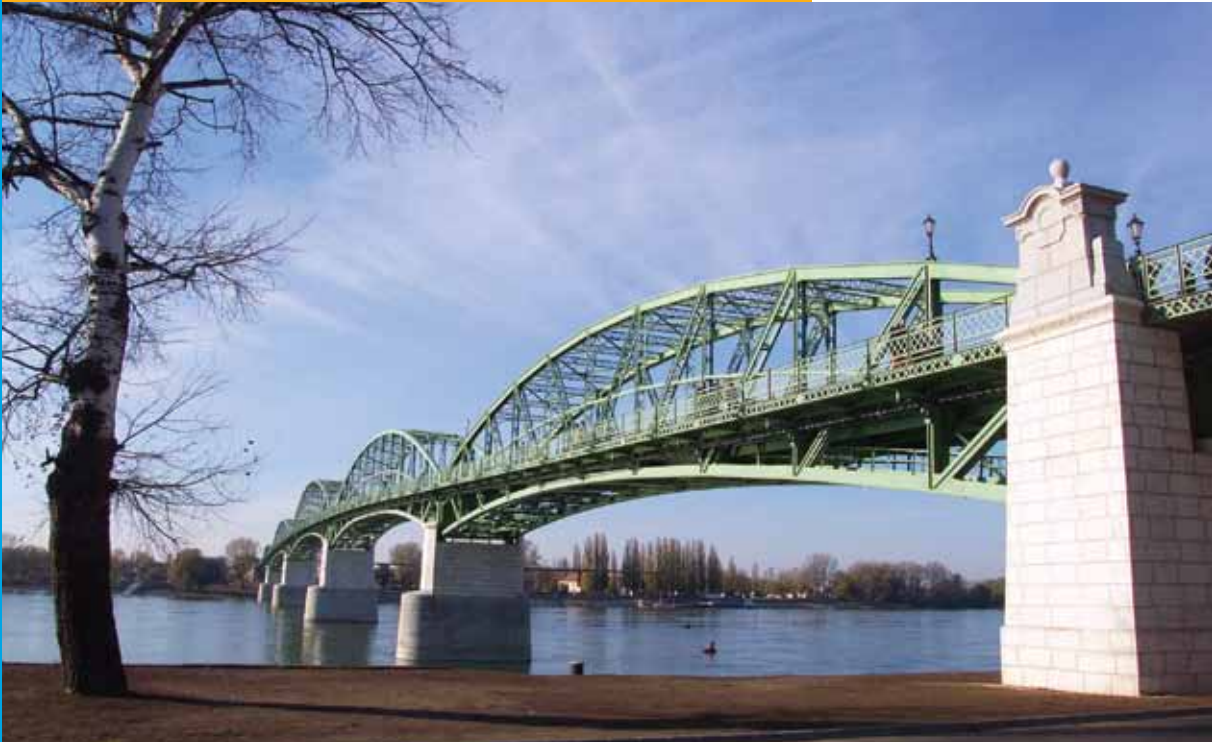


# The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation - Ready to use

Interinstitutional conference on the EGTC

Committee of the Regions  
Rue Belliard 99-101 Brussels. Room JDE 52

Brussels  
29 March 2012



# interinstitutional conference

On 29 March 2012, the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions of the EU organise an inter-institutional conference on the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), in collaboration with the European Commission and the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The EGTC was established by the Regulation (EC) 1082/2006 which is currently under review. The issues for debate include the strategy and outlook for the EGTC for 2014-2020 and the revision of the EGTC Regulation. The conference coincides with the calendar of legislative works in follow up to the review proposal of the European Commission with regards to the EGTC Regulation and after the adoption of an opinion by the Committee of the Regions on this topic.

This conference intends to reaffirm the will of dialogue and cooperation between the institutions at a most crucial moment with respect to the development and of territorial cooperation. It will also help the co-legislative procedure in the European Parliament and the Council.

The inter-institutional conference will be followed by the annual meeting of the EGTC Platform of the Committee of the Regions. The work of the EGTC Platform, set up by the Committee of the Regions with the support of the other EU institutions, demonstrates that a considerable number of national, regional and local authorities and private-sector players, both in the Member States and in neighbouring countries, are prepared to make more and better use of the EGTC as a tool for cross-border development and economic recovery, particularly in connection with the programming of future European policies for 2014-2020.

## practical

### Languages interpreted:

EN – FR – DE – IT – ES – HU  
PL passive

### Venue:

Committee of the Regions  
Rue Belliard 99-101 Brussels  
Room JDE 52. Listening room JDE 51

A thematic exhibition on the EGTC will be displayed in the area JDE Foyer 5th floor

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### Social networks :



EGTC – European Grouping  
of Territorial cooperation



@EGTCPlatform  
#EGTCconference

## Inter-institutional conference on the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

09.00

### Registration of the participants

09.30

Welcome and opening

- **Ms Mercedes Bresso**, President of the Committee of the Regions of the EU
- **Ms Danuta Hübner**, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament
- **Mr Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner of Regional Policy (video message)

09.50

Keynote speeches: Position of the institutions

- **Mr Nicholas Martyn**, European Commission, Deputy Director General, DG Regio
- **Mr Joachim Zeller**, MEP rapporteur on the proposal of revision of the EGTC Regulation
- **Mr Michel Delebarre**, Chair of the Commission of Territorial Cohesion of the Committee of the Regions and rapporteur on the proposal of revision of the EGTC Regulation
- **Mr Luis Miguel Pariza Castaños**, Councillor at the European Economic and Social Committee and rapporteur on the proposal of revision of the EGTC Regulation

### Questions to debate:

- a) Strategy and perspectives for the EGTC in the horizon 2014-2020
- b) The revision of the Regulation (EC) 1082/2006 on EGTC

10.15

Open floor for representatives of the Member States, Members of the European Parliament and Members of the Committee of the Regions

11.20

Conclusions

11.30

### Closing of the conference

## Annual meeting of the EGTC Platform of the Committee of the Regions

12.00

Opening of the meeting by **Mr Gerhard Stahl**, Secretary General of the Committee of the Regions

12.15

Workshop 1: *The EGTC ready to use – Facing the crisis*

13:00

**Lunch in JDE Atrium 5**

14.30

Workshop 2: *The EGTC ready to use - The external dimension*

15.15

Workshop 3: *The EGTC ready to use – Beyond cohesion policy*

16.15

Conclusions

16.30

### Closing of the meeting

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