



EGTC AND THE STRATEGIC CHARACTER OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION

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- **Context:** European notion as an Strategic value
- EGTC **already in place:** characters to become strategic.
- EGTC and the **future:** potential layers of value



CONTEXT



The European notion as an Strategic Value

In 2006

- Process of enlargement
- Re-unification of Europe
- After decades of division
- Reinforcement of territorial cooperation.

A cooperation instrument **at the European Union level.**



CONTEXT

The European notion as an Strategic Value



FILLING THE GAPS

- European Council acquis
- Previous European instruments



CONTEXT

The European notion as an Strategic Value



RAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- Neutral character of of cooperation
- Secure instrument of cooperation
- Stable framework for cooperation.



EGTC **already in place:** traits to become strategic



- **Scale**
- **Meaning of time**
- **Visibility**
- **Added value**
- **Coordination**



EGTC **traits** to become strategic



SCALE

- **Concerning the implementation of Territorial Cooperation projects, some respondents warn that the EGTC is cost efficient in terms of bureaucracy and resources when it is designed to manage **several projects or big projects.****
- **(Consultation CoR, p.17)**



EGTC **traits** to become strategic



MEANING OF TIME

- All the EGTCs set up or in the process of being set up on the basis of cross-border cooperation have a **previous history** of cooperation between the partners. (Consultation CoR, p. 19)
- The EGTC provides a clear and **permanent** framework for cooperation (Consultation CoR, p.23)



EGTC **traits** to become strategic



VISIBILITY

- The motivation to establish an EGTC consists mostly of the will to create a **visible** and permanent structure. (Consultation CoR, p.19)



EGTC **traits** to become strategic



ADDED VALUE

(Variety of tasks)

Which are the tasks of your EGTC, according to article 7 of the Regulation? (Consultation CoR, p.19)

- Other actions of cooperation 83%
- Other EU funded projects 69%
- European Territorial Cooperation projects 79%
- ETC programmes 52%



EGTC traits to become strategic



COORDINATION

- In practice, the EGTCs are becoming structures of policy coordination and cooperation (Consultation CoR, p.19)
- EGTCs are able to manage the programmes in a more efficient, consistent and coherent way -less resources, joint management, shared responsibility-. (Consultation CoR,p.23)
- It promotes new forms of social action, such as integrated territorial plans, creation of networks and development of communication and exchanges (Consultation CoR, p.23)



POTENTIAL LAYERS OF VALUE

LEGAL ASPECTS

FOR POSSIBLE REFORM



Context:

Need for a **better coordination** of the *different Instruments and Funds*

In order to develop an **horizontal** (and not fragmented) **Policy**



POTENTIAL LAYERS OF VALUE

LEGAL ASPECTS

FOR POSSIBLE REFORM

1 EGTC as a **subject** of law

Internal questions

Slowness in the adoption and approval of national legislation
Lack of coordination (in time and in requirements)
Legal framework of EGTC staff



POTENTIAL LAYERS OF VALUE

LEGAL ASPECTS FOR POSSIBLE REFORM



1 EGTC as a **subject** of law

External issues

Current Need of (at least) two
MSS in order to settle an EGTC
with a third country



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LEGAL ASPECTS FOR POSSIBLE REFORM



2 EGTC Tasks

Article 7

3.(...) An EGTC may carry out **other specific actions of territorial cooperation** between its members in pursuit of the objective referred to in Article 1(2), (**territorial cooperation**) with or without a financial contribution from the Community.



CARACTÈRE STRATÉGIQUE DU GECT



CONCLUSION

“This is Europe’s moment of truth. Europe must show it is more than 27 different national solutions.

We will only succeed if, whether acting nationally, regionally or locally we think European.” (JB *SoU 2010*, p.2)



Bardzo dziękuję!

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