

## **EGTC GO projects for GO! 2025**

### **EGTC GO**

The EGTC GO is an Italian public body with legal personality, founded by the municipalities of Gorizia (IT), Nova Gorica (SI) and Šempeter-Vrtojba (SI). The territory of the three cities falls within the remit of EGTC GO. As an entity, EGTC GO can reach across the border and, for the first time, make plans and carry out actions for a single cross-border city, composed of three no longer separate municipalities, but a continuous territory with no divisions.

Among the milestones achieved by EGTC GO in its more than ten years of activity, we would like to highlight, in addition to the victory of Nova Gorica and Gorizia as European Capital of Culture 2022, the latest award received: in November 2022 the jury of the European Committee of the Regions awarded EGTC GO with the EGTC Awards 2022 'Building Europe across borders'.

### **The redevelopment project of Piazza Transalpina – Trg Evrope**

In February 2024, the construction site for the investment 'The redevelopment of the Transalpina/Trg Evrope Square and the Trident - in the Municipality of Nova Gorica (Slovenia) and the Municipality of Gorizia (Italy)' opened. It represents one of the most important interventions within the so-called ECOC District, which will be the main venue of the European Capital of Culture 2025 Nova Gorica-Gorizia.

The cross-border square Piazza Transalpina/Trg Evrope is the symbol of the European Capital of Culture 2025 Nova Gorica - Gorica and a true emblem of the European spirit. A space for decades divided by borders and physical barriers has once again become a shared space. Now, thanks to the mentioned investments, the square will become more welcoming and attractive, while preserving the historical elements present.

This is a cross-border investment for which - thanks to the constructive cooperation of the two municipalities, the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Republic of Slovenia - EGTC GO has obtained EU funding under the FVG Regional Operational Programme (POR FESR 2021-2027) as 'Europe 27 Programme' and the Slovenian National Operational Programme (OP 2021-2027).

Furthermore, in order to overcome the bureaucratic barriers involved in organising events in a space located between two EU countries, EGTC GO turned to the B-solutions initiative as early as 2023 with the 'GO! Borderless Square'. Participation in this initiative, which aims to tackle legal and administrative obstacles on the internal borders of the EU, led to the creation of schematic and clear instructions for the organisation of events on the square, listing the rules to be followed and the necessary forms, with the ultimate goal of making the square itself more usable.

For further information

<https://euro-go.eu/en/transalpinatrgeurope/transalpina-trg-evrope/>

<https://euro-go.eu/en/programmi-e-progetti/b-solutions-go-square/>

### **The Small Projects Fund GO! 2025**

The GO! 2025 Small Projects Fund is an instrument whose main objective is the preparation of the cross-border territory for the European Capital of Culture.

The fund, financed by the Interreg Italy-Slovenija 2021-2027 programme, is managed by EGTC GO on the cross-border territory including the province of Venice and the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region on the Italian side and five regions, Osrednjeslovenska, Primorsko notranjska, Gorenjska, Obalno-kraška and Goriška, on the Slovenian side. The EGTC GO publishes annually - from the year 2023 to the year 2027 or until the funds are exhausted - calls for small projects to which associations, enterprises, organisations, educational institutions and universities, public and private bodies, from the cross-border area of the programme can apply.

The first call was published in 2023 and 44 projects were financed.

The second one expired in May 2024 and 12 projects have been financed.

For further information

<https://euro-go.eu/en/spf/documentazione-di-programma/>

### **The Borderless tourist platform GO Borderless**

Operational well in advance of the official opening of the European Capital of Culture GO! 2025, the Borderless Wireless GO! 2025 online Platform is one of the pillars of the bid book.

In addition to the Capital's events and projects, it also includes accommodation and catering in the cross-border area. A vast territory that extends far beyond the perimeter of the cities of Nova Gorica and Gorizia, and includes the area of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and the Slovenian border regions, from Collio - Brda to the Slovenian Karst, from the Vipava Valley, Idrija to the entire Soča Valley.

The platform, realised through an articulated participatory planning process, registers the adhesion of the Italian and Slovenian tourism promotion institutions of the border area and will result in a valuable legacy of the European Capital of Culture. The site will remain operational in the future as a legacy of GO! 2025, thus ensuring a lasting impact on the area and a valuable added value for tourism and cultural promotion.

For further information

[www.go2025.eu](http://www.go2025.eu)

### **Crossborder bikesharing GO2GO**

In 2021, the EGTC GO approached the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) B-solutions initiative for support in integrating the existing bike sharing systems between the two cross-border cities Gorica and Nova Gorica. Subsequently, in 2022, the municipalities of Gorizia, Nova Gorica, Šempeter-Vrtojba and EGTC GO signed an agreement for the cross-border bike sharing system GO2GO. This project enhances and integrates the bike sharing services of the three municipalities, in line with the cross-border development strategy and activities for the European Capital of Culture 2025.

The Municipality of Gorizia authorised EGTC GO to manage its bike sharing services, transferring €30,000.00 for the acquisition and installation of new stations and bikes. Subsequently, with additional regional funds of €113,000.00, new interventions have been planned for 2024, with the aim of unifying the bikesharing system on the territory of EGTC GO.

For further information

<https://euro-go.eu/en/programmi-e-progetti/progetto-b-solutions-bike-sharing-transfrontaliero/>

### **Beyond 2025: other international projects**

In keeping with its mission, the public body EGTC GO continues its international project work alongside the European Capital of Culture and for subsequent years. Currently, the following projects have been financed from European programmes

- Beyond Walk of Peace: from Crossborder Historical Research and Cultural Heritage to European Trail and Stories (BeWoP)  
<https://euro-go.eu/it/programmi-e-progetti/bewop/>
- Participative Cross-Border Governance for Transition Management in Central European Cross-Border Regions (EC BorderLabs)  
<https://euro-go.eu/it/programmi-e-progetti/governance-transfrontaliera-partecipativa-la-gestione-della-transizione-nelle-regioni-transfrontaliere-delleuropa-centrale/>

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