

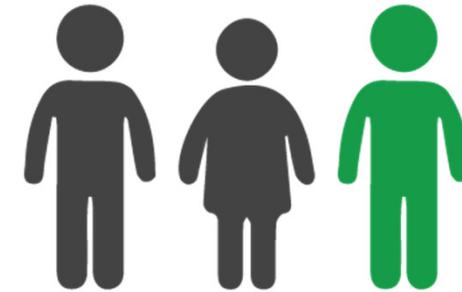
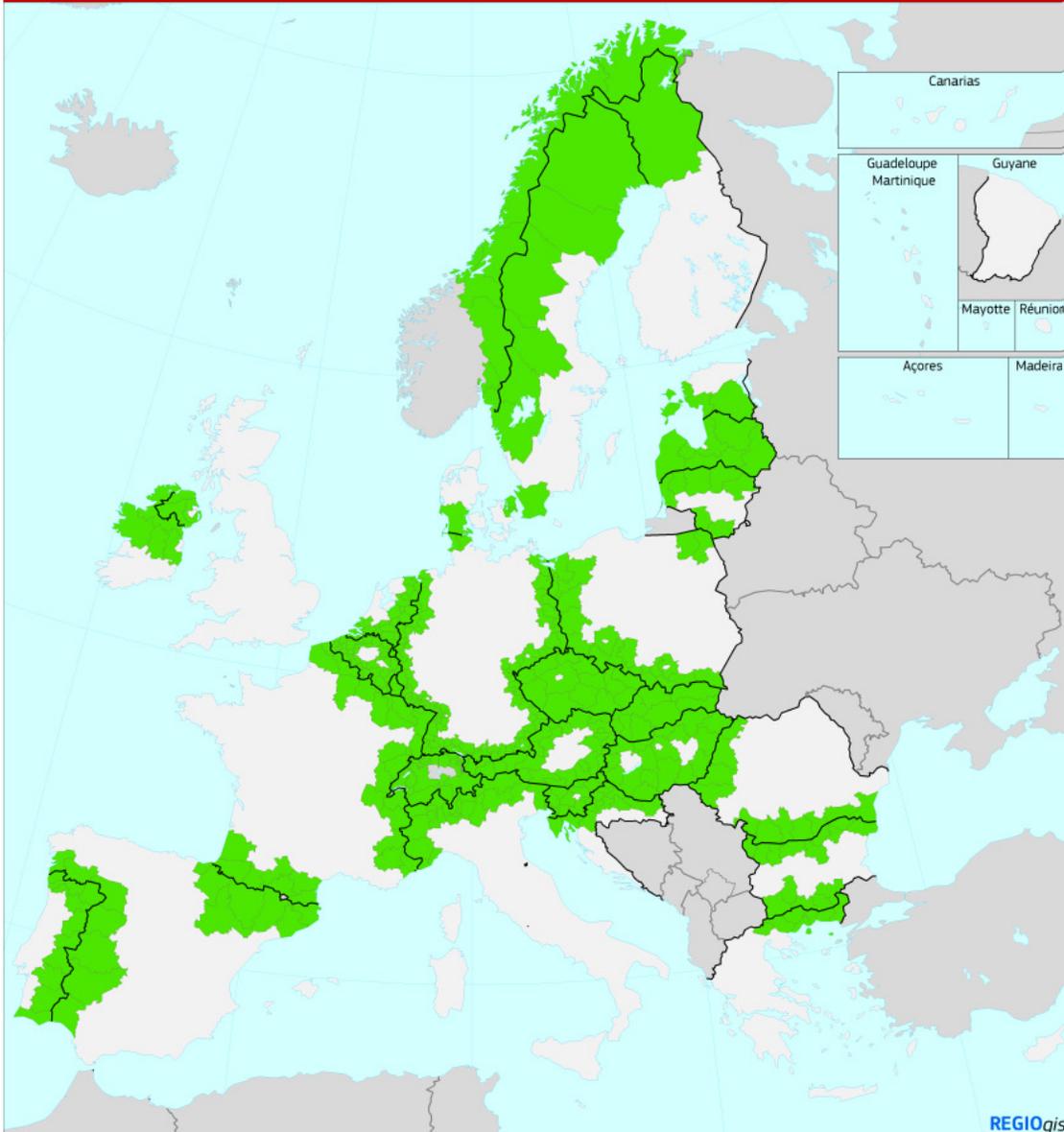


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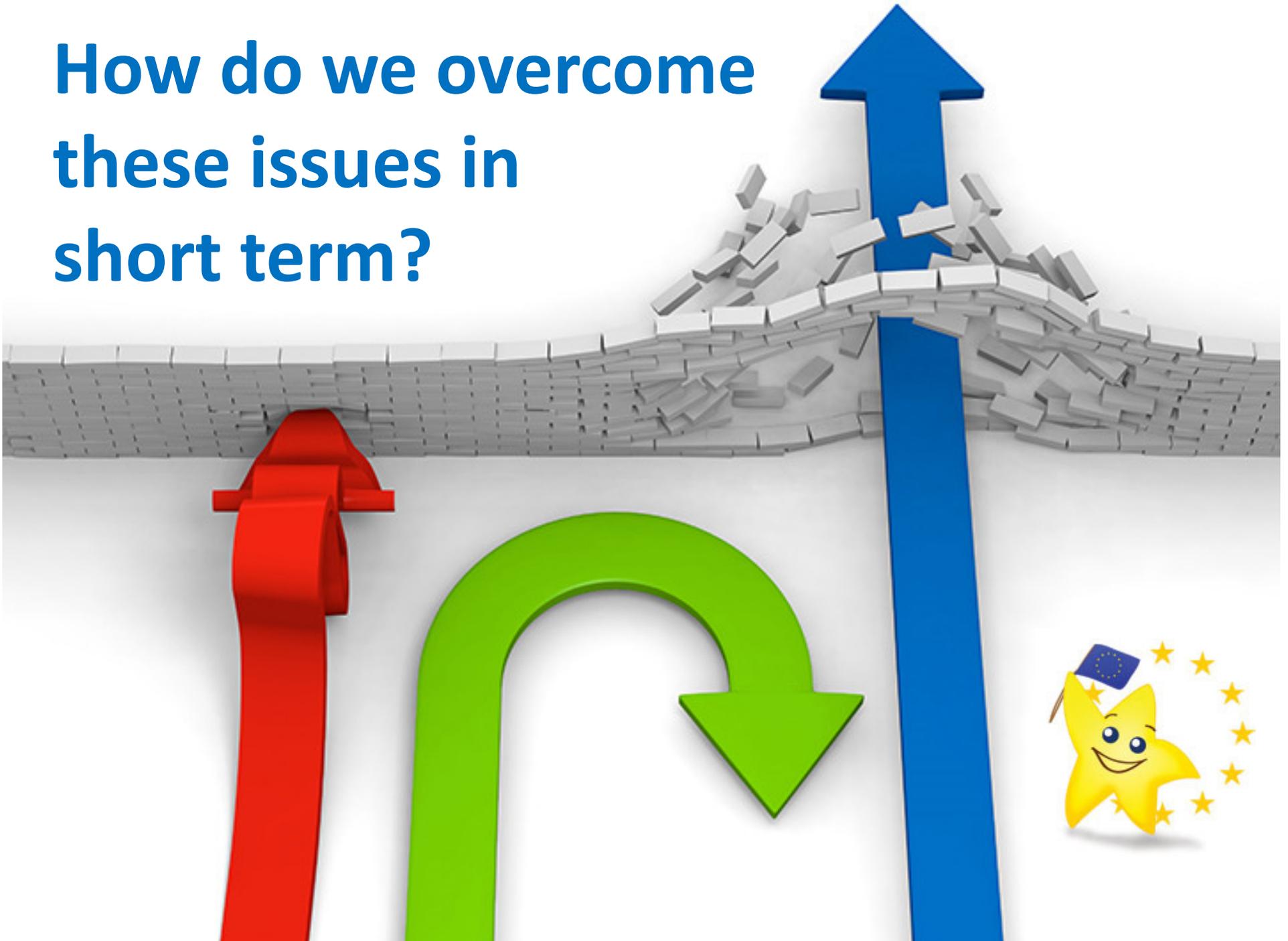
Obstacles continue to exist



37.5 % of EU citizens live in border areas

- Lack of trust
- Language barriers
- Accessibility and connectivity
- Administrative obstacles
- Legislative obstacles
- Non-recognition of qualifications
- Higher costs of living
- Untapped Economic potential
- Unequal treatment of patients
- Denial of public services

**How do we overcome
these issues in
short term?**



European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

- ★ The EGTC is the **first European cooperation structure with a legal personality** defined by European Law
- ★ designed to facilitate and promote territorial cooperation (cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation), in view of strengthening the economic and social cohesion of the European territory.
- ★ An EGTC may carry out actions of territorial cooperation, with or without a financial contribution from the EU
- ★ Public entities, or entities carrying out services of public interest can form an EGTC
- ★ Third countries can join

Benefits



The EGTC is created by local actors, not by Member States. **Only one** Member States needs to approve the EGTC, within 6 months!



Permanence and stability



Long-term strategic vision of the region



Less administration



Encouraged by the EU to be the beneficiaries and manager of EU funds



Legislation of only one MS applies



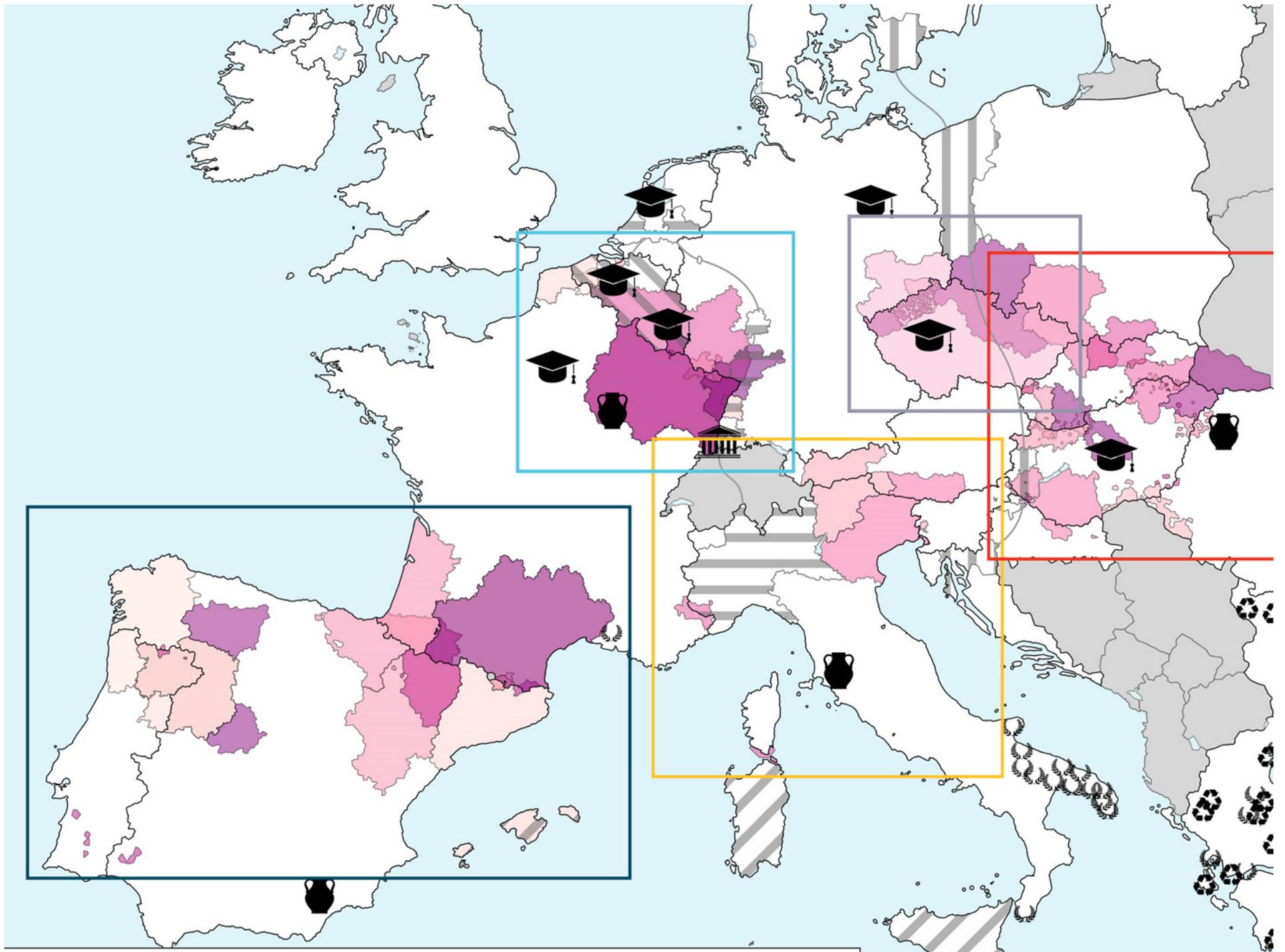
The EGTC Regulation is very flexible and vague, allowing the local and regional authorities to adapt it as needed in their Member States

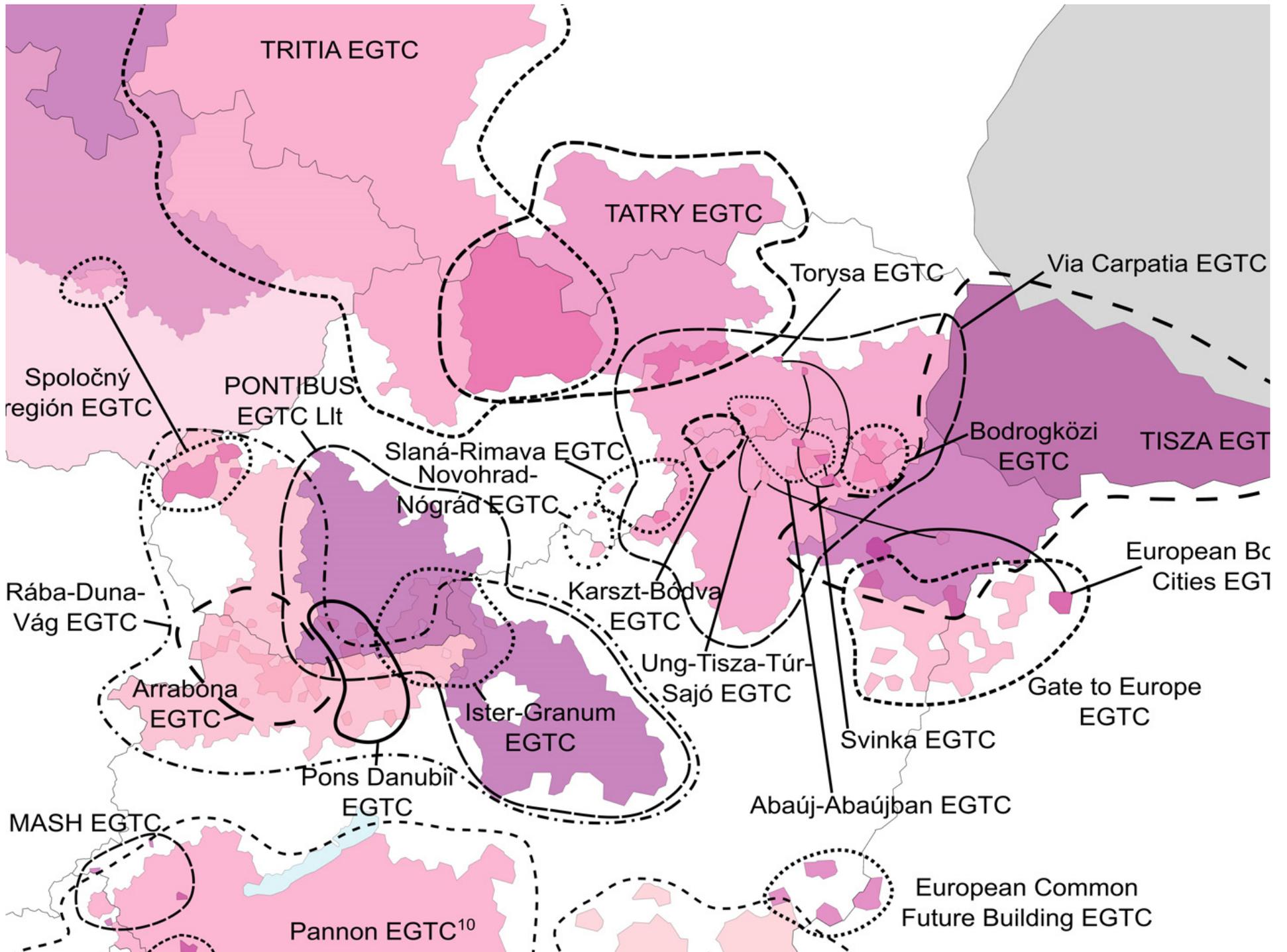
67 EGTC existing today

- ★ 20 EU Member states
- ★ 3 Non-EU states
- ★ 1 Observer non-EU state
- ★ Over 30 million citizens concerned
- ★ Over 1000 local and regional authorities
- ★ Not all are cross-border EGTCs
- ★ Some of them are programme managers

Future of EGTC

- ★ 6 additional MS and 2 non-MS
- ★ Desire to expand to MENA region
- ★ New regulation to simplify further







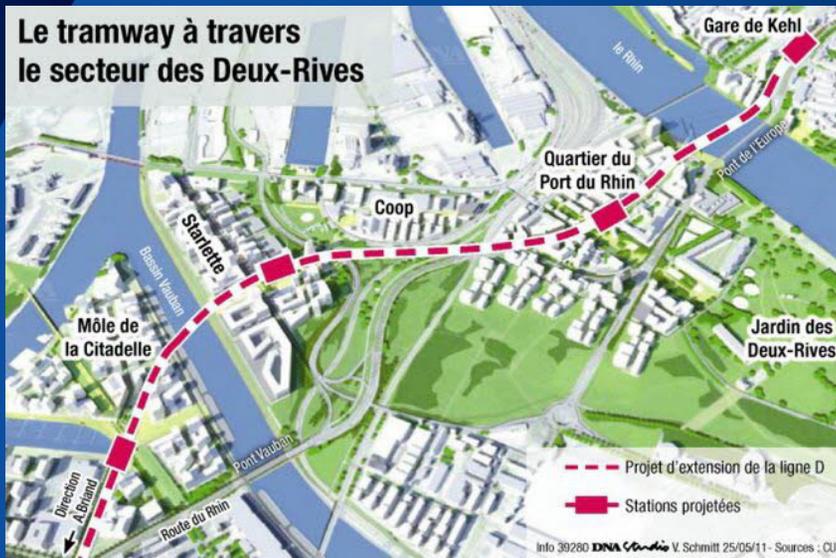
EGTC Hôpital Cerdagne/Cerdanya

Cross-border hospital



EGTC Eurodistrict Strasbourg Ortenau

Cross-border tramway under
French rules connecting Strasbourg
and Kehl



EGTC Eurocity Chaves-Verín

Cross-border public
Services and tourism





EGTC - Parco europeo Alpi Marittime - Mercantour

EGTC- Parco Marino Internazionale delle Bocche di Bonifacio



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Renewable energy and EGTCs

- ★ As infrastructure management
- ★ Single entity to attract funding for a cross border areas
- ★ Working together on a longterm basis to give results to the citizens directly, less involvement of national administrations



State of play

Project proposals prepared for the;

- Interreg-IPA CBC Hungary-Serbia
- Interreg Romania-Hungary
- Danube Transnational Programme
- Interreg Central Europe
- Interreg Poland-Czech Republic



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**Thank you
Merci**

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