



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
& ADMINISTRATIVE RECONSTRUCTION**

**EUROPEAN  
GROUPING OF  
TERRITORIAL  
COOPERATION**

***THE EXPERIENCES OF GREECE***

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# **The Main (EGTC) Tasks of the Hellenic Ministry of Interior**

**(Committee for the International Partnerships of Local Government-  
L.3613/2007, art.22)**

- Organises forums, info days and training sessions on EGTC developments
- Receives the texts of the CONVENTION and the STATUTES of EGTCs located in Greece or abroad
- Organises informal sessions with the representatives of candidate EGTCs seated in Greece or with candidate members of EGTCs seated abroad and gives guidance over technical issues (amendments of the initial texts are expected and welcome)
- Approves the relevant text of CONVENTION, the participation of candidate members and Authorises an EGTC seated in Greece
- Approves the participation of potential members of an EGTC seated abroad
- Retains and updates the register of the EGTCs
- Informs the European Commission (through the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU) about national legislative developments on EGTCs
- Updates the section of the EGTCs on the Ministry's website ([www.ypes.gr](http://www.ypes.gr))

# The Greek Legal Framework on EGTCs

- **L.3613/2007, art.22** on a European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) and on the amendment of Law No 3463/2006, art.221
  
- **May 2016: Interministerial Working Group (WG)** set up at the Ministry of Interior to review the national legal framework on EGTCs regarding
  - ❑ **Regulation 1302/2013 'EGTC'**
  - ❑ **Regulation 1303/2013 'Common Provisions'**
  - ❑ **Regulation 1299/2013 'European Territorial Cooperation'**
  
- **July 2016:** The WG submitted to the Minister of Interior its **proposals** for the amendment of the national legal framework on EGTCs
  - ❑ **Designation of the national approval authority**
  - ❑ **Introduction of new categories of potential members of EGTC (incl. authorities from Third Countries, private law legal entities).**
  - ❑ **Detailed description of the EGTCs' tasks (incl. managing authorities, beneficiaries of Joint Action Plans and Integrated Territorial Investments, technical assistance to the EFSI Ops,)**

# The Greek Legal Framework on EGTCs (2)

- ❑ Analysis of the **approval procedure** (incl. the distinction between the approval procedure for EGTCs located in Greece and abroad)
  - ❑ Provisions for the EGTCs **personnel** (incl. the option for EGTCs to consider different employment regime options, be it under private or public law)
  - ❑ Detailed provisions for the **control of public funds and the members' financial contributions**
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- **Sept 2016:** The Minister of Interior adopts the WG's proposals
  - **Oct-Nov 2016:** End of legislative procedure

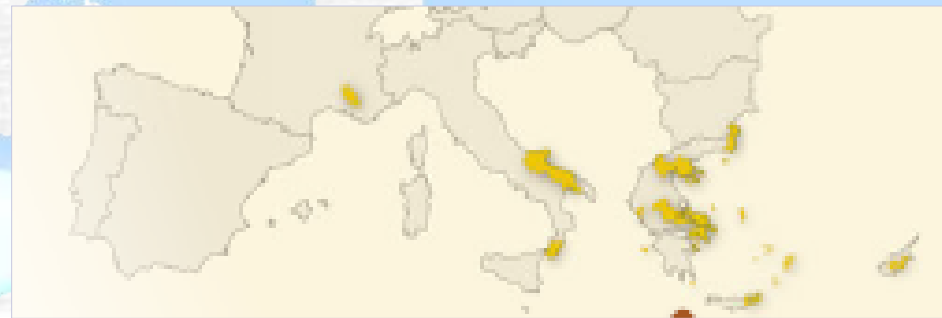
# The EGTCs established in GREECE

## 1. E.G.T.C. Amphictyony- 2008 (<http://www.amphictyony.gr>)

**Members:** local authorities (municipalities), regional associations from Greece, Italy, France, Cyprus and Palestini



**Main Goal:** The main aim of E.G.T.C AMPHICTYONY is for the people of the Mediterranean to live in a continuously peaceful environment and one of constant development, financially effective, socially just and environmentally viable with cohesion and security in their areas



# The EGTCs established in GREECE (2)

## 2. EGTC EFXINI POLI - 2012 (<http://www.efxini.gr/>)

**Members:** Local authorities (municipalities) from Greece, Cyprus and Bulgaria, Region of Attika, Decentralised Administration of Aegean, Panteion University (Greece)



EGTC  
Efxini Poli  
SolidarCity  
NETWORK

**Main Goal:** Employment programs, social protection, the fight against social exclusion, competitiveness and entrepreneurship development, rural development, culture, education, sport and youth , gender equality, sustainable, secure and competitive energy, environmental protection, consumer protection, prevention and health education, human rights, local, regional and inter-regional development, tourism, cooperation and networking within civil society



# The EGTCs established in GREECE (3)

## 3. EGTC INNOVATIVE EUROPE-INEU - 2015

**Members:** The Interbalkan Environment Center (Greece) and the Region of Sofia (Bulgaria)

**Main Goal:** the sustainable management and protection of natural resources at river basin level

## 4. EGTC Holistic Efficient Local Initiatives for Cooperation and Synergy- H.E.L.I.C.A.S - 2016

**Members:** local and regional authorities, universities, technical educational institutes, chambers of commerce from Greece and Bulgaria

**Main Goal:** 11 Thematic Objectives of EU2020

# The Assessment of the Hellenic Republic

- **EGTC's problems are not LEGAL but CULTURAL:**
  - ❑ Lack of public awareness of the EGTC importance as a development tool
  - ❑ Lack of interest from other bodies of Central Administration (i.e. Ministries)
  - ❑ Disconnected and piecemeal projects
  - ❑ Local Government's Misunderstandings about their role
  - ❑ Lack of communication between EGTCs
  - ❑ Lack of EGTC mentality (i.e. operational) within EGTCs



# **The Proposals of the Hellenic Republic for Sustainable EGTCs**

- **The EGTCs should be part of the National Development and Reform Strategies (VISION & LEADERSHIP)**
- **Focus on the Big Picture, the societal outcomes of the projects (USER-CENTRIC STRATEGY)**
- **Engagement on an ongoing basis with the key stakeholders (COHERENT PROJECTS)**
- **Open form of Reporting (OPENNESS)**



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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