

‘BORDERLESS’ MUNICIPAL COOPERATION IN HUNGARY

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HUNGARIAN LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENTS IN THE EU

- Fundamental Law: „the Hungarian local government cooperate with the local governments of other countries in matters falling within its competence, and become a member of international organisations of local governments”
- Main institutions for collaboration within the EU:
 - a) earlier: INTERREG programmes (to develop regions and to promote cross-border relations)
 - b) Committee of the Regions (advisory body)
 - c) European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

EGTC

- 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

EGTCs WITH HUNGARIAN PARTICIPANTS

- 28 associations were registered in the EU, most of them in France and in Hungary (11-11) until May 2012
- in half of the H. associations cooperation mainly with Slovakian partners, besides Romanian, Slovenian
- majority of the EGTCs are based on bilateral convention
- the basis of the EGTC cooperation is the former local government cooperation, generally based on more than one task (regional development, economic development, education, tourism, environmental protection, etc.)

CASE: ORFŰ-ORAHOVICA

- Supporting Cycling as Orahovica-Orfű Joint Tourism Product
- Hungary Croatia Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) project
- cross-border cooperation in the field of tourism
- developing cross-border region's bike tourism infrastructure (bike-roads, bike centres, programmes, workshops etc.
- Total cost: 1, 76 Million €
- Period: 20 months (started: 01.02.2013.)

Thank you for the attention!

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