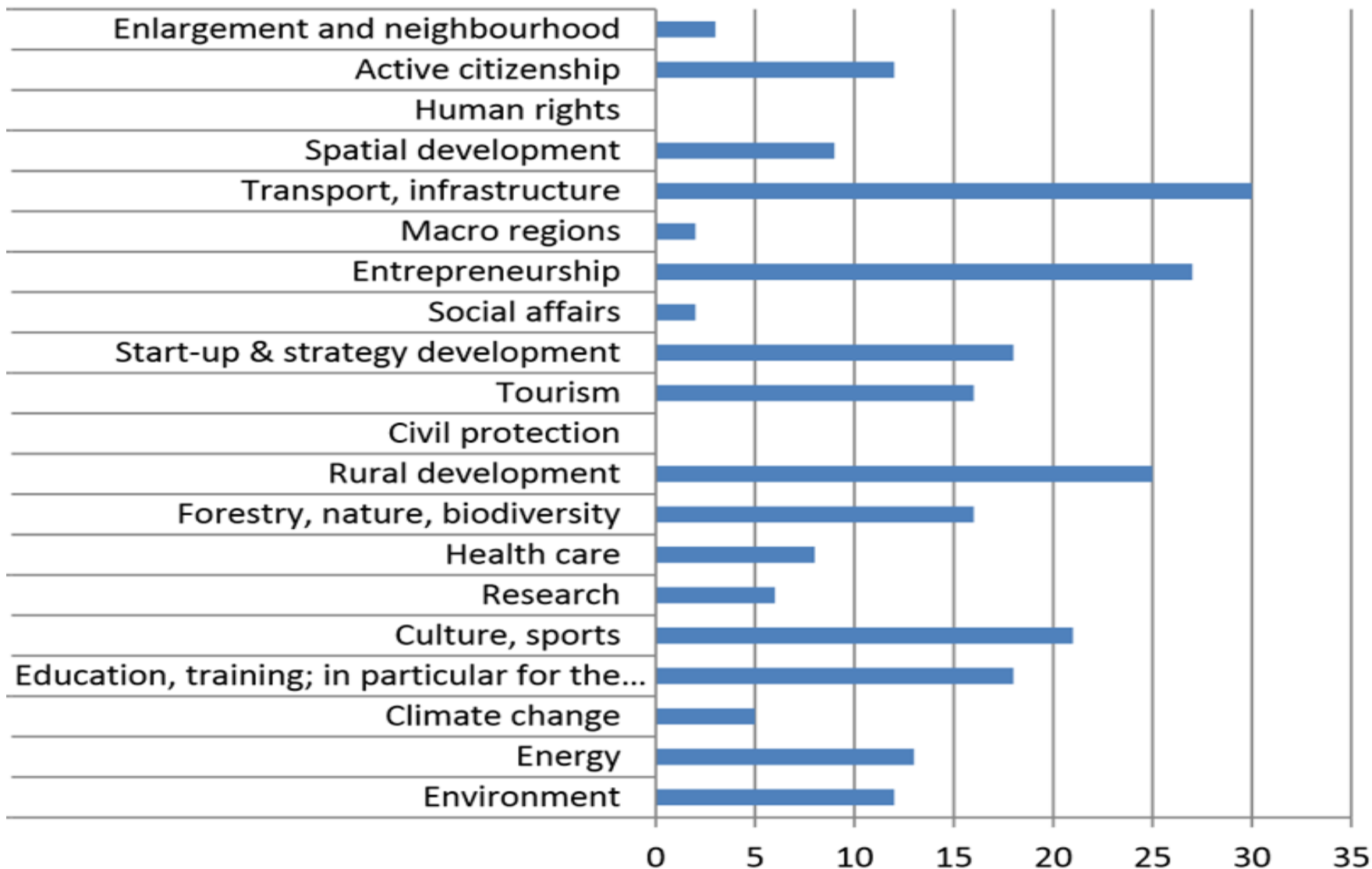


## Sole beneficiary

- ESPON EGTC (LU, BE)

## Involvement in ETC 2007-2013 projects implementation

- 18 out of 49 EGTC (in 2014)
- In total in 44 ETC projects



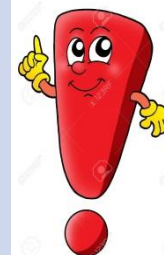


## EGTCs in Interreg

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

Intermediate body for the management and implementation of Integrated Territorial Investment (Art. 11 Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

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



Can act as First Level Control

Beneficiary of Joint Action Plan (Art. 9 Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)



## Interreg's naturally born beneficiaries

may build links to  
**other programmes/  
funding sources**

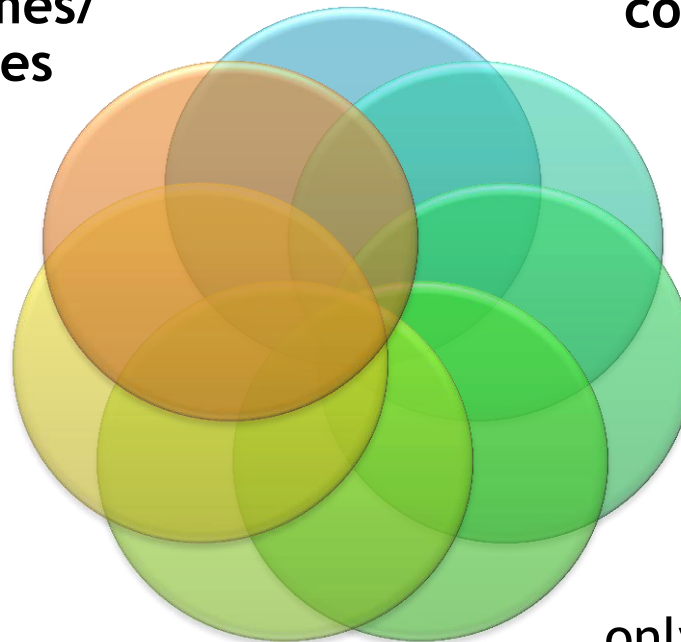
**a stable, long-term  
commitment of partners**  
→ strengthening  
cooperation

a useful tool for  
implementing  
**macro-regional  
strategies**

build on **existing  
knowledge and  
experience** of the  
partnership

offer the possibility for  
project partners to **hire  
staff together and  
make joint purchases**

**only one entity to  
contract and monitor**  
when EGTC is a sole  
beneficiary





## 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 - talk to EGTC!
- ☐ External dimension - CBC with third countries - operation location eligibility (Art. 20(2)(b) Reg. (EC) No 1299/2013)



- Need of awareness among LRA, public and EC services
- Efforts with EGTC establishment





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# Questions?





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