



ESPON 2013 Programme

**Info Day on Calls for Proposals
and Partner Café**

10 May 2012
10h00 – 17h00

Venue

International Auditorium
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5
B-1210 Brussels

Programme



ESPON - The European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion

The European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion (ESPON) supports policy development in relation to EU Cohesion Policy. It provides evidence and knowledge about European territorial structures, trends, perspectives and policy impacts which enable comparisons amongst regions and cities.

The budget of 47 million € is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (75%) under Objective 3 for European Territorial Cooperation. The rest is financed by 31 countries participating, 27 EU Member States and Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

2002-2012 A Decade of Territorial Evidence

For a decade ESPON has played a key role in supporting policy development related to EU Cohesion Policy by providing comparable pan-European evidence, analyses and scenarios on territorial dynamics that help regions, cities and larger territories in deciding on their future development.

In doing so ESPON has built up a unique knowledge and evidence base for policy development, which has been possible thanks to the visionary support of European policy makers and stakeholders as well as the ESPON Contact Points, but not the least due to the scientific contribution of the researchers and experts from all over Europe that are the key driving force in providing the new and innovative results.

Calls for Proposals 18 April 2012 – 13 June 2012

The Calls for Proposals will open on 18 April till 13 June 2012. **5 new projects** will be launched. The Calls include one Targeted Analysis under Priority 2, three Scientific Tools projects under Priority 3 and a call for proposal for Transnational Networking Activities.

The theme of the Call on Priority 2 - **Targeted Analysis** is "North Sea - Spreading Transnational Results". The total available budget amounts to 340.000,00 €. One single proposal will be selected for the theme indicated.

The Call on Priority 3 - **Scientific Platform/Tools** projects includes the following themes:

1. European Territorial Monitoring System (budget 598.000,00 €)
2. Detecting Territorial Potential and Challenges (budget 350.000,00 €)
3. European Urban Benchmarking Web Tool (budget 200.000,00 €)

The total available budget for this call amounts to 1.148.000,00 € which is distributed among the projects as indicated above. One single proposal will be selected for each of the 3 themes indicated.

The Call on Priority 4 - **Transnational Networking Activities** is dedicated exclusively to the institutions confirmed as national ESPON Contact Points. The total available budget will be announced at the opening of the call on 18 April 2012.

Info Day and Partner Café on 10 May 2012

The ESPON Info Day and Partner Café aims at informing and assisting potential beneficiaries in preparing proposals for the Calls. The event will focus on the content specifications and the procedures for applying.

The European Commission and the Danish EU Presidency will present the policy demand behind the need for further ESPON results.

The Info Day and Partner Café will also give participants the chance to network, to find partners for their projects and get feedback.

Audience

Scientists and experts representing universities, research institutes, public bodies, private companies from 31 European countries (EU 27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland).

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- 10.00-10.30 **Registration of participants and Welcome Coffee and Tea**
- 10.30-10.40 **Welcome**
Chair: Marie Lindberg Tefre, Monitoring Committee Member from Denmark
- 10.40-11.10 **Policy Demands towards the ESPON 2013 Programme**
Philippe Monfort, European Commission DG Regio
Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority Luxembourg
- 11.10-11.20 **ESPON 2013 Programme**
Progress, prospects and general introduction on Priorities 2, 3 and 4
Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 11.20-12.00 **Calls for Proposals - themes and objectives with Q&A**
- Target Analysis Priority 2: North Sea - Spreading Transnational Results
Peter Billing, ESPON Coordination Unit
 - Scientific Platform and Tools Priority 3: European Territorial Monitoring System
Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 12.00-12.20 **Coffee and Tea Break**
- 12.20-13.00 **Calls for Proposals - themes and objectives with Q&A**
- Scientific Platform and Tools Priority 3: Detecting Territorial Potential and Challenges
Peter Billing, ESPON Coordination Unit
 - Scientific Platform and Tools Priority 3: European Urban Benchmarking Web Tool
Kieran Kearney, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 13.00-14.15 **Parallel Sessions**
- (13.00-13.20) **Call for Proposals - themes and objectives with Q&A**
- Transnational Networking Activities by the ESPON Contact Point network Priority 4
Peter Billing, ESPON Coordination Unit
- (13.00-14.15) **Networking Lunch**
- 14.15-15.30 **How to Apply - Presentation of procedures with Q&A**
- Legal framework, Application and Selection Procedure
Sara Ferrara, ESPON Coordination Unit
 - Application Form and Eligibility
Jozsef Szarka, ESPON Coordination Unit
 - Budget and Reporting
Mélanie Donjon, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 15.30-17.00 **ESPON Partner Café: Dialogue, networking and partnership building between potential partners**

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More information

The ESPON 2013 Programme is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the EU Member States and the Partner States Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

It shall support policy development in relation to the aim of territorial cohesion and a harmonious development of the European territory. ESPON shall support Cohesion Policy development with European wide, comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on framework conditions for the development of regions, cities and larger territories. In doing so, it shall facilitate the mobilisation of territorial capital and development opportunities, contributing to improving European competitiveness, to the widening and deepening of European territorial cooperation and to a sustainable and balanced development.

The Managing Authority responsible for the ESPON 2013 Programme is the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Department for Spatial Planning and Development of Luxembourg.

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