



ESPON 2013 Programme

Info Day on New Call and Partner Café

10 February 2011
9h00 – 16h00
Brussels, Belgium

Venue

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ESPON

The European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion

The mission of the ESPON 2013 Programme is to support policy development in relation to EU Cohesion Policy. It does this by providing evidence and knowledge about European territorial structures, trends, perspectives and policy impacts which enable comparisons amongst regions and cities.

The challenge for ESPON is to support evidence based policies in European regions, cities and larger territories that reflect the current dynamics and build on the diversity of territorial potentials embedded in each region and city.

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.

The actions carried through under the Programme include different, however strongly interrelated operations:

1. Applied research on different themes of European territorial dynamics.
2. Targeted Analyses together with stakeholders. Stakeholders express their interest and ESPON provides a team of experts that carries through the analysis in close collaboration.
3. Scientific Platform development is supported by an ESPON Database project and actions dealing with territorial indicators and monitoring as well as tools related to territorial analyses, typologies, and updates of statistics.
4. Capitalisation of ESPON results that includes media activities and different publications. Events such as Seminars and Workshops are regularly organised and a transnational effort in the capitalisation is ensured by a network of national Contact Points.
5. Technical Assistance, Analytical Support and Communication ensure the sound management of the programme and the ability of processing scientific output towards the policy level.

ESPON uses an open competitive process in the selection of partners for projects.

ESPON Info Day and Partner Café

The ESPON Info Day and Partner Café aims at informing and assisting potential beneficiaries in preparing proposals for the Call for Proposals and Expression of Interests which will open on 24 January 2011.

The event will focus on the content specifications and the procedures for applying.

The European Commission and the Hungarian 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

The event is open for all potential beneficiaries interested in learning more about this opportunity to take part in ESPON projects and to apply for funds to the ESPON 2013 Programme.

In particular, scientists, experts, universities, research institutes, private companies, policy makers, representatives of public authorities at European, national, regional and local level of 31 European countries (EU 27 + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland).

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- 9.00-09.30 **Registration of participants and Welcome Coffee and Tea**
- 09.30-09.40 **Welcome**
– Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority
- 09.40-10.00 **Policy Demands towards the ESPON 2013 Programme**
Expectations towards the ESPON 2013 Programme:
– European Commission DG Regio
– ESPON MC Member Hungary
- 10.00-10.15 **ESPON 2013 Programme Progress and Prospects**
– Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 10.15-11.15 **Call for Proposals on Applied Research**
Presentation of themes and objectives with Q&A
– Theme 1: European Regions: Potential Contribution to the EU 2020 Strategy
Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON Coordination Unit
– Theme 2: Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe
Marjan van Herwijnen, ESPON Coordination Unit
– Theme 3: Territorial Potentials for a Greener Economy
Ann-Gritt Neuse, ESPON Coordination Unit
– Theme 4: Territorial Governance – Best Practices for New Perspectives
René van der Lecq, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee and Tea Break
- 11.45-12.15 **Call for Expression of Interests on Targeted Analyses**
Presentation of objectives with Q&A
– Michaela Gensheimer / René van der Lecq, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 12.15-12.30 **Call for Proposals within the ESPON Scientific Platform**
Presentation of theme and objectives with Q&A
– Theme: EU Territorial Monitoring and Reporting System
Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 12.30-14.00 Networking Lunch
- 14.00-15.15 **How to Apply** - Presentation of procedures with Q&A
– Legal framework, Potential Beneficiaries, Application and Selection Procedure
Sara Ferrara, ESPON Coordination Unit
– Application Form and how to ensure that your proposal is eligible
Jozsef Szarka, ESPON Coordination Unit
– Budget and Reporting
Mélanie Donjon, ESPON Coordination Unit
- 15.15-16.00 **ESPON Partner Café**
Dialogue, networking and partnership building between potential project partners

ESPON Call for Proposal and Expression of Interests (24 January – 21 March 2011)

The Call includes the following:

- Proposals on Applied Research projects, Priority 1 of the ESPON Programme
- Expression of Interests by stakeholders for Targeted Analyses, Priority 2
- Proposals within the ESPON Scientific Platform, Priority 3

The total available budget for this Call amounts to up to 5.493.000,00 EURO. The deadline for submitting proposals and expressing interests is 21 March 2011.

Call for Proposals on Applied Research

Applied Research Projects, conducted under Priority 1 of the ESPON Programme, are thematically defined by the demand of policy makers. Projects shall support policy development by creating European wide, comparable information and evidence on territorial dynamics, potentials and challenges focusing on development opportunities for regions and cities.

This Call includes the following 4 themes:

1. Theme 1: European Regions: Potential Contribution to the EU 2020 Strategy (budget 400.000,00)
2. Theme 2: Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe (budget 1.200.000,00)
3. Theme 3: Territorial Potentials for a Greener Economy (budget 750.000,00)
4. Theme 4: Territorial Governance – Best Practices for New Perspectives (budget 750.000,00)

The total available budget for this call amounts to 3,100,000.00 € which are distributed on projects as indicated above. One single proposal will be selected for each of the 4 themes indicated.

Potential beneficiaries of this call are public and private bodies.

Call for Expression of Interests on Targeted Analyses

Targeted Analyses are defined by stakeholders interested in adding a new European perspective to the generation of activities and development opportunities. They are conducted under Priority 2 of the ESPON Programme as a new type of projects supporting the use of existing ESPON results.

Introducing a new European perspective, Targeted Analyses provide an opportunity for stakeholders (1) enhancing their understanding of the larger territorial context, (2) making comparisons to other territories, regions and cities, and (3) hereby providing a European perspective to considerations on the development of their territories. As the first step in defining Targeted Analyses, stakeholders express their interest in particular project ideas. As the second step, the expertise is found from a call for proposals for the Targeted Analyses decided and specified together with stakeholders.

The total available budget for this call amounts to 1.795.000,00 EURO financing up to 5 new projects in a later calls for proposals.

Targeted Analyses can take the form of (1) integrated studies and thematic analyses, (2) knowledge support to innovative and experimental actions and (3) joint actions related to other Structural Funds Programmes. Only public authorities are considered as stakeholders in this Call.

The eligible stakeholders for Targeted Analyses under the type of action (1) and (2) are:

- Groups of at least 3 regions and/or cities (minimum of 3 public authorities at regional/local level representing 3 different countries participating in ESPON 2013 Programme);
- Public authorities at national administrative levels. In this case, no minimum number of partners is required for submitting the Expression of Interest.

The eligible stakeholders for Targeted Analyses under the type of action (3) are:

- Authorities responsible for implementing Structural Funds Programmes 2007-2013 under the Objective 1, 2 and 3. In this case, no minimum number of partners is required for submitting the Expression of Interest.

Call for Proposals within the ESPON Scientific Platform

The Scientific Platform, Priority 3 of the ESPON Programme, represents a core element in the knowledge base being created by ESPON. Projects carried through shall contribute with solid facts and methodologies in support of quality evidence to the policy development processes. In addition, they shall contribute to the building of European datasets, indicators and tools that constitute a foundation for a scientific community in the field of European territorial science.

In support of the Scientific Platform under ESPON activities, the theme of this project is:

- EU Territorial Monitoring and Reporting System

The available budget for this call amounts to 598.000,00 € and one single proposal can be selected. Potential beneficiaries of this call are public and private bodies.

Useful Tools

ESPON Partner Café Overview and LinkedIn Group

Research institutes that are looking for partners to prepare a proposal for one of the projects under the Call are remembered to have a look at the overview of potential partners. The fields of expertise that are indicated in the overview provide you with a good impression of which institutes might be interested in the same research theme as you and might wish to join you in a Transnational Project Group. Link: http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_ESPONPartnerCafe/index.html

The ESPON Partner Café has its own LinkedIn group where potential partners can launch discussions and find partners to carry out ESPON projects. Visit the ESPON Partner Café LinkedIn Group here: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&qid=144326>

FAQ

For questions concerning the content of the Call, please send an e-mail to content@espon.eu, for questions related to administrative issues and application procedures please send an e-mail to procedures@espon.eu.

More Information

How to Apply

All the documentation related to the Call, including the procedure for applying, the eligibility rules, the evaluation criteria and the submission material, will be made available by 24 January 2011 at the ESPON Website. Printed copies of the Application Packs will be distributed at the Info Day on 10 February 2011.

Official Journal of the European Union

The pre-announcement of the Call is published in the Official Journal of the European Union (reference: OJ, C 323 of 30/11/2010).



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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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