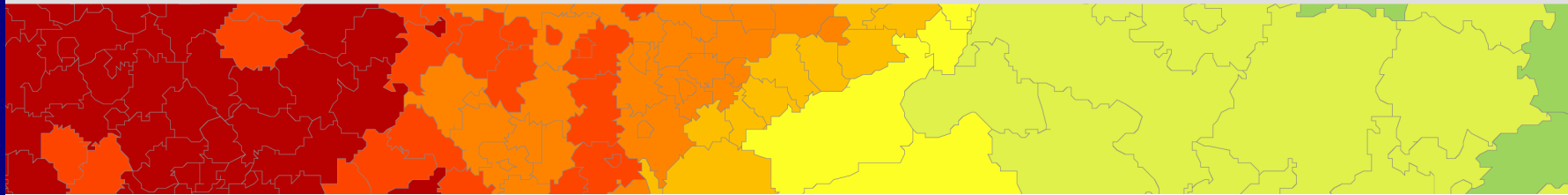




EUROPEAN SPATIAL PLANNING
OBSERVATION NETWORK



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The approved ESPON 2013 Programme

ESPON 2013 Programme Strategy

- Mission:
 - Support policy development in relation to territorial cohesion and a harmonious territorial development
 - Provide comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on territorial structures and dynamics
 - Reveal territorial capital and potentials in support of the competitiveness of regions and larger territories
- Key principles:
 - Policy demand defines applied research themes
 - Use of results by stakeholders important
 - Improve the European knowledge base on territorial development and cohesion, including data, indicators, typologies, models and maps
 - Support European-wide understanding and involvement by communicating new comparable information for policy development

5 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 indicators, data, 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

Priority 1: Applied research on territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion

- Objective
 - New evidence on European trends, perspectives and policy impacts
- Main types of actions
 - Cross-thematic and thematic analysis (defining territorial potentials and challenges), including studies of territorial trends and prospective studies
 - Territorial impact of EU policies
 - Knowledge Support System (pool of experts)
- Thematic orientations
 - Themes decided based on strategic advice
- Expected output
 - More than 30-40 actions during 2007-2013
 - Equal number of task forces/sounding boards

Priority 2: Targeted analysis based on user demands/ European perspective to different types of territories

- Objective
 - Use of existing ESPON results in processes at European, transnational, national, cross-border and regional/local level
- Main type of actions
 - Integrated studies and thematic analysis
 - Knowledge support to experimental and innovative actions
 - Joint actions related to Structural Fund Programmes
- Criteria: European dimension and transferability
- Ideas admissible from EU and Member State authorities, SF programmes and groups of regions and cities (3 MS)
- Partnership and involvement of stakeholders
- Process: Call for Interest followed by Call for Proposal
- Expected output: 20-40 targeted analysis

Priority 3: Scientific platform and tools/ Territorial indicators, data, analytical tools and scientific support

- Objective
 - Development and continuously update of scientific platform for applied territorial research
- Main types of actions
 - ESPON Database and data development, including data validation and improvement
 - Territorial indicators/indices and tools
 - Territorial Monitoring System and Reports
 - Targeted actions for updating indicators and maps
- Expected outputs
 - Updated and enlarged ESPON 2013 Database
 - New territorial indicators/indices
 - 2-3 Territorial Monitoring Reports
 - New/updated indicators, maps, mapping facilities, models, methodologies, etc. through 5-10 actions

Priority 4: Capitalisation, ownership and participation/ Capacity building, dialogue and networking

- Objective
 - Spread of European evidence on territorial trends, perspectives and policy impacts
- Main type of actions
 - Capitalisation strategy
 - Media and Publications
 - European seminars and workshops
 - Transnational networking activities (ESPON Contact Points)
- Involvement and integration of policy makers, practitioners and scientists)
- Expected outputs
 - 10-12 ESPON synthesis reports and publications (smaller and larger, eventually leaflets in all languages)
 - 14-20 actions with and without other organisations
 - 14 transnational ECP actions

Priority 5: Technical assistance, analytical support and communication plan

- Objective
 - Ensure implementation of the ESPON 2013 Programme and information of potential beneficiaries
- Main types of action
 - Technical assistance: Technical and financial administration and control of the programme and support activities to the projects
 - Analytical support: Content related guidance for projects and analytical activities related to synthesis reports and documents (including urgent demands)
 - Communication Plan: Programme management related communication towards potential beneficiaries

ESPON 2013 Programme budget

TOTAL	€45,378 mill. (ERDF 34,033 mill.)
Priority 1: Applied research	€19,241 mill.
Priority 2: Targeted analysis	€6,536 mill.
Priority 3: Scientific platform	€6,148 mill.
Priority 4: Capitalisation	€5,514 mill.
Priority 5: Technical Assistance, Analytical Support and Communication	€7.938 mill.

- Partner States: €1,800 mill.
(Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)

Process of approval and launch

- Operational Programme submitted to the European Commission on 17 January 2007
- Process of editorial revisions based on comments from EC Inter Service Consultation
- Approval of the ESPON 2013 Programme by the European Commission on 7 November 2007
- Monitoring Committee prepare for the launch of the ESPON 2013 Programme in (second half of) January 2008
 - Call for Proposals on Priority 1 (6 projects)
 - Call for Interest on KSS (pool of experts)
 - Call for Interest for Priority 2 actions
 - Call for Proposals on Priority 3 (1 project)

Indicative themes for the first round of projects

- Climate change and territorial effects on regions and local economies
- Impacts of the new energy policy and price increases on regional competitiveness
- Demographic and migratory flows affecting European regions and cities
- Cities and urban agglomerations: Their functionality and potentials for European competitiveness and cohesion
- Development opportunities in different types of rural areas
- Territorial Impact Assessment of policies (exploratory)
- ESPON 2013 Database

More information

Thank you for your attention!

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