

## Who is part of European Territorial Cooperation?

The involvement of local and regional institutions, universities, companies, research institutes along with the support of the European Union, and the engagement of local communities and individual citizens makes territorial cooperation possible. And territorial cooperation does not stop at the borders of the European Union; many projects also involve neighbouring non-EU countries. By pulling together resources and sharing knowledge and good practices cooperation projects improve the day to day lives of people throughout Europe and beyond.

*European Territorial Cooperation: I am part of it, you are part of it, we are ALL part of it!*

**Join European Cooperation Day!**

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I am part of it!

## European Cooperation Day 2013

For the second year in a row European Cooperation Day will be celebrated all over Europe and in neighbouring countries on 21 September! Events will be taking place during the week of 16-22 September. Join us in celebrating the achievements of European Territorial Cooperation in your region!

## Why celebrate Territorial Cooperation?

What do borders mean in our day and age? Ask pollution what a border is, and it will not be able to answer you. A forest fire would not recognise the word "border". A virus would not know the answer and neither would an endangered species or a financial crisis. The problems that we face today are not limited by borders and thanks to territorial cooperation, our ways of dealing with these problems also overcome borders.

Simona is part of a project that monitors volcanic ash clouds between Malta and Sicily



Alexander is part of a project working to reduce the spread of multi-resistant hospital bacteria between the Netherlands and Germany.



And Daiva who is part of a network which uses and promotes greener farming models to reduce the pollution of the Baltic Sea.



These are just a few of the many faces who have overcome borders by cooperating with their neighbours in Europe. The work of cooperation projects helps deal with pressing issues while increasing cultural understanding and bringing Europeans together across borders—now that's something to celebrate!

Want  
to learn  
more?

Visit [www.ecday.eu](http://www.ecday.eu) to find out more about European Cooperation Day and Territorial Cooperation.

#### What's on the site?

- A list of Cooperation Day events on an interactive map of Europe and beyond
- Latest news
- Project stories
- A link to the European Cooperation Day mobile application which lets you create your own 'I am part of it' photo and share it through social media.

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