



Seminar: Interreg and European groupings on territorial cooperation (EGTC)

14 April 2015 | Madrid, Spain

Date: 14 April 2015 (Tuesday)
Venue: *Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas, Secretaría de Estado de Presupuestos y Gastos, Paseo de la Castellana 162, 1st floor, Sala F, Madrid, Spain*

Target Group: The main target group for the meeting is EGTC - European groupings on territorial cooperation. However, the Interreg programme's stakeholders are also welcome to participate.

Background and Objectives:

European groupings on territorial cooperation (EGTC) were created in order to facilitate and promote, in particular, territorial cooperation in view of strengthening the Union economic, social, and territorial cohesion¹. It is a tool to be primarily used for the management of EU Structural Funds, although different functions can be envisaged. In case of Interreg (European Territorial Cooperation, ETC²), which is the topic of this seminar, the groupings can:

- be in charge of the implementation of an Interreg programme or part of it (e.g. as Managing Authority and/or Joint Technical Secretariat, upon delegation of the Member State to the EGTC) or
- be beneficiary of an Interreg project, either alone or as Lead Partner or partner.

The practice shows that out of almost 50 EGTCs already established only some of them are involved in the Interreg programmes and projects.

The aim of the *Seminar: Interreg and European groupings on territorial cooperation* is to provide the EGTCs representatives with a digestible amount of relevant knowledge on the Interreg world - at both programme and project level. By learning the legal framework, commonly used terms (like Managing Authority, Lead Partner, etc.), programme and project lifecycles, the groupings would get a better understanding of the "rules of the game". While by presenting cases of EGTCs already involved in Interreg, INTERACT aims at raising the awareness about use of EGTC in Interreg.

In case the participants would like to learn more about generating an Interreg project, the day after - on 15th April - the [Workshop on Project Generation and Development](#) is organized in the same venue. Participants of this Seminar are welcome to participate also in this event.

Language: The event will be held in English.

Participants: The number of participants is limited to 40 persons.

Registration: Please register by Friday, 31st March 2015, online by clicking [here](#). For more information, please contact Aleksandra Rapp (name.surname@interact-eu.net).

¹ EGTC Regulation 1082/2006 with amendments, Preamble and Article 1.

² Note: Interreg is a name and a brand for European Territorial Cooperation.



Draft Agenda

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09:00 - 09:30 *Registration and welcome coffee*

09:30 - 10:15 **Welcome & Objectives and expectations of the seminar**

- Why Interreg and EGTC seminar?
 - Expectations of the participants
 - State of play of the EGTCs - *Alfonso Alcolea, Committee of Regions*
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10:15 - 13:00 **Introduction to Interreg world**

Coffee break
11.00-11.30

- Interreg/European Territorial Cooperation as a part of EU cohesion policy
- Interreg programmes & projects - what to know to survive?
(programme and project implementation framework: programme documents, bodies, budget, decommitment, reporting and monitoring, evaluation, eligibility, beneficiaries and partnership, calls for projects, project selection procedures, contracting, project life cycle...)

How can an EGTC get involved in Interreg?

Presentations by INTERACT and Q&A

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch break and time for networking**

14:00 - 17:15 **EGTC in Interreg - practical examples**

Coffee break
15.15-15.45

- *EGTC GO case (EGTC as an intermediate body for an integrated territorial investment) - Sandra Sodini*
- *EGTC EFXINI POLI-Network of European Cities for Sustainable Development case - Mary Krimnianioti (video intervention)*
- *EGTC Via Carpatia case - Julianna Orbanmate*
- *EGTC Duero-Douro case*
- *Cross-border Cooperation Programme Spain - Portugal 2007-2013 (POCTEP) - Managing Authority's point of view (Dirección General de Fondos Comunitarios - Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas)*

Q&A

17:15 - 17:30 **Conclusions and closure of the event**
