

INTERACT SEMINAR ON THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

WHAT USE FOR EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS?

Vienna, 26-27 November 2007

Background information

See Seminar Outline: <http://www.interact-eu.net/download/application/pdf/1351656>

Working language

English (no simultaneous interpretation in other languages)

Venue

See Document "Practical Details" sent with the Event Acceptance – Please note that the venue differs on Day one and two

Follow-up

Update of the EGTC Handbook

Second INTERACT Seminar on this topic planned in 2008.

Agenda

DAY 1 (26 NOVEMBER) – RATHAUS / ARKADENHOF

8.45-9.15 *Registration*

9.15-9.45 **Welcome**

- Welcome address by the hosting institution - Mag. Martin Pospischill, Head of Department MD27, Vienna City Administration
- Welcome address by INTERACT: Objectives of the Seminar, The INTERACT Programme

9.45-11.30 **Introductions – Presentation of the EGTC Regulation**

- Introduction of the participants
- *The Committee of the Regions and the EGTC – function and activities* – Mr. Gianluca Spinaci, Directorate for Consultative Works, Committee of the Regions
- *General presentation of the EGTC Regulation* – Mr. Dirk Peters, DG Regional Policy, European Commission
- Questions and answers

11.30-12.00 *Coffee break*

12.00-13.15 **Round discussion on the implementation stage of the EGTC Regulation in the Member States**

- Legal background - INTERACT
- Outcomes of the EC questionnaire to the Member States – mecca consulting
- Public Round Discussion: State of implementation of the Regulation among the EU Member States.
- *State of the art in the European regions* – Mr Klaus Klipp, Secretary General, Assembly of European Regions

13.15-14.30 *Networking lunch*

14.30-16.15 **The EGTC and European Territorial Cooperation programmes/projects**

Workshop session 1 – Preparation phase

- EGTC for European Territorial Cooperation programme and project management – Introductory statements - INTERACT
- Presentation of the INTERACT Draft EGTC Handbook and Roadmap
- How to set up an EGTC? Presentations, discussions and group exercises – mecca consulting and INTERACT
 - Analysis of the needs and objectives of the cooperation
 - Definition of the territorial scale

- Identification of the essential competences and skills
- Identification of the partners
- Exploration of the available national legal frameworks
- Timing/delays
- Consideration of other instruments or cooperation structures

16.15-16.45 *Coffee break*

16.45-17.30 **Workshop session 2 – Implementation phase**

- How to set up an EGTC? Presentations, discussions and group exercises – mecca consulting and INTERACT
 - Verification of the legal feasibility of the planned proposal
 - Localisation of the registered office
 - *How to select the registered office? Criteria to be considered – Experience from the Euregio Meuse-Rhine- Mrs. Astrid Hannes, Foundation Euregio Meuse-Rhine*
 - Drafting of the convention and statutes in accordance with partners and national authorities
 - *How to draft the convention and statutes? Elements to be taken into account – tips – Experience from the Eurodistrict Oderland-NadOdrze – Mr Sören Bollmann*

17.30 Summary of Day 1- practicalities

17.45 **Reception in the Vienna City Hall**

DAY 2 (27 NOVEMBER) - SCHLESINGERPLATZ

9.00-10.30 **The EGTC and European Territorial Cooperation programmes/projects**

Workshop session 2 - Continuation

- The notification process
- Launching the EGTC

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.00 **Workshop session 3 – Performance phase**

- The budget
- Liquidation, insolvency and cessation of payments
- Liability
- Evaluation – continuation or dissolution

12.00-13.00 **Final session**

- Brainstorming – Collection of open questions, clarifications
- Conclusions on the group discussions and exercises
- Conclusion of the Seminar

13.00-14.00 *Lunch – End of the Seminar*

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