

**Committee of the Regions**

The President

Brussels, 20 December 2010 \* 002136  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the European Conference on European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation (EGTCs) on 27 and 28 January 2011.

The conference will take place in Lille on Thursday 27 January, which will mark the third anniversary of the creation of the *Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai*, the first EGTC to be set up in Europe, and at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels on Friday 28 January 2011, for the launch of the Committee's EGTC Platform.

The EGTC Platform will incorporate both existing EGTCs and those in preparation, along with members of the Committee of the Region's Expert Group, public organisations and associations active in the field of European territorial cooperation and other experts and stakeholders interested in getting involved in this common area of action

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Mercedes Bresso



## EGTC conference – The launch of the EGTC Platform

### Agenda for Thursday 27 January 2011

Committee of the Regions, Brussels (Belgium)

**11 a.m.** Press Conference at the Committee of the Regions on the own-initiative opinion on *New perspectives for the revision of the EGTC regulation*.

Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine (Greater Lille Urban Authority, France)

**1 p.m.** Registration and welcome

**2 p.m.** Plenary session: key note speakers from the EU, the EP, CoR and *Eurométropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai* on the new prospects for EGTCs

**3 p.m.** Working groups

- Hiring staff and internal staff rules: towards standard procedures for EGTC staff
- EGTCs and cooperation with existing European funds and their managing authorities
- Setting up a new EGTC: *Dos and Don'ts*

**4.30 p.m.** Working groups

- EGTC Governance: Multi-level governance
- EGTC Governance: Single-tier governance
- Special task EGTC: Programme, Network, Project

**6 p.m.** Plenary session

**7 p.m.** Reception and meeting with political leaders of the *Eurométropole*

**8 p.m.** Anniversary dinner

### Agenda for Friday 28 January 2011

Committee of the Regions, Brussels (Belgium)

**9 a.m.** Registration and welcome

**10 a.m.** Kick-off meeting of the EGTC Platform

**12 noon** Political event launching the Platform.

**1 p.m.** Closing of the conference



## Registration form

In order to allow us to organise the conference as effectively as possible, please confirm your attendance by 10 January 2011 by fax or email.

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### Thursday 27 January 2011 (Lille) and Friday 28 January 2011 (Brussels):

I will be attending:                      YES/NO                      accompanied by:                      ... persons

I would like to receive information about accommodation availability in Lille:                      YES/NO

I would like to receive information about travelling by TGV from Lille to Brussels:                      YES/NO

### Friday 28 January 2011 (Brussels):

I will be attending                      YES/NO

Surname:	-----
First name:	-----
Organisation:	-----
Job title:	-----
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