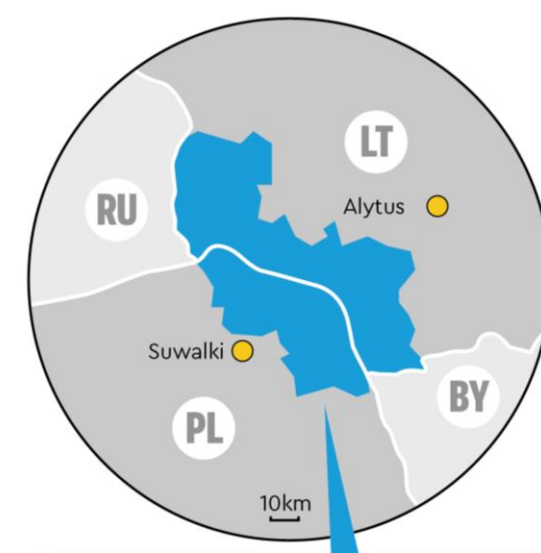


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Task 3.2. Elaboration of the joint document: "Study on the determinants of cross-border brokerage and facilitation in the EGTC Polish-Lithuanian Functional Area"

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LETTER OF INTENT

on strengthening Polish-Lithuanian cross-border cooperation oriented towards local development with the participation of communities on both sides of the border, signed in Puńsk on September 19, 2025.

We, the undersigned:

1. Witold Liszkowski, President of the Board of European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation "Polish-Lithuanian Cross-border Functional Area"
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hereinafter referred to as "Partners."

We hereby declare our intention to establish a partnership with the aim of strengthening cross-border cooperation and undertaking joint activities, the overarching goal of which will be the sustainable development of the Lithuanian-Polish border region.

OBJECTIVES

To boost the potential of the EGTC 'The Polish-Lithuanian Functional Area' territory through joint functional area-related activities and multi-governance development based on the principles of a CLLD approach. The action seeks to create a more integrated and cohesive Polish-Lithuanian functional area governed by the EGTC, where cross-border cooperation becomes a natural and effective way of addressing shared challenges and opportunities for territorial development across the borderland.

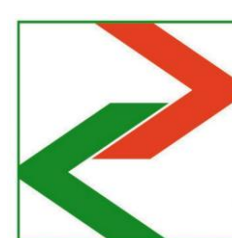
- Strengthened Governance Structures for Cross-Border Planning - bilingual **Manual on Internal Governance and Communication for EGTC**
- Creation of Multi-Stakeholder Networks Applying CLLD Principles - signed **Letter of Intent by EGTC and LAG'S** from both sides of the border.
- Addressing Barriers and Building Strategic Capacity - **Study on the Determinants of Cross-Border Brokerage and Facilitation**
- Enhanced Skills and Knowledge for Cross-Border Planning
- Strategic Progress and Long-Term Resilience

- ❑ The Polish-Lithuanian Functional Area has moved from fragmented cooperation to an integrated model of cross-border planning, laying a strong foundation for future projects and offering a replicable example for other European border regions. Applying CLLD in an EGTC-led cross-border context is innovative and transferable.

- ❑ Signed Letter of Intent demonstrates the concrete impact of this approach and provides a replicable model for strengthening grassroots cooperation elsewhere.



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