

**Question for written answer P-003631/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: EGTCs in the EU

Already in 2006, after the adoption of the first documents regulating at EU level the possibility of creating EGTCs (European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation) I was, as prefect of the Istria County, active in such initiatives in the cross-border area between Italy, Slovenia and Austria. At that time I had the impression that the rules governing the activity between regions, cities and municipalities in the cross-border area were somewhat impractical and difficult to enforce. Later on, the rules for setting up EGTCs were adjusted.

In this respect I ask the Commission how many EGTCs have been established so far in the EU and how many of them have non-member states among their participants?

Are there examples of good practice where EGTCs, apart from being established, have really come to life with their own budgets, activities and achievements?