

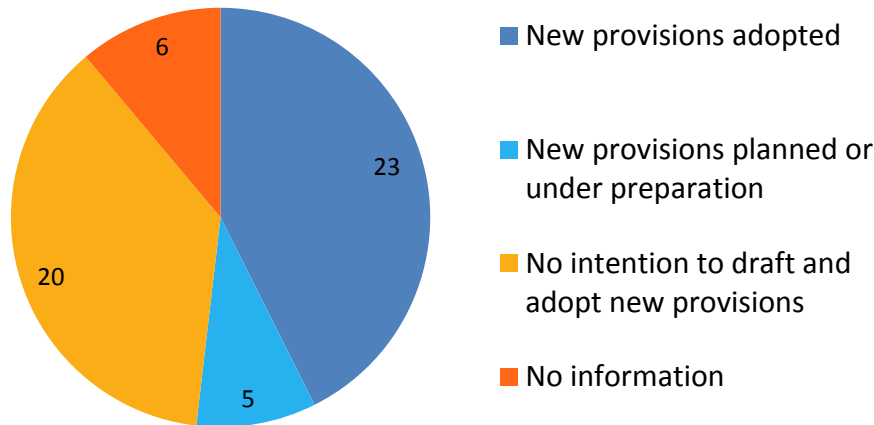
EGTC monitoring report 2017

Main findings

(March 2018)

Development of national provisions

Revision of national provisions according to EU
Regulation 1302/2013



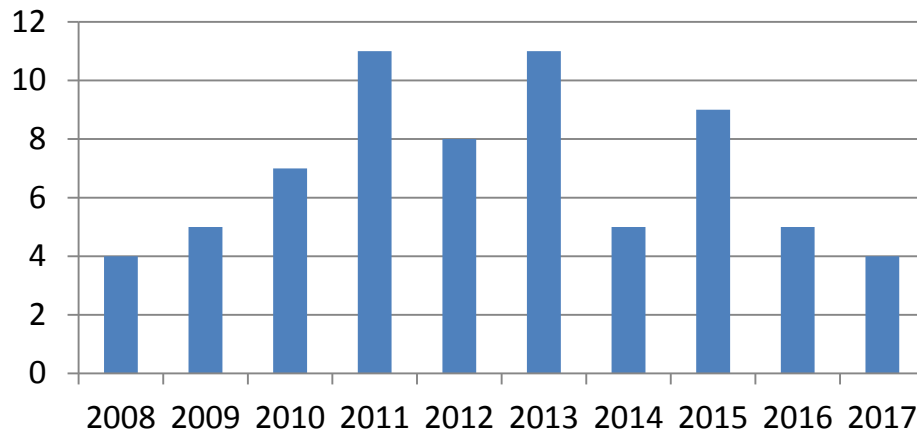
- No intention or information:
 - Lack of relevance (no EGTCs in territory)
 - Lack of interest
 - Provisions considered sufficient

- Coordination & transparency activities differ widely
 - Different types of online information – bi-lateral exchanges – events for different target groups
 - Few MS / approval authorities much more active than most other MS
 - Some more authorities active/interested than in previous years

State of play of EGTCs (I)

- In total 68 EGTCs at the end of 2017

No. of EGTCs according to year of constitution



Relatively low number of new EGTCs founded in 2016 & 2017!

- 1 EGTC dissolved after initiation by seat MS
- Few other EGTCs not effectively in place/working and expected to be dissolved in next years

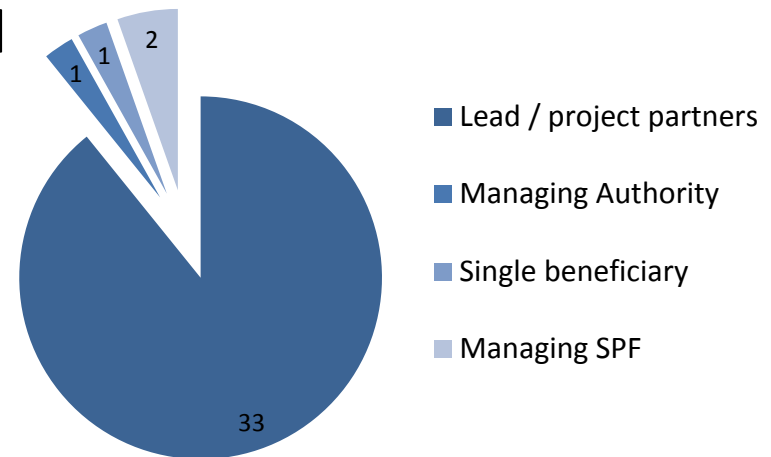
State of play of EGTCs (II)

- No major changes as regards the territory – some more activities in south-eastern Europe
- More EGTCs involving public partners other than public authorities (harbours, chambers, universities, civil society institutions)
- Many EGTCs with changing memberships – often integrating new members
- Other trends continue:
 - Cooperation in cross-border areas continues to be main geographic focus
 - Flexibility of the instrument proven in terms of changed memberships and through the incorporation of multiple types of partners
 - Few more members from non-EU MS, no EGTC in OTC
 - Very little participation of Northern EU MS in EGTCs

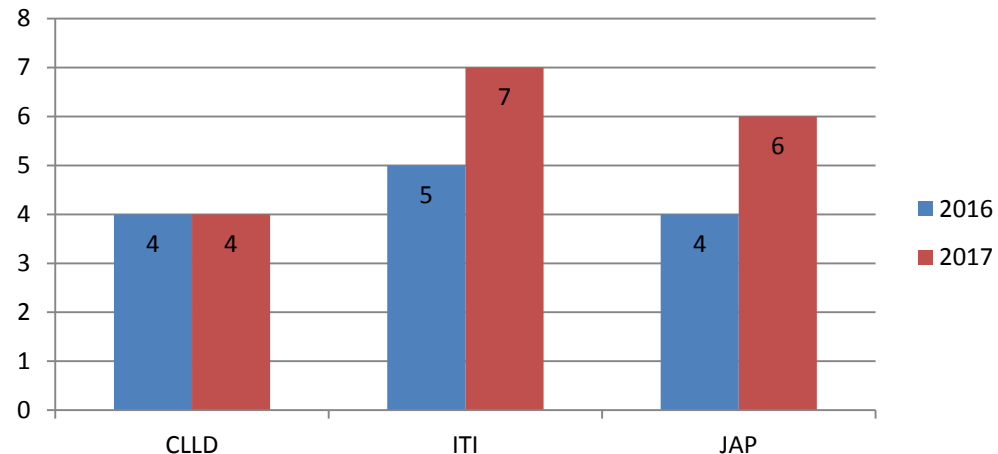
Overview: EGTCs implementing ETC actions

- Programmes with EGTC project/lead partners so far:
 - At least 16 VA programmes
 - 7 VB programmes
 - Interreg Europe / ESPON
- More EGTCs involved in ETC implementation
 - More applications pending
- New instruments used slightly more by EGTCs

Roles of EGTCs in ETC

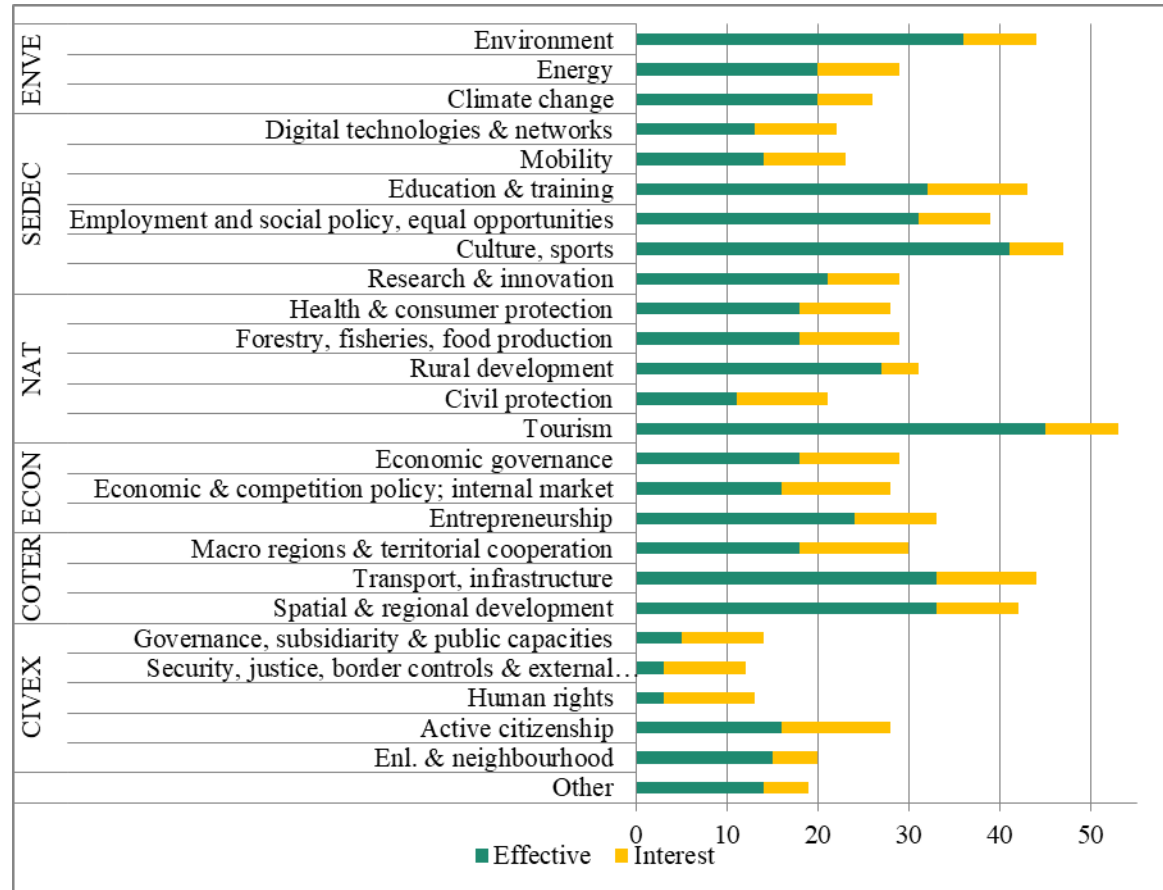


Number of EGTCs using new instruments



Thematic focuses of EGTCs

- Mostly similar fields related to CoR commissions important as in the past
- Top 5:
 - tourism,
 - culture & sports,
 - environment,
 - education & training
 - transport / spatial & regional development.



Thematic focuses of EGTCs

Involvement in Europe 2020:

- Very limited explicit reference to flagship initiatives – exception of EGTC EPM
- Smart & inclusive growth related to employment, skills & training, education, combating poverty & social exclusion
- Sustainable growth related to resource efficiency & energy efficiency
- Many cross-thematic foci linking different objectives



EGTCs under constitution

- Continuously high number of EGTCs under constitution
- Wide variety of future uses of the instrument
- 2 EGTCs have received their approval beginning of 2018
- 5 other EGTCs awaiting their approval
- Obstacles lead to stopped & delayed processes & 'creative' approaches cancellation, delay and 'creativity'
- Not all obstacles related to EGTC framework but
- MS differences still matter a lot (e.g. legal, competences, objectives, ...)



Tentative evaluation findings

- Instrument continuously used including new foundations – it is relevant!
- EGTCs increasingly involved in service development/provision.
- More clarity in regulation but not everything solved!
- Tacit approval is hardly used.
- EU added value visible through specific advantages!
- Setting up periods still long but varying.

