



Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

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Presentation of Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

- The first EGTC in Europe, created in January 2008

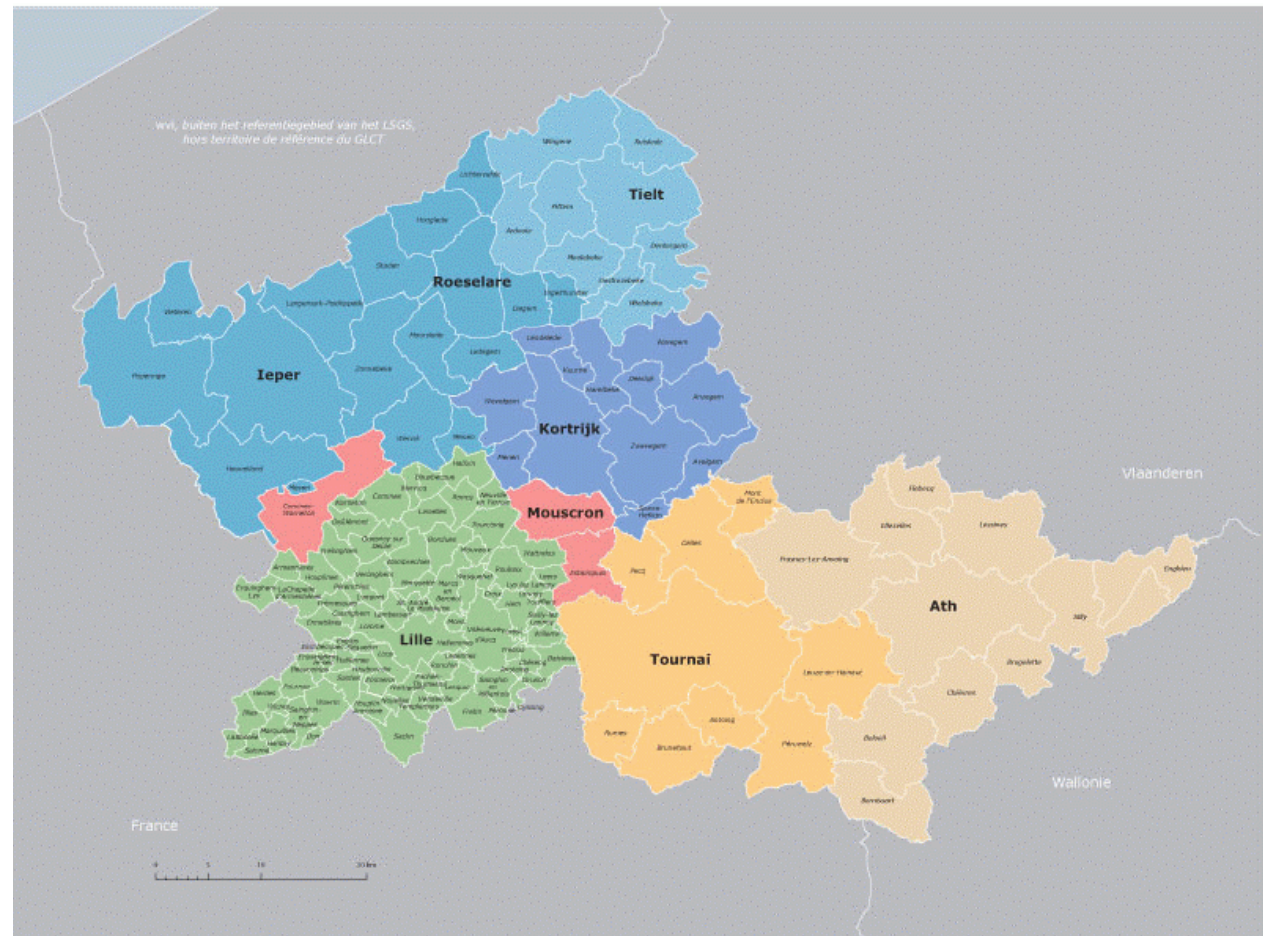


Presentation of Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

- 3 544 km²
- 2 M inhab.
- 574 inhab./km²



The biggest uninterrupted
cross-border conurbation
in Europe





History of the cross-border co-operation in Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

- 1991 : setting up the COPIT (Cross-border Standing Conference of Inter-municipal Organisations)
- Since 90 's : projects with or without INTERREG fundings :
 - 13 buslines
 - 5 FB effluent treatment plants
 - Concerted management of the carboniferous layer
 - Cross-border concertations in terms of spatial and town planning, mobility...
- 2002 : Signature of a French-Belgian Treaty for the cross-border cooperation between local authorities
- 2005-2006 : Working group composed of 12 members of the French and Belgian Parliaments (6+6)
- => June 2006 : proposal to build up a cross-border governance with 14 members
- July 2006 : EGTC Regulation
- 19 March 2007 : Common declaration for the setting up of the Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropole (EGTC)
- 21 January 2008 : Creation of the legal body by the French Regional Prefect
- 28 January 2008 : First Assembly meeting





Presentation of Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

14 partners :
French side

State
Region
Département
Intercommunal local authority

Belgian side

Federal State
Regions and Communities
Provinces
Intercommunal groupings



Current cross-border governance in Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

Organisation

Executive Management
Committee : 1 President + 3
Vice-Presidents

Cross-Border Agency
Administrative and technical tool

Executive Authority : Board
(32 members)

Assembly
(84 members)

Draft budget for 2008-2009-2010

2008 : 989 900 €

2009 : 1 493 300 €

2010 : 1 485 300 €

Current cross-border governance in Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

Principles

- Double parity :
 1. organs
 2. budget
- French-Dutch bilingualism
- No transfer of competences
- Evaluation after 3 years
- Advisory bodies :
 1. conference of mayors
 2. conseil de développement transfrontalier



Current cross-border governance in Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai

4 main objectives

1. Realising cross-border consistency throughout the entire territory
2. Ensuring consultation, dialogue and political debate
3. Facilitating, managing and realising projects
 - Facilitating daily life of the inhabitants





Perspectives

- Recruitment of the workingforces of the Agency
- 10 first concrete actions in the following fields :
 - Transport
 - Tourism
 - Culture
 - Economy and clusters
 - Employment and tax system
 - Education
 - Citizenship





Why to be involved in the “EGTC” project?

- To discuss the implementation of the EGTC regulation with other cross-border conurbations in order to :
 - Elaborate recommendations for creation of EGTC
 - Find innovation to set up an operational EGTC
- To be involved in a European network of cross-border conurbations in order to :
 - Make the legislation evolve
 - Lobby for integrating the governance issue in ERDF funding





Conclusions

- Cross-border cooperation = a laboratory of European integration

