

Autonomy as a tool for boosting territorial cooperation: Experiences and best practices in EGTCs

Trento, Buonconsiglio Castle
27th-28th October 2026



Day 1

Marangonerie Hall, Buonconsiglio Castle

14.00 – 14.30	Institutional Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simone Marchiori, Councillor for the Promotion of Autonomy of the Autonomous Province of Trento• Elisa Bertò, Director EGCT Euregio Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
14.30 – 15.00	Opening Keynote Towards a Law of Cross-Border Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Francesco Palermo, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Verona and Head of the Institute for Comparative Federalism at Eurac Research
15.00 – 16.00	Panel 1 Governance and Cross-Border Cooperation: The Case of the EGTC Euregio Senza Confini <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiara Fabbro, Project Coordinator EGTC Euregio Senza Confini (IT – AT) Autonomy and Strategic Projects: the Case of the EGTC GO as an European Laboratory for Cross-Border Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Romina Kocina, Director EGTC GO (IT – SI) From Bridge of Peace to Engine of Integration: The 80-Year Legacy of the De Gasperi-Gruber Agreement in the EGTC Cooperative Model <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elisa Bertò, Director EGCT Euregio Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino (IT – AT) <div>Moderator: Sara Parolari, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Comparative Federalism at Eurac Research</div>
16.00 – 16.45	Panel 2 A Somewhat Special EGTC for a Somewhat Strange Territory <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Xavier Conill, General Director EGTC Hospital of Cerdanya (FR – ES) The Euroregions, the Best Key Players for an Efficient European Cohesion Policy at the Borders: a Specific Case of a Mainland and Insular’s Territories, the Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Xavier Bernard Sans, Secretary General EGTC Pyrenees–Mediterranean (FR - ES) <div>Moderator: Alice Valdesalici, Research Group Leader at Institute for Comparative Federalism at Eurac Research</div>
16.45	Networking Buffet
17.30	Guided Tour of the Buonconsiglio Castle

Day 2

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8.45 – 9.45	Opening Session Keynote Dialogue: Cross-Border Cooperation with Martín Guillermo Ramírez (Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions AEBR online) and Esther Happacher (Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Innsbruck)
9.45 – 10.30	Panel 3 Making Cross-Border Cooperation Happen: The Experience of the Euroregion Nouvelle-Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leyre Azcona Sanz de Galdeano, Director EGTC Euroregion Nouvelle-Aquitaine Euskadi Navarra (FR - ES) 35 Years of Cross-Border Cooperation: the IACOBUS and NORTEAR Programs of the EGTC Galicia - Norte Portugal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nuno Almeida, Director EGTC Galicia-Norte Portugal (ES - PT) <div>Moderator: Raffaella Coletti, Senior Researcher at CNR-ISTeG - Institute on Territorial Systems and Governance „Massimo Severo Giannini“ of the Italian National Research Council</div>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.15	Panel 4 Round Table – the Future of Territorial Cooperation in Autonomous Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EGTC Euregio Senza Confini (IT - AT)• EGTC Euregio Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino (IT - AT)• EGTC Euroregion Nouvelle-Aquitaine Euskadi Navarre (FR - ES)• EGTC Galicia-Norte Portugal (ES - PT)• EGTC GO (IT - SI)• EGTC Hospital of Cerdanya (FR - ES)• EGTC Pyrenees–Mediterranean (FR - ES) <div>Moderator: Jens Woelk, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law and Euregio Chair at the University of Trento</div>
12.15 – 12.45	Closing Session „What if the Concept of Hybridization Allowed us to Rethink the Cross-Border Issue?“ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabrielle Halpern, Doctor of Philosophy and Associate Expert at the Fondation Jean Jaurès
12.45	Networking Lunch



INFO & REGISTRATION

Simultaneous interpretation into English, Italian and Spanish.

The event is open to the public: registration required via the following [link](#).



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TRAVEL INFORMATION - HOW TO ARRIVE IN TRENTO



• Traveling from Verona Airport (VRN)

For participants flying in, the closest recommended airport is Verona Valerio Catullo (VRN). Upon arrival, you can easily reach the **Verona Porta Nuova** train station via the **Verona Airlink** shuttle bus (Line 199), which runs every 20 minutes and takes about 15 minutes. From Verona Porta Nuova, there are frequent direct train connections to **Trento** (Regional, Frecciarossa, Italo, or DB trains), with a travel time of approximately 1 hour. A combined shuttle + train ticket can be purchased online on the Trenitalia website by selecting „Verona Aeroporto“ as the starting station.

• By Bus:

Direct long-distance bus connections (such as Flixbus or Itabus) are also available from Verona to Trento.

• By Car:

From Verona Airport, take the **A22 Brennero Motorway** northbound (towards Brennero) and take either the **Trento Sud** or **Trento Nord** exit (approx. 1 hour drive).

