

Citizens' summary

Proposal – European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

- Promoting territorial cooperation – helping regions in different EU countries to work together for common good – has long been an EU objective, with significant funding available.
- Since 2006, local and regional partners have been able to set up European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs), providing a common legal framework to help them overcome complicated differences between national rules and regulations.
- The European Commission has now published a report on how EGTCs are working and how they could be improved, for example by:
 - making it easier to set up an EGTC
 - reviewing their range of activities
 - opening up EGTCs up to regions outside the EU
 - clarifying some of the operating rules – for instance on staff recruitment, spending money and protecting creditors.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT AND HOW?

- People **in the regions involved** – common rules make it easier to get things done efficiently: For example, EGTCs can help with:
 - coherent planning for future growth
 - better integrated transport systems
 - coordinated and complementary innovation strategies
 - practical cooperation in the provision of public and local services

WHAT EXACTLY WOULD CHANGE?

- EGTCs are already up and running. The proposed changes would make the system simpler and extend their scope
- No existing EGTCs would have to change unless they saw the benefit of it
- Future EGTCs can be established more rapidly and more efficiently
- No extra EU or national funding would be required

WHY DOES ACTION HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE EU?

- EGTCs exist explicitly to help regions from different countries to work together
- EU law in this instance provides a common basis for regions to work together
- Implementing practical projects to improve European territorial cooperation is complex, and made harder by different legal, accounting and management structures.
- No regions will have to join an EGTC if they do not see a need

WHEN IS THE PROPOSAL LIKELY TO COME INTO EFFECT?

- Most likely 2013

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