

**Nützliche Informationen für interessierte
Teilnehmer an künftigen ESPON Projekten**

*Useful information for those interested in
participating in future ESPON projects*

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Setting up a Transnational Project Group (TPG)

- Monitoring Committee decides to launch a project
- EU-wide Call for Tenders by TPGs

Requirements for TPGs:

- Minimum of 3 partners from different ESPON countries each
- One partner holds financial and administrative responsibility (=Lead Partner)

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- Partners submit their tender to CU
- Evaluation of tenders by group of ESPON key players => competitive selection process
- Final decision by ESPON Monitoring Committee

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Award criteria:

- Technical quality of tender in relation to services required;
- Knowledge of regional policy, the ESDP and the question of territorial development in context of EU territory;
- Time management, assignment of human financial resources to various tasks and quality of team involved.

Creation of a TPG

- ECP supports national institutes in finding partners
- ECP supports institutes from other countries in finding a Luxembourg partner
- Partnership agreement

- Any change to TPG or subcontracting arrangements are subject to approval by ESPON Monitoring Committee

Tasks of TPG

- Contributing to project according to work plan
- Attending TPG meetings
- Submitting Interim reports (3) and Final report
- Attending ESPON Seminars and presenting (interim) results there

Strategic evidence support to territorial cohesion and regional development

Priorities

- Priority 1: Applied research on territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion
- Priority 2: Targeted analysis based on user demands: European perspective to different types of territories
- Priority 3: Scientific platform and tools
Territorial cohesion indicators, database, analytical tools and scientific support
- Priority 4: Capitalisation, ownership and participation:
Capacity building, dialogue and networking
- Priority 5: Technical assistance, analytical support and communication plan

The tendering of new projects for ESPON II will probably start in early summer 2007...

The projects will be larger (financing and duration) but everything else will probably stay the same (different partners from all over the EU, one lead partner etc.)

The goals and challenges will of course be even more ambitious than in ESPON I, since a lot of very good work is already done...

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be online in the internet!!**

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