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## HOW DO THESE TWO EEIGS OPERATE?

Both Chambers of Commerce have hired a full-time member of staff, who is dividing his working time between the two entities. His post is financed equally by Bihartean and the Bayonne-Pays Basque CCI. In order to ensure equal treatment for businesses on both sides of the border – the Cámara de Comercio de Gipuzkoa, unlike the Bayonne-Pays Basque CCI, does not bear the costs of the advice and support services that it provides – Bihartean does not charge for any of its interventions.

EURO 3 does not have an integrated structure comparable to that of Bihartean. The technicians of the chambers of commerce which make up the EEIG work together on common projects. Its activities are funded by calls for contributions, made as the need arises.

## TO WHAT EXTENT CAN THIS GOOD PRACTICE BE ADOPTED IN OTHER CROSS-BORDER TERRITORIES?

The creation of an EEIG is open to any legal entity, whether governed by public or private law, as well as to any natural person, which is engaged in economic activities in Member States of the European Union. It must be set up by at least two members belonging to two distinct countries of the European Union. Each of France's borders may therefore see the emergence of this type of structure, with the exception of the territories bordering Switzerland, Monaco and Andorra.

The EEIG, which is aimed at developing the economic activity of its members, also benefits, due to its limited scope of intervention, from relatively simple procedures for setting up and dissolution in comparison with other legal tools for cross-border cooperation (ECG, LGCC, EGTC, etc.), and allows for the involvement of a much broader and more diverse range of partners.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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