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The awardees, with Mr Valcárcel, CoR President, and Mr Van Staa, chair of the jury.  $\circledcirc$  CoR / Wim Daneels

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The President of the Committee of the Regions, Ramón Luis Valcárcel, delivered the award 'Building Europe across Borders' to the EGTC Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean for its project Creamed - Business Incubators network.

The ceremony took place during the 4th annual meeting of the EGTC Platform. Herwig Van Staa, coordinator of the EGTC Platform and chairman of the jury, stated that 'The jury was impressed by the results the project had achieved in creating employment, in particular among young entrepreneurs'. 'This is an excellent opportunity to encourage the EGTC to keep on working and implementing these fruitful actions in the future, in spite of the budgetary difficulties', he added.

Two honourable mentions were awarded, one to the EGTC Gate to Europe in recognition of the project 'Together without borders'. This EGTC managed to involve a high number of territorial entities and had achieved a significant impact compared to the size of its budget, explained Mr Van Staa.

The other honourable mention went to the EGTC Europaregion Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino for its 'Euroregio Youth Festival'. The jury considered the focus on young people particularly inspiring and saw a high potential for scale-up and replication.

The jury of the award 'Building Europe across Borders' was chaired by Mr Herwig Van Staa and was constituted by Mr Joachim Zeller, Member of the European Parliament, Mr Eleftherios Stavropoulos, representing the Greek Presidency of the Council of the EU, Mr José Antonio Ruiz de Casas, representing the Directorate General of Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission, Ms Joanna Drake, Director of SMEs and Entrepreneurship at the Directorate General of European Border Regions.

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