

Final Conference of the « EGTC » URBACT project, 6-7 May 2010, Esztergom (Hungary)

The cross-border agglomeration partners* of the “EGTC” project (Expertising Governance for Transfrontier Conurbations), co-financed by the URBACT II programme, aim to exchange on methods and tools to improve their governance, including the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation. During the last two years, they have exchanged on internal governance issues and the means to involve civil society, assessing their needs, identifying best practices and the concrete measures they would develop to improve their governance: the Local Action Plan is the main output of the project partners.

On 6 May, the partners will deliver the conclusions they have come to at the end, and will launch on 7 May, a European network of EGTCs and Euroregional cooperation groupings (ECGs, a new instrument created by the Council of Europe) to give continuity to these exchanges and to enlarge it to other partners.

6 May, afternoon, Presentation of the final results of the “EGTC” project

1:30 – 2:00	Registration
2:00 – 2:25	Welcome and introduction Tamás MEGGYES, Mayor of Esztergom and President of the Ister-Granum EGTC Dr. Hans-Günther CLEV, Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière, Lead Partner of the “EGTC” project
2:25 – 3:30	The Local Action Plans to improve project partners’ cross-border governance [1/2]*
3:30 – 3:55	Coffee break
3:55 – 5:00	The Local Action Plans to improve project partners’ cross-border governance [2/2]*
5:00 – 5:30	A European Action Plan to bring-up cross-border agglomerations’ interests at the European level
5:30 – 5:45	Conclusions , Christian LAMOUR, project Lead expert

7 May, morning, Launching of the European network on EGTCs and ECGs

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and introduction , Tamás MEGGYES, Mayor of Esztergom and President of the Ister-Granum EGTC
9:10 – 9:20	Presentation of the initiative for a European network of EGTCs and ECGs , Dr. Hans-Günther CLEV, MOT, initiator of the network
9:20 – 10:40	Opening of the “EGTC” URBACT project to other EGTCs and future ECGs [with a panel of EGTCs]
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:35	Statements from the Council of Europe and the Committee of the Regions
11:35 – 12:05	Launching of the European Network of EGTCs and ECGs [with a panel of EGTCs]
12:05 – 12:15	Conclusions , Tamás MEGGYES and Dr. Hans-Günther CLEV
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:30	Site visit: guiding tour of Esztergom- Štúrovo

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