

Role and Function of the Advisory Board

Since its founding, the EGTC established an Advisory Board (AB) with the intent to support the work of the EGTC and to function as a platform whereon the members could exchange ideas with important stakeholders of the Corridor. According to the Statutes of the EGTC “Representatives of other public bodies and private organisations not being members of the EGTC may become members of the Advisory Board. The Assembly decides upon the nomination of members to the Advisory Board.” Currently, the EGTC Advisory Board consists of experts on topics such as economy, logistics, railways, inland waterways and scientific research. The Advisory Board has served both as a platform for information as well as for discussion of various topics, such as greening the corridor, policy implications and recommendations, inland waterways, modal shift, innovation, and research.

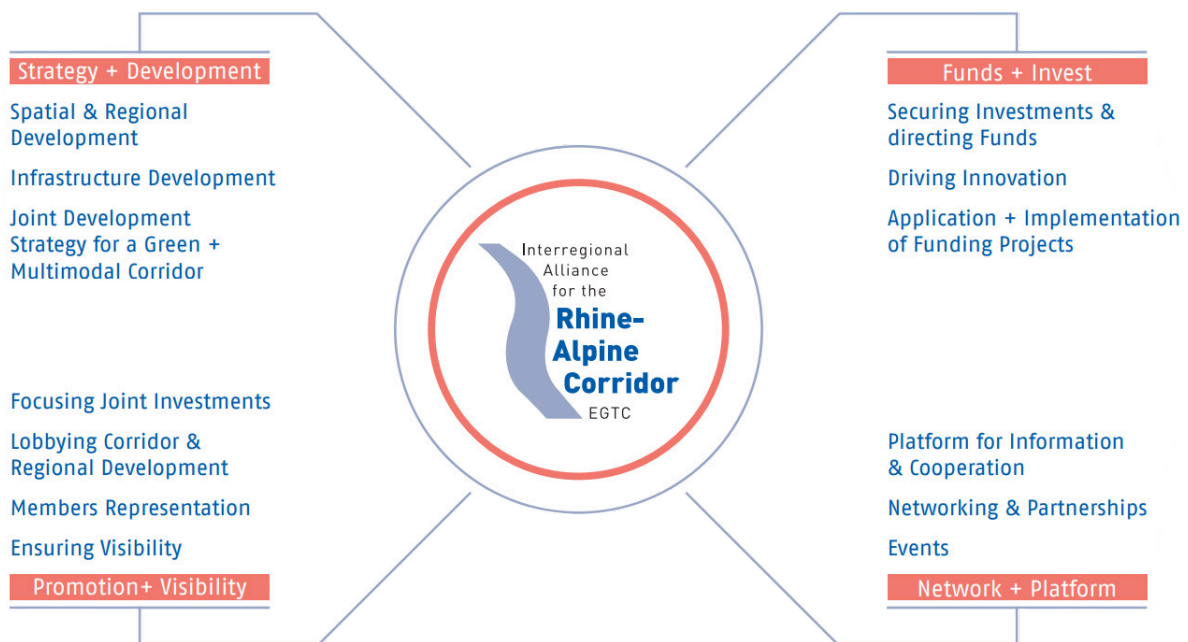


Illustration: EGTC 2023, Advisory Board contributes to all areas of the EGTC Rhine-Alpine

The Advisory Board in operation

The Advisory Board has a consultative function and often takes part in meetings and events associated with the EGTC. These inputs are indispensable for regular activities and also vital to the development of the EGTC, its strategy, and multi-annual work plan. Further, Advisory Board members form a wider network that facilitates the connection of the EGTC to key stakeholders and as a result enables a multitude of synergies. The AB convenes at least once a year in tandem with the EGTC Assembly, depending on the ongoing activities, usually in the form of a workshop in which both Advisors and Members attend. While there is no monetary compensation for Advisory Board Members, they are invited to participate in all EGTC activities and are welcome to attend the excursions, dinners and ancillary events in our meetings.

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■ Advisory Board participation criteria

The criteria for new members of the Advisory Board encompass several key aspects to ensure a diverse and holistic perspective on the Corridor.

■ Location

- On or close to the North Sea Rhine-Mediterranean Corridor (e.g., Belgium, Netherlands, France, Germany Switzerland, Italy)

■ Sector

- Science and research
- Logistics industry (ports, freight & transport companies)
- Business and economic interest organisations
- Railway organisations
- Financial organisations
- Public sector interests
- NGOs and industry bodies

■ Fields of expertise

- Spatial planning and integration, regional development
- Modal shift
- Freight and passenger multi-modality, intermodality
- Digitalisation and smart mobility, innovation
- Climate change, resilience, Alternative fuels
- Network planning and capacity management
- Cross-border governance
- Funding and financing

■ In summary

The Advisory Board represents an important pillar of the Rhine-Alpine EGTC's bottom-up approach. It helps complement the key thematic priorities as well as collaboration, and sustainable development in the North Sea Rhine-Mediterranean Corridor. The board aims to bring together experts from various sectors, geographical locations, and areas of expertise to enhance the corridors' participants efficiency, sustainability, and resilience. It helps to infuse new energy and ideas into the organisation's approach.