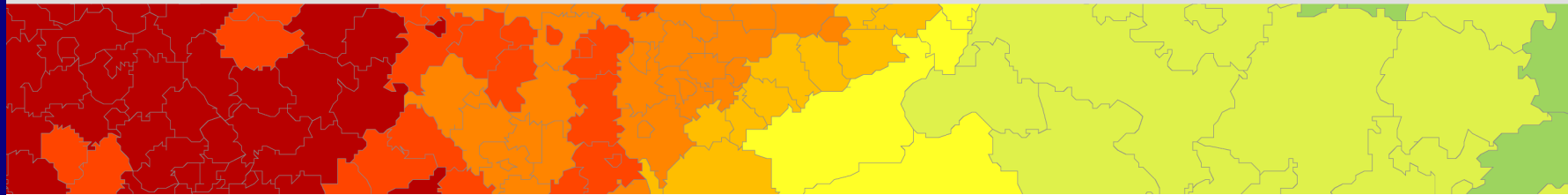




EUROPEAN SPATIAL PLANNING
OBSERVATION NETWORK



The ESPON 2013 Programme

The Operational Programme
adopted by the European Commission



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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 project 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
 - Experimental and innovative actions
 - Joint actions related to Structural Fund Programmes
- Criteria: European dimension and transferability
- Partnership and involvement of stakeholders
- Ideas admissible from EU and Member State authorities, SF-programmes and groups of regions and cities (3 MS)
- 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.

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

Adoption and launch of actions

- Operational Programme was adopted by the European Commission on 7 November 2007
- The ESPON 2013 Programme and the first calls for action will be launched on 21 January 2008 in Bruxelles
- The following calls will be opened:
 - Call for Proposals on applied research (6 projects)
 - Call for Interest form stakeholders in targeted analysis based on ESPON results
 - Call for Proposals on a project on the ESPON 2013 Database
 - Call for Interest on the Knowledge Support System (pool of experts involved in project sounding boards)

More information

More information on the ESPON 2013 Programme and the launch of the first 4 calls for action can be found on

www.espon.eu/ESPON2013

Thank you for your attention!