Obstacles continue to exist

- Lack of trust
- Language barriers
- Accessibility and connectivity
- Administrative obstacles
- Legislative obstacles
- Non-recognition of qualifications
- Higher costs of living
- Untapped Economic potential
- Unequal treatment of patients
- Denial of public services

37.5% of EU citizens live in border areas.
European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

The EGTC is the first European cooperation structure with a legal personality defined by European Law.

designed to facilitate and promote territorial cooperation (cross-border, transnational and interregional 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.

Public entities, or entities carrying out services of public interest can form an EGTC.

Third countries can join.
The EGTC is created by local actors, not by Member States. **Only one** Member States needs to approve the EGTC, within 6 months!

Benefits

- Permanence and stability
- Long-term strategic vision of the region
- Less administration
- Encouraged by the EU to be the beneficiaries and manager of EU funds
- Legislation of only one MS applies
67 EGTC existing today

- 20 EU Member states
- 3 Non-EU states
- 1 Observer non-EU state
- Over 30 million citizens concerned
- Over 1000 local and regional authorities
- Not all are cross-border EGTCs
- Some of them are programme managers

Future of EGTC

- 6 additional MS and 2 non-MS
- Desire to expand to MENA region
- New regulation to simplify further
EGTC Hôpital Cerdagne/Cerdanya
Cross-border hospital
EGTC Eurodisctict
Strasbourg Ortenau
Cross-border tramway under French rules connecting Strasbourg and Kehl
EGTC Eurocity Chaves-Verín
Cross-border public Services and tourism
Thank you
Merci
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