

EGTC Monitoring Report 2016 – Main findings

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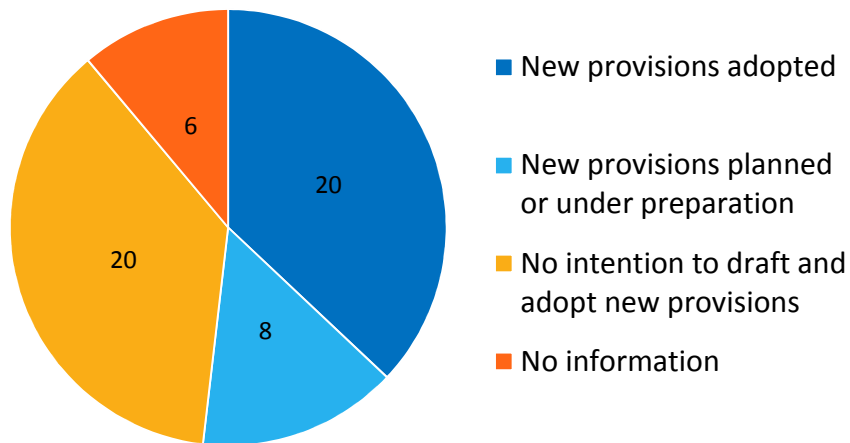


Structure

- National provisions
- Schengen Area crisis – special topic of 2016 report
- State of play
- Thematic focus
- EGTCs and ETC and other EU funding sources
- EGTCs under construction

Development of national provisions

Revision of national provisions according to EU
Regulation 1302/2013



- No intention or information:
 - Lack of relevance (no EGTCs in territory)
 - Lack of interest
 - Provisions considered sufficient
- Coordination & transparency activities differ widely
 - Different types of online information – bi-lateral exchanges – events for different target groups
 - Few MS / approval authorities much more active than most other MS

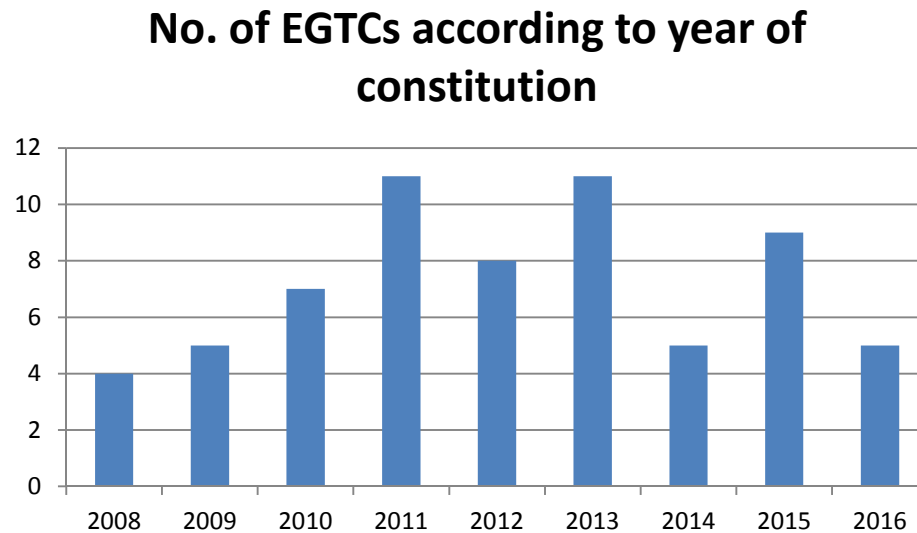
Impacts of Schengen Area crisis

- Concern about effects of stricter & more extensive controls if crisis is not overcome or even extended



State of play of EGTCs (I)

- In total 65 EGTCs at the end of 2016



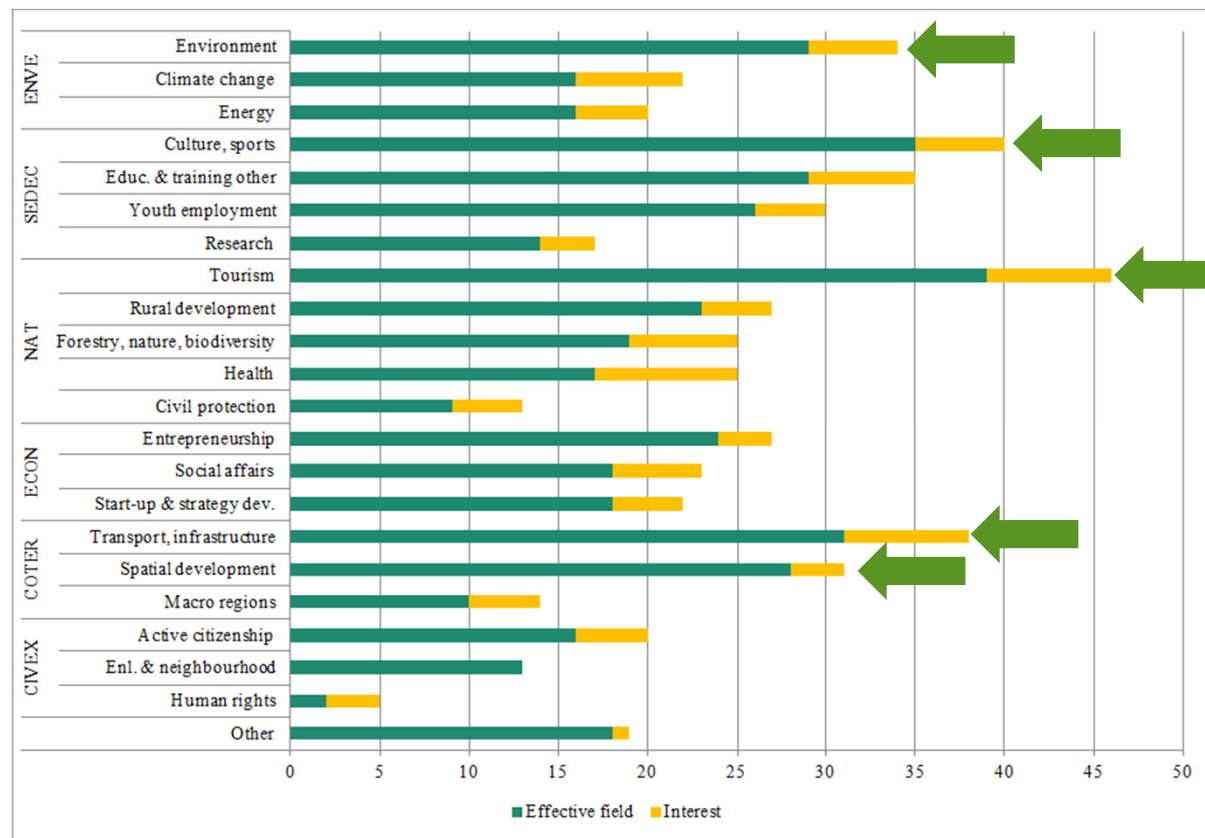
- 1 EGTC soon to be closed (former ETC programme MA)
- Few other EGTCs not effectively in place/working

State of play of EGTCs (II)

- No major changes as regards the **territory** – most new EGTCs located in 'neighbourhood' to existing EGTCs
- Few more members from **non-EU MS**, no EGTC in **OTC**
- Very little participation of **Northern EU MS** in EGTCs
- Cooperation in **cross-border areas** continues to be main geographic focus
- More EGTCs involving public partners **other than public authorities** (EMI, EUCOR)
- **Flexibility of the instrument** proven in terms of changed memberships and through the incorporation of multiple types of partners

Thematic focuses of EGTCs (I)

- Similar fields related to CoR commissions important as in the past



Thematic focuses of EGTCs (II)

Involvement in Europe 2020:

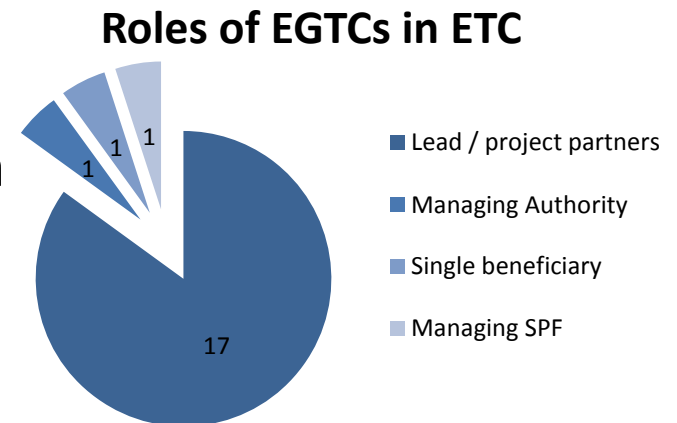
- **Flagship initiatives** hardly explicitly mentioned
- Smart & inclusive growth related to training, education, job opportunities, knowledge creation
- Sustainable growth related to energy, resource efficiency
- Many **cross-thematic foci** linking different objectives



EGTCs implementing ETC actions

- Programmes with EGTC project/lead partners so far:
 - 9 VA programmes
 - 3 VB programmes
 - Interreg Europe / ESPON

- EGTCs involved in ETC implementation (excluding failed proposals):
 - A few additional EGTCs with approved projects to be started in 2017



- Future perspectives: 28 EGTCs explicitly intend to apply for ETC projects in remaining period

Obstacles for EGTCs in ETC participation

- Limited involvement so far not only because of failed proposals but...
- Financing issues
- National differences & legal issues
- Recognition of EGTCs in ETC
- Structural issues



Other EU funding sources

- EAFRD
- Erasmus+
- Europe for Citizens



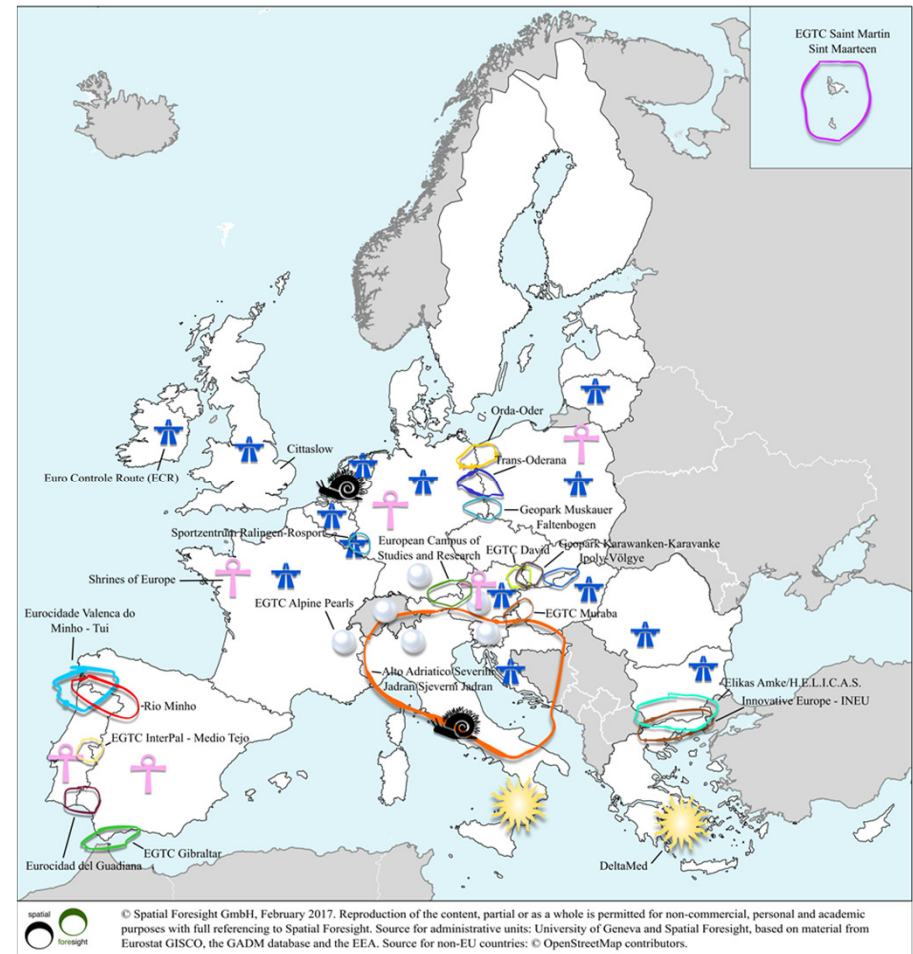
- HORIZON 2020
- LIFE
- CEF
- DEAR



1 EGTC each

EGTCs under constitution

- Increased number of EGTCs under constitution
- Wide **variety of future uses** of the instrument
- 2 EGTCs have received their **approval** beginning of 2017
- 7 other EGTCs awaiting their approval
- **Obstacles** lead to stopped & delayed processes & 'creative' approaches,
- Not all obstacles related to **EGTC framework** but
- **MS differences** still matter a lot (e.g. legal, competences, objectives, ...)



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