



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

The 4th Meeting of the EGTC Approval Authorities

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DRAFT AGENDA

16 April 2015, Thursday

13:30 – Registration

14:00 – 14:45 Welcome address

Levente Magyar State Secretary for Economic Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;

Giorgio Rosso Cicogna Special Advisor to Secretary General; Central European Initiative

Tamás Deutsch Member of the European Parliament

Dragančo Apostolovski Deputy National Coordinator for regional initiatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Chairmanship of the Central European Initiative, Macedonia;

on behalf of the Committee of the Regions (to be confirmed)

Experiences on the implementation of the amended EGTC regulation

Moderator: Péter KISS-PARCIU Head of Department, Cross-border Economic Cooperation Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

14:45 – 16:25 **Sharing of experience:** representatives of the Approval Authorities and of the European Commission

- *Marek Maga* Head of Unit for preparation of Cohesion Policy legislation, Government Office of Slovakia;
- *Claudia Zdrenghia* expert, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania;
- *Filip Chybalski* expert Territorial Cooperation Department, Ministry of Infrastructure and Development, Poland;
- *Martin Lesage* Head of Office, Direction General of Local Authorities - Direction générale des collectivités locales, Ministry of Interior, France;
- *Maria Puig Pérez*, Technical Advisor, Directorate General of Regional and Local Coordination, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, Spain;
- *Patricia Abaffy* Head of Unit, Cross-border Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
- *Dirk Peters* Team Leader, Senior Expert, Directorate Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Questions and answers

16:30 – 16:50 **Coffee break**

Introducing good practices of EGTCs, their role in economic development in the programming period 2014-2020: Results of the 2007-2013 financial period, and an outlook on the 2014-2020 programming period from the perspective of economic development goals

Moderator: Alfonso ALCOLEA MARTINEZ, EGTC Platform, Committee of the Regions

16:50 – 18:20 **Implementation experiences**

Introducing the experience of the Committee of the Regions based on the Monitoring Report

- *Alfonso Alcolea Martínez*, EGTC Platform, Committee of the Regions;

Experiences of EGTCs

- *Mireia Canals Botines* Secretary General, Euroregion Pyrénées – Méditerranée: Introducing the EGTC prize winner project
- *Sandra Sodini* Director of the EGTC GO (to be confirmed)
- *Valentina Piffer* Euregio Tirolo - Alto Adige – Trentino;
- *Hynek Orsag* Director, Department of Cross-border Cooperation, TRITIA EGTC
- *Tímea Kres* Director, Európa-kapu ETT/EGTC

Questions, answers

17 April 2015, Friday

EGTC as an instrument for supporting economic development and business environment

Moderator: Christian WEINBERGER Senior Advisor, Entrepreneurship and SME Policy, Directorate General of Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

08:30 – 08:40 Opening remarks by the Moderator

08:40 - 09:20 **National Strategies to develop SMEs**

- *Dragica Karajić* PA8 Coordinator of EUSDR, Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts, Croatia;
- *Olesea Bordan* Consultant, SMEs Development Policies and Internal Trade Division, Ministry of Economy: Moldova's SME Strategy of 2012-2020
- *Erika Papp* Counsellor for European Affairs Ministry of Energy, SMEs and Business Environment, Romania

Questions and answers

09:20 – 10:50 **Economic development as an objective in cooperation programs**

- **Dirk Peters** Team Leader, Senior Expert, Directorate Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **István Joó** EU Danube Region Strategy Ministerial Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary;
- **Zsuzsanna Drahos** territorial co-operation expert, Department for Planning of Territorial Development, Ministry for National Economy of Hungary

10:00 – 10:10 **Coffee break**

(The session continues)

- **Martijn Spaargaren** Joint Interreg Secretariat, Germany – the Netherlands Interreg VA: Instruments serving economic development, results of the program period of 2007-2013 and the objectives for 2014-2020;
- **Béla Hegyesi** Danube, Central Europe and Interreg EUROPE Contact Point, Department for Planning of Territorial Development, Ministry for National Economy of Hungary: Knowledge and skills in the field of innovation, especially in SMEs and for improving entrepreneurship
- **Edina Csányi** Seconded senior expert of the European Investment Bank

Questions and answers

10:50 – 11:35 **Introduction of new possibilities in economic development taking into consideration cross-border programs and co-operation**

- **Zoltán Barna-Lázár** Director, Integrated Consulting Group Ex Ante: Introduction of PPP light project experiences;
- **György Mosonyi** Vice-president for international relations, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce: „Innoportfólio” - results of an innovative project featuring cross-border co-operation of chambers of commerce;
- **Péter Nagy** Director, Ister Granum EGTC: Integrated Territorial Investment from a project perspective

Questions and answers

11:35 – 11:50 Summary and closure of the conference:

Gyula Ocskay Secretary General Central European Service for Cross Border Initiatives CESCO

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch; departure of the guests**