EGTC monitoring report 2017

Main findings
(March 2018)
Development of national provisions

Revision of national provisions according to EU Regulation 1302/2013

- New provisions adopted: 6
- New provisions planned or under preparation: 23
- No intention to draft and adopt new provisions: 20
- No information: 5

• 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
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.