

## Objectives of the conference

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Conference 'Polycentric territorial development': what is it about?  
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# The ESPON Programme

The screenshot shows the ESPON website homepage. At the top is the ESPON logo. Below it is a navigation menu with links for Programme, Projects, Calls, Events, Scientific Tools, Publications, and Press. A search bar is located to the right of the menu. The main content area features several articles:

- Vacancy:** The ESPON Coordination Unit is looking for two trainees for a period of 5 months to join our international team. Deadline for applying is 20 November 2011. More
- Map of the Month European Regions 2010: Economic Welfare and Unemployment:** A map of Europe showing regional economic welfare and unemployment levels.
- ESPON:** The ESPON 2013 Programme, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion, supports policy development related to EU Cohesion Policy.
- Video "Why does Europe need ESPON?":** A video featuring Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy.
- Press Release - 4 new Applied Research projects:** ESPON is financing 4 new applied research projects over the coming two to three years. The projects cover a variety of themes: from the EU 2020 Strategy to Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe to Territorial Potentials for a Greener Economy and Territorial Governance. More
- How to use ESPON - Visions and Options for Cohesion Policy after 2013:** Information on how to use ESPON for cohesion policy after 2013.

- [www.espon.eu](http://www.espon.eu)
- ESPON 2013 Programme: the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> programme period 2007-2013 (47 Mio. €, structural funds)

## UN PROJET D'AMÉNAGEMENT DURABLE POUR LE LUXEMBOURG

*Les principales idées du programme directeur*



**MINISTÈRE DE L'INTÉRIEUR  
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Direction de l'Aménagement du Territoire

## Starting point: omnipresence of the concept of polycentric development

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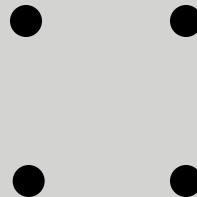
- Territorial Agenda 2020
- Grande Région: Berlin Declaration (Metroborder)
- Luxembourg: planning documents like PDAT, IVL, PS, ...
- ...

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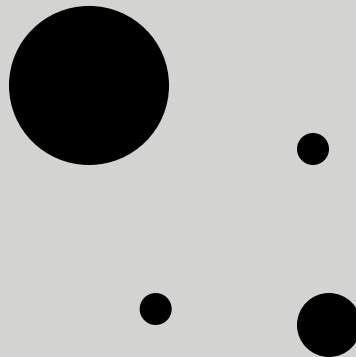
- Overview of current ESPON results
- Contribute to the debate on territorial development in Luxembourg / Greater Region – in particular with regard to polycentricity, regional development and spatial planning
- Contribute to ESPON SCALES project
- ...

## Polycentricity...

...means the  
presence of different  
poles

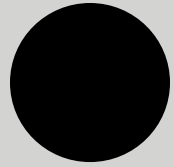


# Polycentricity...



Question 1: how similar do the poles have to be?

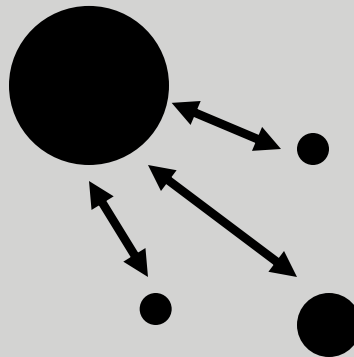
## Polycentricity...



Question 2: how far  
away can they be?  
On which scale are  
they located?



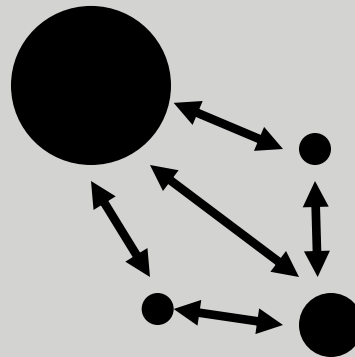
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Question 3: how much interaction does there have to be?

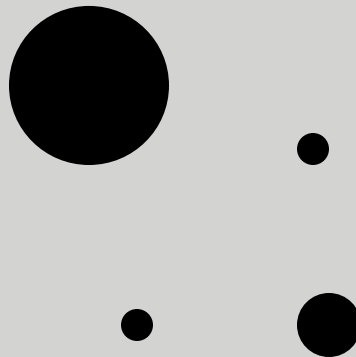


## Polycentricity...



Question 3: how much interaction does there have to be?

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Question 4: What are we talking about – policentricity in terms of

- morphology
- demography
- economy
- Transport nodes
- Politics
- ...

## Guiding questions:

- Quel rôle joue le polycentrisme en Europe et dans la Grande région ?
  - Welche Rolle spielt Polyzentralität in Europa und in der Grossregion?
    - What role for polycentricity in Europe and in the Greater Region?
- Comment la dimension transfrontalière influence-t-elle la prise de décision politique ?
  - Wie soll die genzüberschreitende Dimension in die politische Entscheidungsfindung einfließen?
    - The Cross-border dimension: which role, how does it influence policies?
- Quels sont les facteurs d'un développement territorial fructueux ?
  - Welches sind die Erfolgsfaktoren für die Regionalentwicklung?
    - Which success factors for regional development?

## Programme overview

### 9h00 Welcome and opening words

- *Tobias Chilla, ESPON Contact Point, University of Luxembourg*
- *Romain Diederich, First Counsellor to the government, MDDI- Department for Spatial Planning*

### 9.15 Objectives of the conference

- *Tobias Chilla, ESPON Contact Point, University of Luxembourg*

### 9.20 “Polycentric territorial development”: which challenges for Luxembourg in its cross-border context?

- *Estelle Evrard, ESPON Contact Point, University of Luxembourg*

### 10h00 “Polycentric territorial development”: perspectives from “Centrope” cross-border region (Vienna-Bratislava)

- *Tobias Panwinkler, Austrian Institute for Spatial Planning*

### 10h20 Coffee break

### 10h40 Round table: “Polycentric territorial development”: which added value?

12h15 Closing words

12h30 Lunch

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### 10h40 Round table: “Polycentric territorial development”: which added value?

- *Romain Diederich, First Counsellor to the government, MDDI- Department for Spatial Planning*
- *Camille Gira, Vice-president of the Commission of Sustainable Development, Chamber of Deputies*
- *Detlev Goetz, Coordinator, Quattropole*
- *Elisabeth Mannes-Kieffer, First Counsellor to the government, Minister of Economic Affairs*
- *Pierre Mellina, Vice-president of SYVICOL, Mayor of Pétange*
- *Paul Weidig, Communal Counselor of Esch-sur-Alzette*

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# **„Polycentric territorial development“: What is it about?**

***Perspectives from Luxembourg, the Greater Region  
and the ESPON programme***

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