Autonomous Province of Bolzano (South-Tyrol)

Member of AEBR since 1980

(Region 105 on the AEBR map “Cross-Border Cooperation Areas 2011”)

**FULL NAME**

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**INFORMATION WHICH COUNTRIES/REGIONS/AREAS ARE COVERED**

Italy

**SHORT DESCRIPTION OF MEMBERS**

The provincial administration consists of various departments and offices and is guided by the Director-general reporting to the President of the Province. The executive powers are attributed to the government, headed by the President of the Province. The legislative power of the Province is vested in an assembly.

**YEAR OF FOUNDATION**

The local government system is based upon the provisions of the Italian Constitution and the Autonomy Statute of the Region Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol. The 1972 second Statute of Autonomy for Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol devolved most legislative and executive competences from the regional level to the provincial level, creating de facto two separate regions.

**YEAR OF JOINING AEBR**

1980 with the membership of ARGE-ALP

**DESCRIPTION OF MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS UP TO NOW**

One of the main achievements in territorial cooperation matters was the foundation of the Euroregion Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino in 1996 between the Austrian state of Tyrol and the Italian provinces of South Tyrol and Trentino. The boundaries of the association correspond to the old County of Tyrol. The aim is to promote regional peace, understanding and cooperation in many areas. The region’s assemblies meet together as one on various occasions and have set up a common liaison office to the European Union in Brussels.
In 2011 there was founded the European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) between those three regions with the aim to facilitate and promote the territorial cooperation and to strengthen economic and social cohesion especially in the field of transport, development, research and innovation, culture, health and administration.

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE FUTURE**

One of the most important projects in the sector of transport, environment and economy is the Brenner Base Tunnel, which is under construction and slated to be completed by 2020. It will have a length of 55 km and will become the world’s second longest railway tunnel after the Gotthard Base Tunnel. This tunnel will considerably reduce travel time by hours.

**YEARLY MAIN EVENTS**

Referring to cross border activity, various projects of the EGTC

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**1 OR 2 PHOTOS ON SPECIAL PLACES IN THE REGION (BORDER CROSSINGS ETC.)**
**MAP OF SOUTH-TYROL**

**LINK(S) TO INTERESTING PROJECTS**

EGTC  
http://www.europaregion.info/de/evtz-europaregion.asp

Brenner Basis Tunnel  
http://www.bbt-se.com/

Interreg Italy/Austria  
http://www.interreg.net/de/