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European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

Applicability to cooperation with Partner countries

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What is EGTC

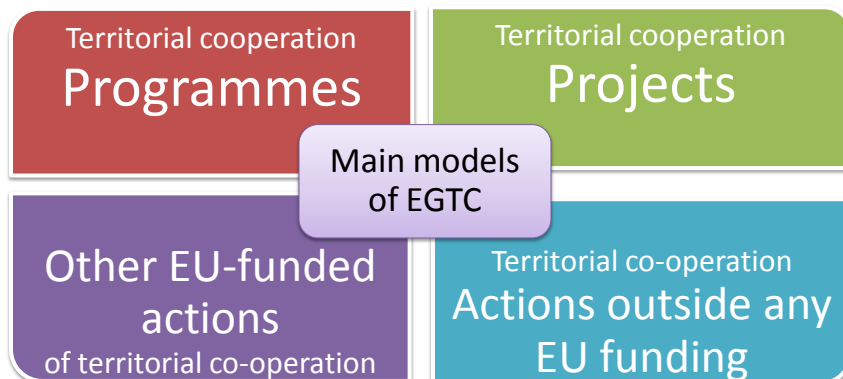
European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (Reg. 1082/2006)

- A grouping: at least **2 public members** from at least **2 Member States**
- With a **joint objective**, within the field of competence of each member (smallest common denominator to be found)



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What can EGTC do



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Advantages of EGTC

- EGTC offers a **legal personality**
 - Instrument for **multi-level governance** (local to national)
 - **Broad scope**: EGTC can implement from specific projects to integrated territorial strategies; from CBC to interregional
- *** **Transfer** of this model **to EU external borders** with Partner countries has to be kept in mind (as e.g. Euroregions)



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Participation of third countries

- Participation of third countries possible if:
 - The third country adopts **national legislation** to create an instrument similar or close to the EGTC; OR/AND
 - The third country signs **agreements with EU Member States** to enable their authorities to participate in EGTCs
- Participation also subject to **national provisions of concerned MS**
- EGTC must include **at least members from two MSs** - Bilateral EGTCs (MS-Non MS) not allowed



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Third countries - MS provisions

- Few national provisions **specify** third countries' possible participation (e.g. Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania)
- In some cases it is excluded
- In some cases there is no mention
- In some cases it is restricted to some types of third countries: e.g. France - neighbouring countries members of the Council of Europe



Third countries - CoE members

- Third countries Members of the Council of Europe:
 - New instrument - **Euroregional Cooperation Grouping (ECG)**
 - Protocol No. 3 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning Euroregional Co-operation Groupings (ECGs) available for ratification since November 2009

