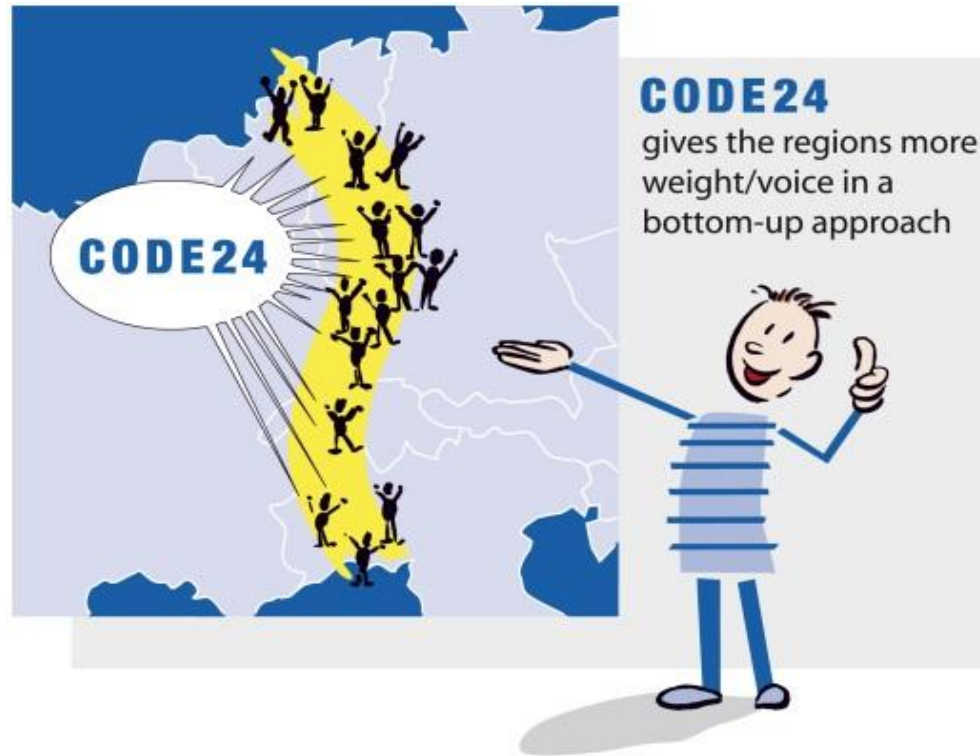


EGTC “Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor “



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Continue Corridor Cooperation

The idea is to build on the concrete results of CODE24.

1. Message:

**The chance has to be taken:
Continue cooperation in the Corridor!**

Challenges and Opportunities

No joint development strategy for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor did exist.

Interregional and international cooperation is a pre-requisite for a coordinated spatial development in the Corridor.

The INTERREG Project CODE24 provided a platform for:

- the necessary exchange and communication**
- cross-border concepts**
- coordinated action and decision**
- Joint Strategy Paper**

Corridors in the Focus of Interest

- New EU policy for TEN-Transport
- 9 EU Core Network Corridors defined
- One of them: The Rhine-Alpine Corridor = most important Corridor in Europe
- New Corridor Governance: Corridor Fora
- Link between CODE24 and new EU Corridor Governance



What is an EGTC...?

- The **EGTC** is the **first European cooperation structure with a legal personality** defined by European Law designed to facilitate and promote territorial cooperation in view of strengthening the economic and social cohesion of the European territory.
- An EGTC may carry out **actions of territorial cooperation**, with or without a financial contribution from the EU
- The EGTC offers the possibility of involving different institutional levels in a single cooperative structure, i.e. **multilevel governance**, enabling European regional and local authorities to become driving forces in drawing up and implementing EU policy, helping to make European governance more open, participatory, democratic, accountable and transparent.

Existing EGTC's

- **Currently 51 EGTC's are existing**
- **Mostly cross border areas**
- **Also decentrally organised networks**
- **One Corridor-EGCT, i.e. Central European Transport Corridor**
- **8 EGTC's with Italian members, e.g. GECT „Euregio Senza Confine“ (Italian and Austrian members, Istria interested to join), legal seat Trieste**

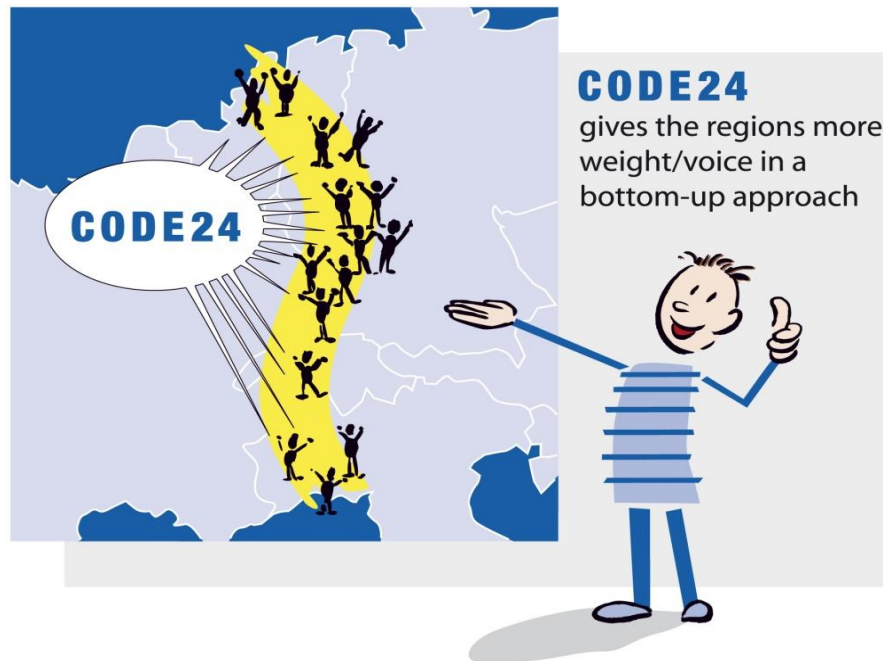
Advantages of an EGTC

- **It can operate as an administration unit with own legal personality**
- **It can independently carry out projects as a legally responsible corporate body**
- **It provides an organizational model for a long-term cooperation**
- **It facilitates and promotes territorial cooperation**
- **It guarantees the saving of a sustainable partnership once a project lifetime has come to an end**
- **It is eligible for EU-funding and may apply for and manage EU-funds**
- **It has a strong voice and speaks for its members**
- **It provides enhanced visibility of the Corridor in regions, countries and at European level**
- **It offers the possibility of a strong placement in the public space and an establishing of political contact**

EGTC for CODE24

3. Message:

Use the EGTC for Corridor Cooperation!



Why an EGTC for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor?

The objective for creating an EGTC contains to enable the regions, cities and ports of the Rhine-Alpine Corridor area to continue their cooperation, to speak with one voice and to keep on developing the Corridor jointly.



What is needed to create an EGTC?

2 formal documents needed:

The convention specifies basically:

- The name of the EGTC and its registered office
- The territory of the EGTC
- The objective and tasks of the EGTC

The statutes contain:

Operating provision of the EGTC's organs and their competencies,
e.g. decision-making procedure, working language, arrangements for
its functioning

EGTC for Rhin-Alpine

„Interregional Alliance for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor“:

The main objective of the EGTC will be to jointly strengthen and coordinate the integrated and territorial development along the multimodal Rhine-Alpine Corridor from the regional and local perspective.

Objectives and Tasks for the EGTC

- a) Combining and focusing the joint interests of its members towards national, European and infrastructure institutions**
- b) Directing funds to corridor related activities and projects**
- c) Providing a central platform for mutual information and exchange**
- d) Improving the visibility and promotion of the Corridor**

Principles

- **No new bureaucracy!**
- **Faciliate cooperation**
- **Concrete output: Projects, expertise, joint action**
- **Think tank function**
- **Lean structure (small team)**
- **Low budget (100.000 €/a)**

Current members of the EGTC

- **Port of Rotterdam (Netherlands)**
- **Provincie Gelderland (Netherlands)**
- **Region Köln/Bonn**
- **Duisport**
- **Regional FrankfurtRheinMain**
- **Region Rhein-Neckar**
- **City of Mannheim**
- **City of Karlsruhe**
- **TechnolgyRegion Karlsruhe**
- **Region Central Upper Rhine**
- **Region Southern Upper Rhine**
- **City of Lahr**
- **Uniontrasporti, Milano**
- **Regione Piemonte**

Declaration for EGTC signed



Open for new members and partners

3. Message:

Let the EGTC grow, recrute new members!

**The more members, the more influence and power for
the EGTC!**

EGTC is not a „closed shop“!

**Beside the assembly of members, there will be thematic working
groups and consultative boards for non-members.**

Open for other stakeholders,

e.g. universities, enterprises, infrastructure providers.

Procedure

- **Elaboration of draft documents,
i.e. Convention and Statutes** **done**
- **Internal decision to become a member** **done**
- **Declaration of potential members (Lol)** **done**
- **National approval of membership** **two in preparation**
- **Formal founding of EGTC** **Spring 2015**

Thank you for your attention!

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 cooperation
 among the
 regions

