



The Territorial Agenda First Action Programme:
Polycentric cross-border metropolitan areas – the project Metroborder

The ESPON 2013 Programme With a focus on Priority 2

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The ESPON 2013 Programme

Role in Structural Funds 2007-2013:

- Support policy development with evidence on European territorial structures, trends, perspectives and policy impacts based on comparable information on regions and cities revealing territorial capital and potentials.

Budget 2007-13:

- 47 mill. Euro
(ERDF 34 mill. Euro and 13 mill. Euro from 31 countries)

Programme priorities:

- P 1: Applied research
- P 2: Targeted analyses based on stakeholder interest
- P 3: Scientific platform and tools
- P 4: Capitalisation

ESPON in motion on applied research (1)

Focus on types of areas and governance

- Cities and urban agglomerations/functionality and competitiveness and cohesion
- Development in different types of rural areas
- Secondary growth poles and territorial development
- European perspective on specific types of territories
- Attractiveness of European regions and cities
- Globalisation and territorial structures and flows
- Territorial cooperation
- Services of general interest

ESPON in motion on applied research (2)

Sectoral focus

- Demography and migratory flows European regions
- Effects of energy prices on regional competitiveness
- Climate change and territorial effects
- Patterns of land use
- Accessibility at regional/local scale in Europe
- Territorial dimension of innovation and knowledge
- European seas and territorial development

Focus on impact assessment

- Territorial impact assessment of sector policies
- Territorial and regional sensitivity of EU directives

Priority 2: Targeted Analyses based on user demand

New type of ESPON projects

- New approach to project generation and implementation in partnership
- Use of existing ESPON results
- Involving stakeholders and experts/researchers

Objectives

- Evidence and knowledge based on ESPON results for individual regions/larger territories from European perspective
- Usefulness of ESPON results by testing new, experimental and innovative options
- Analytical support and evidence based on ESPON results on thematic priorities for SF Programmes

Priority 2: Targeted Analyses based on user demand

Specific characteristics, the Stakeholders

- define content of projects
- are involved in TPG selection
- give guidance to targeted analysis
- apply project outputs in practice & disseminate results

-> Stakeholders' commitment essential for project's success

Priority 2: Targeted Analyses based on user demand

Potential benefits for stakeholders

- Enhance the understanding of their larger territorial context
- Make comparisons to other territories, regions and cities
- Provide a European perspective to considerations on opportunities for their territorial development
- Achieve customised & up-to-date information for policy development

Priority 2: Targeted Analyses based on user demand

A **two-step procedure** towards targeted analyses

- Submission of **expressions of interest** (EoI) by stakeholders, approved by ESPON MC
→ EoI are basis for development of project specifications/terms of reference
- **Call for proposals/tenders** for targeted analysis mainly addressed to research institutes and universities with the necessary analytical capacity to carry out the analysis

Targeted analyses on user demand: Strategy building for types of regions (1)

- The case for agglomeration economies in Europe (Manchester, Barcelona, Dublin and Lyon)
- The development of the islands and cohesion policy (Ministry of Economy and Finance, GR plus 9 stakeholders)
- Cross-border polycentric metropolitan regions (Ministries in CH, LU, BE, DE and FR)
- Success for convergence regions' economies (Campania Region plus regions in PO, ES and GR)
- Regional integrated strategies (West-Midlands (UK), Västerbotten (SE), Sealand (DK) and Randstad Flanders Brussels)
- Potential of rural regions (Notodden municipality, Cesis District, North Yorkshire county and Wales)

Targeted analyses on user demand:
Strategy building for types of regions (2)

- Polycentric metropolisation in Central Europe (Vienna, Bratislava, Ljubljana and Prague plus Hungary)
- Airports as drivers in peripheral regions (Regions of Savona and Western Greece plus City of Jyveskyla)
- Migration and gender balance in rural regions (Saxony-Anhalt Region plus development agencies of Hungary, Finland and Sweden)
- Smart institutions for territorial development (Ministries of Italy and France)
- Development conditions for Paris, Berlin, Warsaw (Cities of Warsaw, Berlin and Paris)

Targeted analyses on user demand:
Using methodologies and monitoring for development

- Spatial scenarios for local and regional territories (Regions of Barcelona, Torino and Herault)
- Territorial diversity (Ministries in NO, FI, CH, CY, MT, RO and SE)
- Advanced monitoring of regional R&D (Regions of Tuscany, Catalonia, Andalusia, Alpes Cote d'Azur, Brittany, Ostrobotnia, Lower-Saxony and Flanders)
- Support method for transnational European cooperation (North West Europe Programme)
- Territorial impact assessment (Ministries UK, Portugal and Slovenia)
- Yardsticks for cross-border spatial development (Region Alsace plus 17 cross-border regions)
- Territorial performance monitoring (Flanders, Catalonia, North-Rhine Westphalia, Navarra and Dublin Region)

Priority 3 and 4: Making ESPON accessible

Scientific platform and tools for users

- ESPON database phase I and II
- Territorial indicators/indices
- Territorial monitoring and reporting

Projects of the ESPON Contact Point Network

- ESPON in integrated strategies
- Nordic-Baltic dialogue on spatial planning
- ESPON concepts
- ESPON results at different scales

Media and publications: Territorial observations, synthesis reports, scientific reports

Events: ESPON seminars and workshop

The use of ESPON results

Applied research, targeted analyses, data base, tools, reports

- At the EU level
 - Strategy building and reporting for cohesion policy
 - In the context of territorial cohesion
 - By EU sector policies
 - By Commission, EP and CoR, EESC
- At the national level
 - In strategic policy documents
 - In national development reporting
 - For specific initiatives
- At the regional and local level
 - Positioning of regions in the European context
 - Support argumentation for regional and local actions

ESPON High Level Conference

Targeted Analyses for Stakeholders: Territorial Evidence in Practice

When: 11 May 2011, 9h30 – 16h45

Where: Square – Brussels Meeting Centre, Rue Monts des Arts

Key note speeches

Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

Claude Wiseler, Minister of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Luxembourg

Programme

- The use of ESPON Targeted Analyses in Practice
- Testimonies from Stakeholders in ESPON Targeted Analyses

More information

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