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**The application of Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 on a European Grouping of
Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)**

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I. Table of Member States' progress on implementation of Regulation

Member State	Date of Adoption ¹	Authority to which the prospective members of an EGTC have to submit the request for approval according to Article 4(2) of the Regulation ²
Belgium		
Federal level	21 December 2007 ³	Foreign Minister
Brussels-Capital Region	14 May 2009	Government
Flemish Region / Dutch-speaking Community	21 December 2007 ⁴ + 18 January 2008 ⁵ as amended	Minister of Interior
French-speaking Community	not yet adopted	not yet designated
German-speaking Community	23 June 2008	Government
Walloon Region	not yet adopted	not yet designated
Bulgaria	29 August 2007 as amended ⁶	Minister for Regional Development and Public Works
Czech Republic	7 May 2009	Ministry for Regional Development
Denmark	1 June 2008	National Agency for Enterprise and Construction
Germany		
Federal level	30 November 2006, but text not yet communicated	Federal Ministry of Economics
Baden-Württemberg	18 June 2007	Regional administrative authority of the District (<i>Regierungspräsidium</i>) of Freiburg

Bavaria	1 January 2008	Government of the District (<i>Regierung</i>) of Oberpfalz
Berlin	20 February 2007	Ministry (<i>Senatsverwaltung</i>) of Economics, Technology and Women
Brandenburg	19 December 2007	Ministry of Interior
Bremen	date not yet known + text not yet communicated	Minister (<i>Senator</i>) for Environment, Construction, Transport and Europe
Hamburg	not yet communicated	Ministry (<i>Behörde</i>) for Urban Development and Environment
Hesse	date not known + text not yet communicated	Ministry for Economics, Transport and Regional Development
Lower Saxony	10 July 2007, but text not yet communicated	Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	not yet communicated	Ministry for Economics, Works and Tourism
North Rhine-Westphalia	not yet communicated	Ministry for Economics, Small Firm Sector and Energy
Rhineland-Palatinate	30 July 2007	Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Saarland	7 May 2008	Ministry for Economics and Science
Saxony	2 January 2008	Regional administrative authority of the District (<i>Regierungspräsidium</i>) of Dresden
Saxony-Anhalt	24 July 2007	Ministry for Economics and Works

Schleswig-Holstein	26 May 2005 ⁷	Ministry for Justice, Works and Europe
Thuringia	17 July 2007	Office of <i>Land</i> Administration (<i>Landesverwaltungsamt</i>)
Estonia	5 June 2008	Government of the Republic
Ireland	16 December 2009	Minister for Finance
Greece	23 November 2007	Minister of the Interior
Spain	18 January 2008	Ministry of Public Administration
France	16 April 2008	State representative at regional level (<i>préfet de région</i>)
Italy	7 July 2009	Secretariat-General of the Prime Minister's Office
Cyprus	9 July 2008	Registrar of Companies
Latvia	5 September 2009	Ministry for Regional Development and Local Government
Lithuania	3 June 2008	Ministry of the Interior
Luxembourg	19 May 2009	Ministry responsible for Regional Development
Hungary	1 August 2007 ⁸	Metropolitan Court
Malta	9 December 2010	Minister responsible for Finance
Netherlands	26 November 2009	Minister for Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations
Austria		
Federal level	not yet adopted	not yet designated
Burgenland	8 April 2011	<i>Land</i> Government
Carinthia	18 December 2008	<i>Land</i> Government
Lower Austria	21 January 2010	<i>Land</i> Government
Upper Austria	1 April 2011	<i>Land</i> Government

Salzburg	26 September 2009	<i>Land</i> Government
Styria	11 February 2010	<i>Land</i> Government
Tyrol	1 September 2010	<i>Land</i> Government
Vorarlberg	23 April 2009	<i>Land</i> Government
Vienna	25 September 2010	<i>Land</i> Government
Poland	7 November 2008	Minister of Foreign Affairs
Portugal	8 November 2007	Financial Institute for Regional Development
Romania	12 November 2007	Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing
Slovenia	20 March 2008	Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy
Slovakia	1 May 2008	Ministry of Construction and Regional Development
Finland	1 August 2009	Ministry of Employment and Economy
Sweden	1 August 2009	Government
United Kingdom	1 August 2007	Secretary of State (Minister of State for Competitiveness and Consumer Affairs)

¹ which may not be the same than the date of entry into force.

² authority as of date of adoption.

³ adopted by Government, final approval not yet communicated.

⁴ adopted by Flemish Parliament.

⁵ adopted by Flemish Government.

⁶ 24 October 2008.

⁷ Schleswig-Holstein designated the member of the *Land* Government responsible for European Affairs, which, according to a decision of 26 May 2005, was the Minister of Justice; since October 2009, the responsible minister is the Prime-Minister.

⁸ as amended, but not yet communicated.

II. List of EGTCs set up– information supplied by Committee of the Regions

	EGTC	Countries ¹	Seat	Date of constitution	Purpose
1	Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai	BE (10) - FR(4) –	Lille (FR)	Jan-2008	The main mission of this EGTC is to ensure efficient and coherent cross-border cooperation to improve the quality of daily life of the inhabitants, which will be realized through the promotion of regular political dialogue between the partner and the preparation and management of projects co-financed by the EU
2	Ister-Granum EGTC	HU (46) – SK(38)	Esztergom (HU)	Nov-2008	This EGTC focuses on the following key areas of cooperation: communication, public transport, energy policy, health care, tourism. Hereby the EGTC intend to realise joint broadcast and regional bilingual television, joint public transport management system, joint energy agency for using renewable resources, a regional health care system, joint tourist destination management and thematic routes.

¹ Numbers in brackets represent the number of partners/members in each country.

	EGTC	Countries¹	Seat	Date of constitution	Purpose
3	Galicia-Norte Portugal AECT	ES (1) – PT (1)	Vigo (ES)	Oct-2008	This EGTC focuses on the preparation of a Strategic Cooperation Plan Galicia – Norte de Portugal 2007-2013 and contribute to its main goals, namely: 1. The development of the transportation systems and of the cross border accessibilities. 2. The cooperation in the maritime sector towards an integrated cluster. 3. The internationalization of the SME's from the euro-region. 4. Environment protection and urban sustainable development.
4	Amphictyony - Network of Twinned Cities and Areas of the Mediterranean EGTC	CY (6) – FR (1) - GR (35) – IT (3)	Athens (GR)	Dec-2008	This EGTC aims to provide an environment of constant peace and sustainable development for the people living there with special regard to joint action and co-operation amongst its members in line with principles of freedom, democracy, justice, security and protection of the environment.
5	Ung-Tisza-Túr-Sajó (Hernád-Bódva-Szinva) Limited Liability EGTC	HU (3) – SK (1)	Kántorjánosi (HU)	Jan-2009	This EGTC focuses on the improvement of cross-border transport, communication and environmental protection as well as the strengthening of the social and economic cohesion of the border area by closer cooperation in the fields of business, RTD, education, labour-market, health care and risk management.

	EGTC	Countries¹	Seat	Date of constitution	Purpose
6	Karst-Bodva	HU (2) – SK (1)	Hačava (SK)	Feb-2009	This EGTC will develop and realize common development program, focusing on the development of economic, social and environmental activities on cross border territories by: 1. supporting small and middle businesses in travel and tourism. 2. protecting of environmental and cultural values, prevention of environmental and technological risks. 3. Partnerships between communal and rural areas of cities and villages. 4. improving cross border travel system, IT - communication-, water supply-, energy systems and the communal and industrial waste management. 4. cooperation and joint use of infrastructure, especially in health service, culture, travel and tourism and education areas.
7	GECT Duero-Douro	ES (105) – PT (72)	Trabanca (ES)	Mrch-2009	The partners of this EGTC defined the following fields of action for their cooperation: equal opportunities, economic and local development, public transport, new technologies, especially information and communication technologies. Environment and sustainable development, education, health, social policy, tourism, culture and culture heritage, sports, leisure time, research and innovation form also part of the key activities.
8	West-Vlaanderen/Flandre-Dunkerque-Côte d'Opale	BE (5) – FR (6)	Dunkerque (FR)	Apr-2009	This EGTC focuses on cross-border coordination of the activities of its partners, defining strategies for cross-border action programmes in order to meet the needs of the inhabitants in the region.

	EGTC	Countries¹	Seat	Date of constitution	Purpose
9	ArchiMed	CY (1) – ES (1) – IT (1)	Taormina (IT)	Jul-2009	The aim of this EGTC is to create an area of stability between the Mediterranean islands. For this reason they will focus to cooperate in the following areas: sustainable use of natural resources, rural development, transport, culture, tourism, research and development, energy and migration.
10	Eurorégion Pyrénées-Méditerranée	ES (2) – FR (2)	Toulouse (FR)	Aug-2009	This EGTC intends to manage different territorial cooperation projects and activities. Special focus is given to inter-regional economic development, culture, innovation and technology, research and development, tourism, environmental protection, improvement of telecommunication and transport services.
11	Eurodistrikt Strasbourg-Ortenau	DE (6) = FR (1)	Strasbourg (FR)	Feb-2010	Aim of this EGTC is the development of an association of local authorities for the benefit of all inhabitants of this area. Another aim is to strengthen the European dimensions of Strasbourg as seat one of the major seats of the European Institutions.
12	ZASNET	ES (3) – PT (2)	Bragança (PT)	Mch-2010	This EGTC focuses on cross-border cooperation between the members of the EGTC in the fields of the environment, culture, tourism and economic development, in order to implement joint projects of co-operation. Beside this promote the territory to the outside for generating synergies to invert the negative demographic tendencies of the area.
13	Cerdanya Cross-Border Hospital	ES (5) – FR (2)	Pugicerdá (ES)	Apr-2010	Construction, operation and management of a cross-border hospital located in the Catalan territory of La Cerdanya (Spain) and oriented to the attention of patients of the territories of La Cerdanya (Spain) and La Cerdagne and Capcir (France).

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14	EGTC INTERREG Programme Grande Région	BE (3) – DE (2) – FR (5) – LUX (1)	Metz (FR)	Apr-2010	Management Authority of the INTERREG IV/A Programme Grande Region.
15	Eurodistikt Saarmoselle	DE (1)- FR (7)	Sarreguemines (FR)	Mai-2010	This EGTC focuses on the development of a cross-border area where 600 000 inhabitants live. Special focus is put on tourism, health and transport.
16	ABAÚJ - ABAÚJ EGTC	HU (9) – SK (5)	Miskolc (HU)	June -2010	This EGTC has been established in order to foster economic and social development in the region. Its goal is to support cooperation and development between cross-border territories by strengthening economic and social cohesion, to allow and assist economic and social development between cross-border territories as well as to support business spirit and a high level ethical attitude to entrepreneurship in cross-border territories.
17	Pons Danubii	HU (3) – SK (3)	Komarno (SK)	Dec 2010	The general goal of the associated towns is their co-operation to strengthen and maintain economic and social cohesiveness.
18	Bánát - Triplex Cofinium Limited Liability EGTC	HU (6) – SK (2)	Mórahalom (HU)	Jan-2011	The objective of this EGTC is to increasing the dynamism and the competitiveness of the border regions. Implementation of development strategies in the field of agricultural innovation, renewable energy sources, infrastructure and education-training.

III. EGTCs under preparation

	EGTC	Countries²
1	Euroregione Tirolo-Alto Adige-Trentino	AT, IT
2	Tritia	CZ, PL, SK
3	Ulm-Vienna-Budapest	AT, DE, HU
4	Euroregions Alps-Mediterranean	FR, IT
5	Territorio dei Comuni	IT, SI
6	Euranest	BE, CH, FR, IT
7	Euregio Meuse-Rhine EGTC	BE, DE, NL
8	Agglomeration Alzette-Belval	FR, LU
9	Euroregion Neisse-Nisa	CZ, DE, PL
10	Donauhanse	Networks of towns and cities along Danube
11	National Park Area Alpi Marittime / Mercantour	FR, IT
12	Alpen-Adria and Croatia	AT, HU, IT, SI
13	Eurodistrict Oderland Nad Odrze	DE, PL

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	EGTC	Countries²
14	Eurocidade Chaves-Verin	ES, PT
15	Europaregion Donau-Moldau	AT, SK
16	Euroregion Corridor VIII	BG, IT
17	Bulgaria-Romania EGTC on common navigation on the Danube	BG, RO
18	CODE 24	CH, DE, IT, NL
19	Parc Marin International Bouches de Bonifacio	FR, IT
20	Ostbahn (Eastern Railway)	DE, PL