

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)



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What is the EGTC?

The EGTC is a Community instrument for the creation of cooperative groups of public authorities from different Member States. An EGTC is invested with legal personality, and may, amongst other things, be used for the joint management of European Territorial Cooperation programmes and projects, with the objective of overcoming any obstacles hindering them. Use of the EGTC is optional.

Why?

Currently very few European Territorial Cooperation programmes are managed by a joint authority, such as a transnational or cross-border body like a Euro-region. This can have implications on a programme's ability to hire international staff and can bind them to a restrictive national legal framework. Where this is the case, the EGTC may be an ideal way of alleviating these difficulties.

What does INTERACT do?

INTERACT assists the process of creating an EGTC at various stages, including the preparation, request for authorisation, set up and implementation phases. It also provides examples of EGTCs already in place and offers a detailed overview of how each Member State incorporates the EGTC Regulation into its national framework. Although the EGTC is not primarily foreseen as a facilitator of cooperation with third countries, INTERACT can also provide specific guidance on this issue.

How?

INTERACT EGTC support ranges from seminars and on demand advisory services, to a variety of publications which are available on the INTERACT website. The online documents include the INTERACT EGTC handbook which contains a roadmap for setting up an EGTC, as well as template models for EGTC statutes and conventions and an FAQ.

INTERACT EGTC services aim to support programme authorities in the use of and reflection on the EGTC for programme management. For project management, INTERACT EGTC services can offer solutions in terms of more efficient and coordinated project management, as well as helping the sustainability of the partnership after project closure.

For whom?

INTERACT EGTC services primarily provide support to programme authorities. However, project developers and coordinators wishing to create a sustainable structure for project management are also targeted, through seminars run by INTERACT on the EGTC and the INTERACT EGTC handbook.

In addition, programme authorities can contact INTERACT at any time to request specialised seminars, advisory services, workshops or receive information by phone or e-mail.

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