

**ESPON 2013 Programme
Open seminar**

Evidence and Knowledge Needs for the Territorial Agenda 2020 and EU Cohesion Policy

**Programme
21-22 June 2011**

**Venue
Royal Palace,
Gödöllő, Hungary**

Overview

Context

This open seminar in Gödöllő will take into account the current political debate on EU Cohesion Policy and the debate on its future during the first part of 2011. The new Territorial Agenda 2020 and the update of the Territorial State and Perspective document, which is at the core of the Hungarian EU Presidency priorities, is part of this context. The Seminar is organised in cooperation with the Hungarian Presidency of the European Union within the framework of the ESPON 2013 Programme which has the mission to support policy development related to EU Cohesion Policy with facts and evidence based on observation of territorial development and cohesion.

Purpose

The purpose of this ESPON seminar is two-fold:

- Provide evidence on the contribution and usefulness of the ESPON knowledge base and concrete examples on practical use in the given policy frameworks.
- Allow policy makers and practitioners to formulate and further precise the demand of knowledge and tools to the ESPON community.

Aim

The seminar will focus on the debate around the EU Cohesion Policy post 2013, including the policy orientations stemming from the adoption of the Territorial Agenda on 19 May 2011 and the knowledge contribution that ESPON can provide to support EU, national and regional policies and strategies, including priorities from and the implementation of the Territorial Agenda 2020.

The seminar will be kicked off by an introductory political discussion with general interventions by high-level policy makers on the evidence and knowledge a renewed cohesion policy and revised Territorial Agenda would require. This introductory political discussion shall set the scene for the continuation of the seminar and the subsequent dialogues and discussions that will be carried out in the form of “policy oriented panels”. A “zooming in session” addressing the Territorial Agenda 2020 in practice and its application at different scales will link the general introduction and the following policy oriented panels.

The policy oriented panels at the core of the seminar will address 8 key policy areas identified according to their importance on the current political discussion. The aim of the panels is to provide evidence on the contribution and usefulness of the ESPON knowledge base as well as concrete examples on practical use in each of the given policy frameworks. Lead and project partners will bring in constructive inputs and examples based on the results of their respective projects. Policy makers and stakeholders will as well actively participate in the debate bringing their specific needs, experience and points of view.

On the second day, a final Round Table discussion will draw conclusions from the discussions of the previous day and morning session. Taking stock from the discussions selected stakeholders, scientists and policy makers at different territorial levels will be asked to formulate further precise demands for knowledge and tools to the ESPON community as well as their ideas and recommendation for use of ESPON results in understanding the 8 key policy questions raised.

This final discussion will provide all actors involved, in particular the scientific community involved in ESPON and the Monitoring Committee valuable feedback to strengthen and increase the usefulness and use of ESPON results in the remaining phase of programme implementation. In addition, the results of the discussion would as well serve the purpose of nourishing the elaboration of a third generation ESPON Programme.

We hope you will participate and enjoy the seminar!

Monday 20 June, evening

20:00 - 22:00

Welcome reception

Location: Grand Hotel Margitsziget -
Danubius Health Spa Resort Hotel Margitsziget
Margitsziget (Margaret Island)
1138 Budapest,
Hungary



Tuesday 21 June

8h00

Transport to Royal Palace, Gödöllő from front of Health Spa Resort and Grand Hotel Margitsziget (participants), Hotel Helia (MC, ECP, CU members), Budapest

Chair of the day: Tamás Dömötör, ESPON Monitoring Committee Chair, Hungary

09:00 - 9:50

Registration & Welcome Coffee/Tea

10:00 - 10:45

Opening - Setting the scene

Room: Royal Riding Hall
Audiovisual presentation of Hungary
Speakers:

- György Gémesi, Mayor of Gödöllő
- Péter Szaló, Ministry of Interior, the Hungarian EU Presidency
- Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

The aim of this Opening session is to welcome seminar participants to Hungary and set the scene and mind set of all actors present at the seminar.

10:45 - 12:00

Roundtable – Evidence and knowledge needs for EU Cohesion Policy post 2013 and the Territorial Agenda 2020

Room: Royal Riding Hall

General interventions in the form of keynotes on the current political debate on Cohesion Policy, the EU 2020 Strategy, the Territorial Agenda 2020 and the implication for Europe and its different territories. High level policy makers will be invited to give their points of view on the evidence and knowledge needs for the successful implementation of a renewed Cohesion Policy and the revised Territorial Agenda. The identified needs will be addressed during the parallel policy oriented panels.

Facilitator: Michael Parkinson

Speakers:

- Zsuzsanna Drahos, Ministry of National Development, Hungary
- Lewis Dijkstra, European Commission - DG Regio
- Piotr Zuber, Ministry of Regional Development, Poland

12:00 - 13:30 **Press Conference** (for the speakers of the Opening and Roundtable)

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:45 **“Zooming-In” on policy setting in different territorial contexts and scales. Integrating priorities and challenges for diverse territories and different territorial levels: The Territorial Agenda in Practice.**

Room: Royal Riding Hall

The aim of this Zooming-In session is to provide examples on the use of the existing territorial knowledge evidence, including ESPON knowledge base, in policy-making and in particular through a number of concrete examples from the Territorial Agenda Action Plan. The first presentation will be at the EU level, followed by examples at subsequent lower levels.

Speakers:

- EU Level - Jacek Zaucha, University of Gdansk, Poland
- Macro-Regional level – Viktória Varga Lencsés, INTERACT ENPI
- National level - Ádám Radvánszki, VÁTI, ECP Hungary
- Regional-Local level – Tamás Gordos, Regional Development Agency, Central Region, Hungary

14:45 - 15:00 **Introduction to the Policy Oriented Panels – Session 1**

Room: Royal Riding Hall

Speaker: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee and Tea

15:30 - 17:30 **Policy Oriented Panels – Session 1**

The aim of the panels are, on the basis of the needs expressed in the introductory political discussion, to provide evidence on the potential contribution and usefulness of the ESPON knowledge base and as well concrete examples on practical use of ESPON in the given policy framework of each of the panel.

Project representatives will provide short inputs on how the results coming from their ESPON projects (already available, preliminary or expected) could be used. Policy makers and stakeholders will make introductory statements on whether the existing ESPON knowledge base covers their demands. The group discussion will provide reaction on the input statements and try to indicate what more is needed in terms of analysis, tools, data from the policy side and what scientists deem feasible.

The group discussion will be followed by an open discussion having as main objective to facilitate the dialogue and understanding of the needs expressed by policy makers and the available responses from the side of scientists. The final objective of each policy panel is to lead to some conclusions on the practical usefulness and potential use of the existing knowledge and its limits in providing the required answers. Realistic and feasible further research, analyses, data and tools should as well be formulated.

Policy Oriented Panel 1	Policy Oriented Panel 2
Handling the consequences of the economic crisis	Launching new forms of territorial cooperation
Projects: KIT, ATTREG, TIGER, RISE	Projects: TERCO, TRANSMEC, ULYSSES, PURR
Moderator: Patrick Salez LPs/PPs: Roberto Camagni, Antonio Russo, Moritz Lennert, Stewart MacNeill Policy Maker: Mathilde Konstantopoulou, ESPON MC Greece Stakeholder: Federica Busillo, Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico, Italy Conclusions: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU	Moderator: Philippe Doucet LPs/PPs: Grzegorz Gorzelak, Dorothea Palenberg, Carlos Tapia, Visvaldis Valtenbergs Policy Maker: Margarita Jancic, ESPON MC Slovenia Conclusions: Sara Ferrara, ESPON CU
Room: Royal Riding Hall	Room: Discussion Room 1

Policy Oriented Panel 3	Policy Oriented Panel 4
A competitive Europe in a Globalised World through Research and Innovation	A sustainable, integrated and secure transport policy (connectivity and access)
Projects: KIT, TIGER	Projects: TRACC, ESaTDOR, SeGI, GEOSPEC
Moderator: Peter Schön LPs/PPs: Roberta Capello, Gilles Van Hamme Policy Maker: Sverker Lindblad, ESPON MC Sweden Stakeholder: Massimiliano Leoncini, Tuscany Region, Italy Conclusions: Peter Billing, ESPON CU	Moderator: Andreu Ulied LPs/PPs: Klaus Spiekermann, David Shaw, Daniel Rauhut , Erik Gløersen Policy Maker: Ernst Holzinger, ESPON MC Austria Stakeholder: José M ^a Subero Munilla, Gobierno de Aragón, Spain Conclusions: Marjan Van Herwijnen, ESPON CU
Room: Theatre Room	Room: Discussion Room 2

20:00 - 23:00 **Conference Dinner**
Danube Palace
Zrinyi Street 5
Budapest



Wednesday 22 June

8h00 Transport to Royal Palace, Gödöllő from front of Health Spa Resort and Grand Hotel Margitsziget (participants), Hotel Helia (MC, ECP, CU members), Budapest

Chair of the day: Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

09:30 – 09:45 **Introduction to the Policy Oriented Panels – Session 2**
Room: Royal Riding Hall
Speaker: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

09:45 - 10:15 Coffee and Tea

10:15 - 12:00 **Policy Oriented Panels – Session 2**

The aim of the panels are, on the basis of the needs expressed in the introductory political discussion, to provide evidence on the potential contribution and usefulness of the ESPON knowledge base and as well concrete examples on practical use of ESPON in the given policy framework of each of the panel.

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Policy Oriented Panel 5	Policy Oriented Panel 6
Strategies for competitive, sustainable and secure energy	Managing territorial effect of climate change
Projects: ReRISK, EU-LUPA, EATIA	Projects: ESPON CLIMATE, ARTS
Moderator: Lauri Frank LPs/PPs: Daniela Velte, Efrén Feliú, Thomas B. Fischer Policy Maker: Gabrielle Mc Keown, ESPON MC Ireland (tbc) Stakeholder: Blanka Bartol, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia Conclusions: Ann-Gritt Neuse, ESPON CU	Moderator: Maria José Festas LPs/PPs: Stefan Greiving, Bernd Schuh Policy Maker: Phaedon Enotiades, ESPON MC Cyprus Conclusions: Michaela Gensheimer, ESPON CU
Room: Room: Theatre Room	Room: Discussion Room 1

Policy Oriented Panel 7	Policy Oriented Panel 8
Policy responses to territorial impacts of demographics trends	Governance as a contribution to successful territorial development
Projects: TPM, DEMIFER, SEMIGRA	Projects: SGPTD, BEST METROPOLIS, POLYCE
Moderator: Cliff Hague LPs/PPs: Moritz Lennert, Lisa Van Well, Karin Wiest Policy Maker: Maila Kuusik, ESPON MC Estonia (tbc) Stakeholder: Jan Zaman, Flemish administration, Belgium Conclusions: Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON CU	Moderator: Silvia Jost LPs/PPs: Michael Parkinson, Mirosław Grochowski, Johannes Suitner Policy Maker: Didier Michal, ESPON MC France Conclusions: René van der Lecq, ESPON CU
Room: Discussion Room 2	Room: Royal Riding Hall

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 **Drawing conclusions – Round Table discussion**

Room: Royal Riding Hall

Taking stock from the discussions on the previous day selected stakeholders, scientists and policy makers at different territorial level will be asked to re-formulate and further precise the demand of knowledge and tools to the ESPON community. The result of the discussion will be used to strengthen and increase the usefulness of ESPON results in the current programme and nourish the elaboration of the third generation ESPON programme.

Facilitator: Michael Parkinson

Speakers

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- Sverker Lindblad, ESPON MC Sweden
- Zsuzsanna Drahos, Ministry of National Development, Hungary
- Cliff Hague, ECP UK
- Roberta Capello, Lead Partner KIT

15:30 - 16:00 **Conclusive remarks and farewell**

Room: Royal Riding Hall

Next steps of ESPON: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

The Ambition of the Polish Presidency: Magdalena Zagrezejweska-Fiedorowicz, ESPON MC Member Poland

Farewell: Tamás Dömötör, ESPON MC Chair, Hungary, Hungarian EU Presidency

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee and Tea

16.30 Transport to Health Spa Resort and Grand Hotel Margitsziget (participants), Hotel Helia (MC, ECP, CU members) or Liszt Ferenc (Ferihegy) Airport, Budapest from front of Royal Palace, Gödöllő

or

Guided tour in Gödöllő Royal Castle and Park (one Bus for 40-50 people) and at 18h00 transport to Health Spa Resort and Grand Hotel Margitsziget (participants), Hotel Helia (MC, ECP, CU members), Budapest)

Visit the permanent poster exhibition near the plenary room

Practical Information

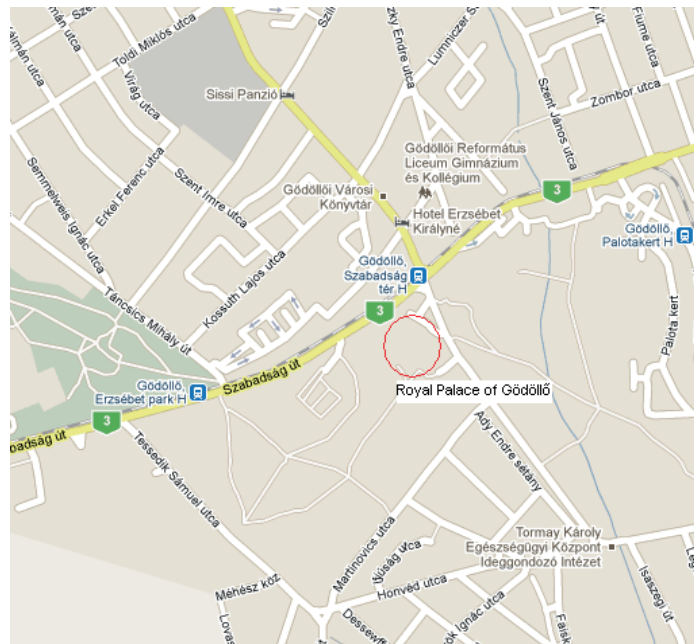
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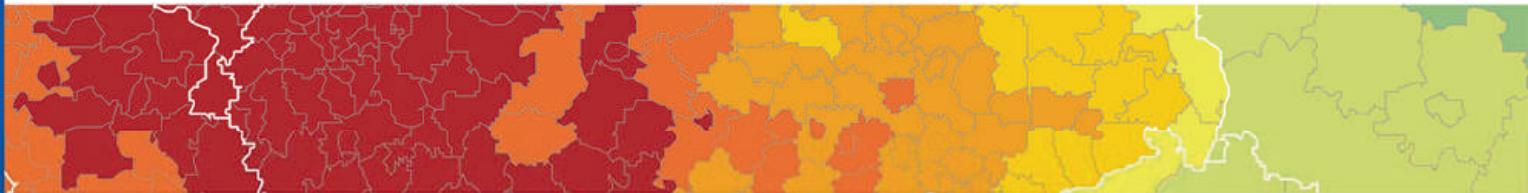
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Royal Castle Gödöllő, Riding Arena
Grassalkovich Castle Gödöllő, 2100-Hungary



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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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