



European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation



The contribution from the Committee of the Regions

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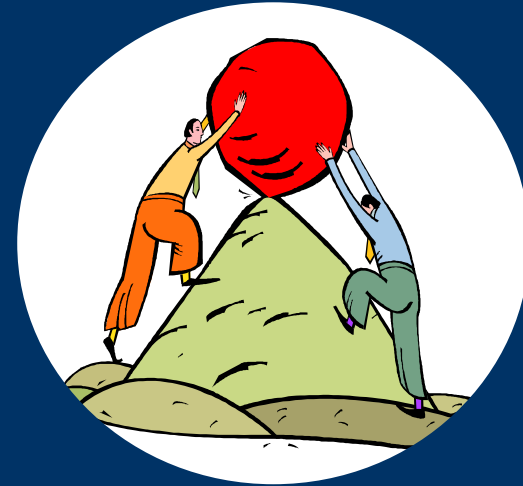
EGTC, a new Regulation. Which perspectives?

**Regulation
1082/2006**



Implementation

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**Regulation
1082/2006**





Territorial cooperation at EU level

Which progress so far?



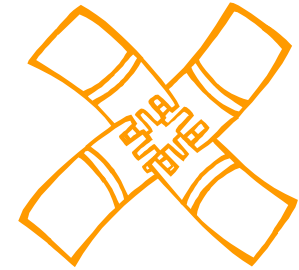
81/879/EEC: Commission Recommendation of 9 October 1981 on transfrontier coordination for regional development
Done at Brussels, 9 October 1981.
For the Commission
Antonio GIOLITTI,
Member of the Commission





Establishing an EGTC, why?

Multilevel Governance tool
and / or operational structure



Territorial co-operation
also beyond EU funding



(Public) Legal entity
based on EU law
and endowed with
EU jurisdictional guarantee





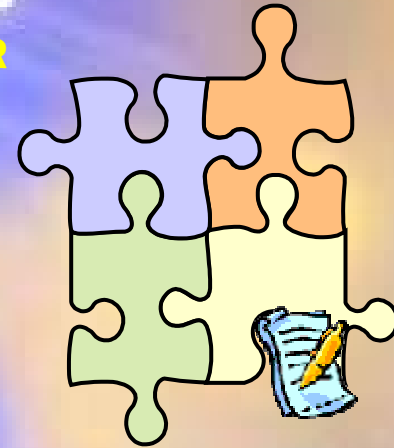
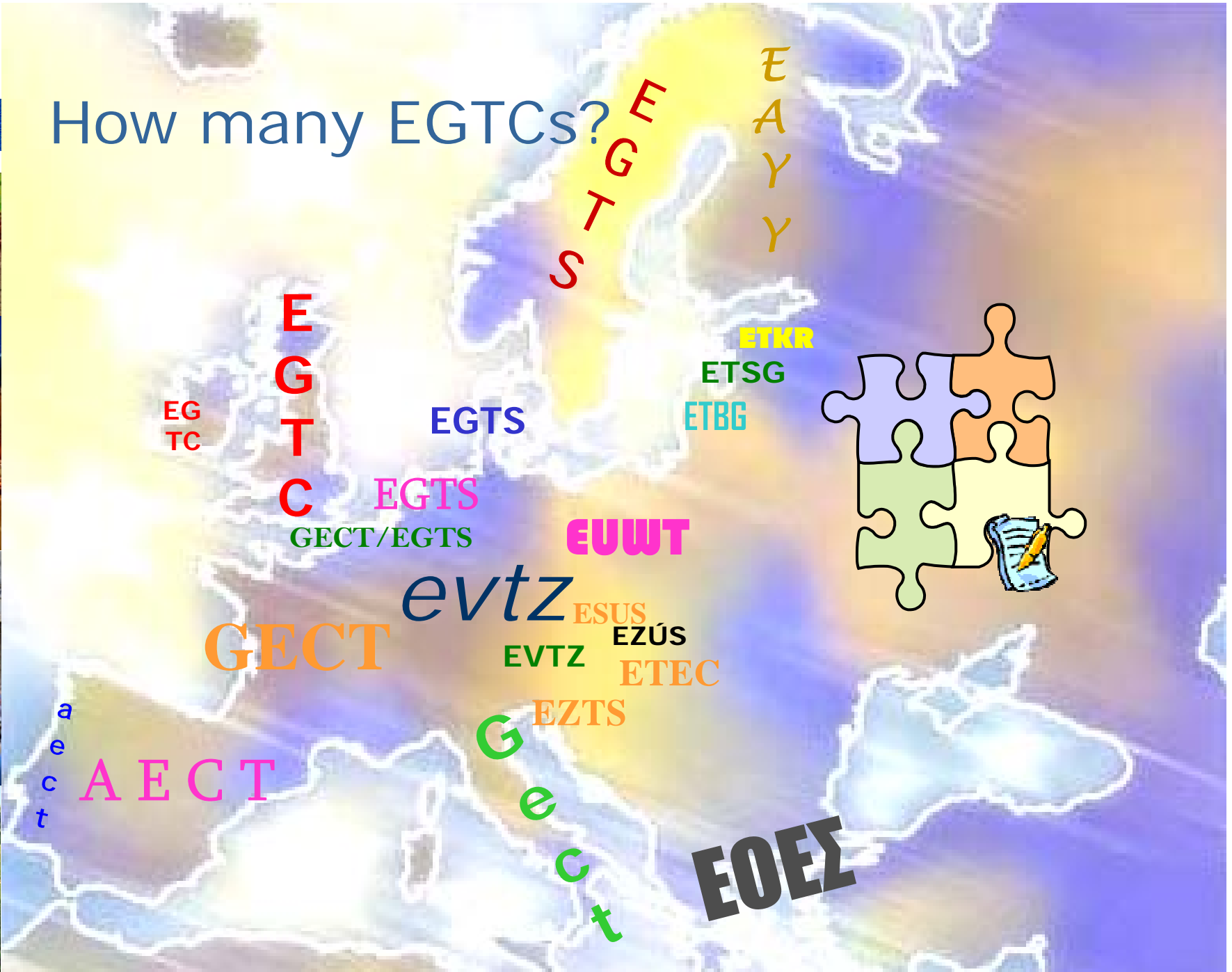
How many models of EGTCs?

Quite a few solutions!!!

acting on behalf	main function	coordinating members
homogeneous	composition	heterogeneous (symmetric / asymmetric)
with State	participation	without State
public	law	private
limited	responsibility	unlimited
EU funds	managing	no EU funds



How many EGTCs?

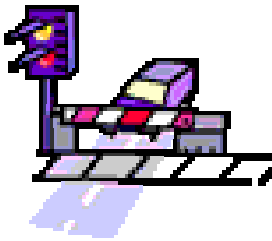




EGTC, which role for the State?



The State, regulator



The State, controller



The State, partner





Helping establishment of EGTCs Programme authorities' contribution

European Territorial Cooperation
programmes and projects as
elected places where pilot EGTCs
can be experimented in 2007-2013





Some EGTCs in fieri



DECLARATION D'INTENTION DE COLLABORATION ENTRE LE
MINISTÈRE DE LA SANTÉ ET DES SOLIDARITÉS DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
FRANÇAISE ET LE MINISTÈRE DE LA SANTÉ DE LA GÉNÉRALITÉ DE
CATALOGNE (ESPAGNE) DANS LE DOMAINE DE LA PRISE EN CHARGE
SANITAIRE TRANSFRONTALIÈRE

M. Xavier Bertrand, ministre de la Santé et des Solidarités de la République
française

et

Mme Marina Geli i Fàbrega, ministre de la Santé de la Généralité de Catalogne
(Espagne)

Troisièmement

Les parties s'engagent à confier au GECT la construction, la mise en service et, ultérieurement, la direction d'un hôpital transfrontalier, général et cantonal, situé dans le canton catalan de la Cerdanya. Cet hôpital prendra en charge les patients nécessitant des soins lourds et en court séjour, résidant sur le territoire de la Basse Cerdagne – en Catalogne – et sur les cantons de Saillagouste et Mont-Louis – en France.

Fait à Puigcerdà, le 19 mars 2007, en trois exemplaires originaux rédigés en espagnol,
en catalan et en français, chacun faisant foi.

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et des Solidarités
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Hospital de la Cerdanya / Hôpital de Cerdagne

HOSPITAL TRANSFRONTERER DE LA CERDANYA I EL CAPOR
HÔPITAL TRANSFRONTALIER DE CERDAGNE ET CAPOR





Some EGTCs in fieri



“Die Gipfelteilnehmer streben an, bis 2009 einen Europäischen Verbund für Territoriale Zusammenarbeit (EVTZ) zu gründen, der die Aufgabe der Verwaltungsbehörde übernimmt.”

«Les participants au Sommet souhaitent créer d’ici 2009 un Groupement Européen de Coopération Territoriale (GECT) qui exercera les activités de l’Autorité de gestion. »



Some EGTCs in fieri

L'eurorégion Alpes-Méditerranée est née le 27 novembre 2006

Les cinq présidents concernés ont signé l'acte de naissance de regroupement qui prend modèle sur l'eurorégion Pyrénées-Méditerranée.

Cette coopération devrait devenir un Groupement Européen de Coopération Territoriale (GECT), un nouveau statut prochainement mis en place au sein de l'Union européenne. Outre le dialogue euro-méditerranéen et l'élargissement de l'Europe vers l'Est, l'eurorégion « Alpes Méditerranée » se penchera sur des thématiques telles que l'environnement, les transports l'innovation et la recherche en passant par le développement durable, la culture ou le tourisme.



Région



Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



«Ces cinq Régions, qui représentent 17 millions d'habitants et 4% du Produit Intérieur Brut de l'Europe...»



CoR engagement



Territorial Cooperation and EGTC

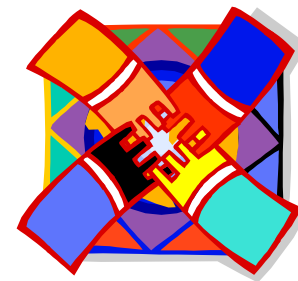
The contribution from the CoR

Why?

- ▶ Treaty (art. 265 TCE)
Specific CoR's consultative role on CBC
- ▶ Regulation 1082/2006 on EGTC (art. 5)
CoR informed on new conventions / statutes

How?

- ▶ Interinstitutional cooperation
Constructive and forward-looking approach





Territorial Cooperation and EGTC

The strategic value perceived by CoR

CoR recognises the strategic impact that progress of territorial cooperation and EGTC may produce on

- ▶ European agenda on multilevel governance
- ▶ European agenda on territorial cohesion
- ▶ Structure and orientation of future cohesion policy
- ▶ Regional (cooperation) dimension of sectoral EU policies
- ▶ Debate on EU budget review, post-2013



The CoR contribution

Looking backward



Year 2001 – A **CoR study** proposes models of new legal CBC structures

March 2002 – **CoR adopts initiative Opinion** on strategies for promoting cross-border cooperation, arguing for more legal stability

July 2004 – **Commission proposes a Regulation on EGCC (later EGTC)**

November 2004 – **CoR adopts opinion** on proposed Regulation

Year 2005/2006 – **EP and Council negotiate the Regulation**

February 2006 – **CoR adopts Political Resolution**, backed by Council Presidency (Austria), asking for prompt adoption of the Regulation

05 July 2006 – **Regulation on EGTC is adopted**

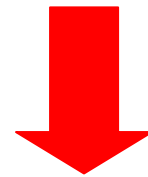


The CoR contribution

Looking backward

During 2006

CoR realises a perspective study
on establishment of the EGTC
and scope for CoR action



December 2006

CoR Bureau adopts strategic document on EGTC
and define main activity lines





Main activity lines

**2007 / 2008
and later on**



CoR helping establishment of EGTC

1 - Political impulse and feed-back

What?

- ▶ Provide **political impulse** timely, constructive, propositive
- ▶ and **feedback from the ground** based on reality check



How?

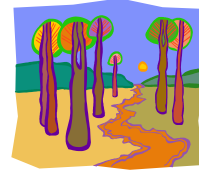
- ▶ Mid-term Impact Report(s)
- ▶ Impact report by 2010 as input to Commission's report on EGTC Reg.





CoR helping establishment of EGTC

2 - Sharing experiences



What?

- ▶ **EGTC Expert Group**

May-June 2007: the CoR has launched an open Call for expression of interest to constitute a group of experts from local and regional authorities

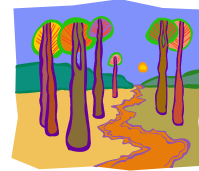
Why?

- ▶ bridge between practitioners and Institutions



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2 – Sharing experiences



EGTC Expert Group

How?

- ▶ Bring together **expertise from the territories**
- ▶ **Work together** with EU and national Institutions

What?

- ▶ **Monitor** implementation of Regulat. at national level
- ▶ **Share** grassroots experiences on EGTC set-up
- ▶ **Identify** potentialities for cohesive territorial develop.
- ▶ **Communicate** on opportunities and challenges, between the EU, national, regional and local level



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3 - Informing and debating

Publishing CoR study on EGTC
May 2007

Round-table, back-to-back to CoR Plenary in June
Brussels, Thursday 7 June 2007

Seminar on EGTC, by COTER Commission
Baiona-Vigo (ES), Friday 6 July 2007

Seminar(s) at Open Days
Brussels, 9 October 2007

First meeting of the EGTC Expert Group
Brussels, October or November 2007

EGTC Conference (together with other Institutions)
First Semester 2008





CoR Helping establishment of EGTC

4 – Register as public knowledge base

What?

- ▶ In the longer term the CoR will collect the EGTC Conventions and Statutes in a public Register (art. 5 Reg. 1082/2006)

Why?

- ▶ To build an EU wide and easily accessible knowledge base for the public benefit

How?

- ▶ Cooperating with EU and national authorities



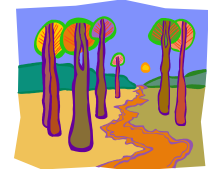


Early feed-backs



Call for EGTC Expert Group: 166 candidatures received from 23 different States

- Balanced representation of:
 - Local authorities
 - Regional authorities
 - Existing legal structures
- Candidatures also from other territorial actors
- several National Authorities showed their interest
- **At first look: a great variety of experience represented**





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- 1 - Call for EGTC Expert Group is now open**
The text of the Call and the candidature template are available for download.
- 2 - The CoR publishes a new study on EGTC**
The study is at the moment available in French

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- 1. What is the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation?**
The EGTC is a new European legal instrument, enabling regional and local

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