



European Alliance Group Workshop
The future of EU territorial cooperation
8 October, 9.15 – 10.45 a.m.
Committee of the Regions, Brussels (room JDE 70)

European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) is one of the objectives of Cohesion Policy as it contributes to achieving harmonious development in the EU, while enabling regions and local authorities to work together across borders.

The future of ETC programmes as we know them is at stake since the proposal for a draft regulation for the 2021-2027 period envisages significant changes to the current structure and budget cuts.

The European Commission also proposes a new Interreg component on Interregional Innovation Investments financed at EUR 970 million. The European Parliament, the Council and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) support the creation of this new instrument. The CoR is also proposing higher resources to maintain cross border maritime cooperation and programmes such as Interreg Europe. However, budget negotiations with Member States, which are still under way, make the future of ETC uncertain. Local and regional policy makers, experts and practitioners will share successful experiences and highlight the importance of preserving cooperation programmes with high EU added value in the next programming period.

Draft Programme

- 09:15 Introductory speech
Tony Buchanan, Vice-President of the EA Group
- 09:20 The future of territorial cooperation: the Committee of the Regions' view
Nanette Maupertuis, member of the Executive Council of Corsica Regional Authority, CoR rapporteur for the future of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)
- 09:40 Cooperation of territorial self-government units: the perspective of the Bialystok Functional Area
Anna Augustyn, Bialystok Functional Area, councillor of Podlaskie Voivodeship
- 09:55 The role of EGTCs in the future ETC: best practice
Dr Francesc Bonet, Director of the Hospital de la Cerdanya, EGTC
- 10:10 The future of territorial cooperation through the implementation of macro regional strategies: the Alpine Strategy, a widespread common framework
Carlo Badino, Territorial Cooperation Bureau of the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta
- 10:25 Questions from the floor – debate
- 10:40 Concluding remarks
- 10:45 End of the seminar