

// ESPON: SUPPORTING POLICY-MAKING WITH TERRITORIAL EVIDENCE – 15 years and beyond



Where are we now?

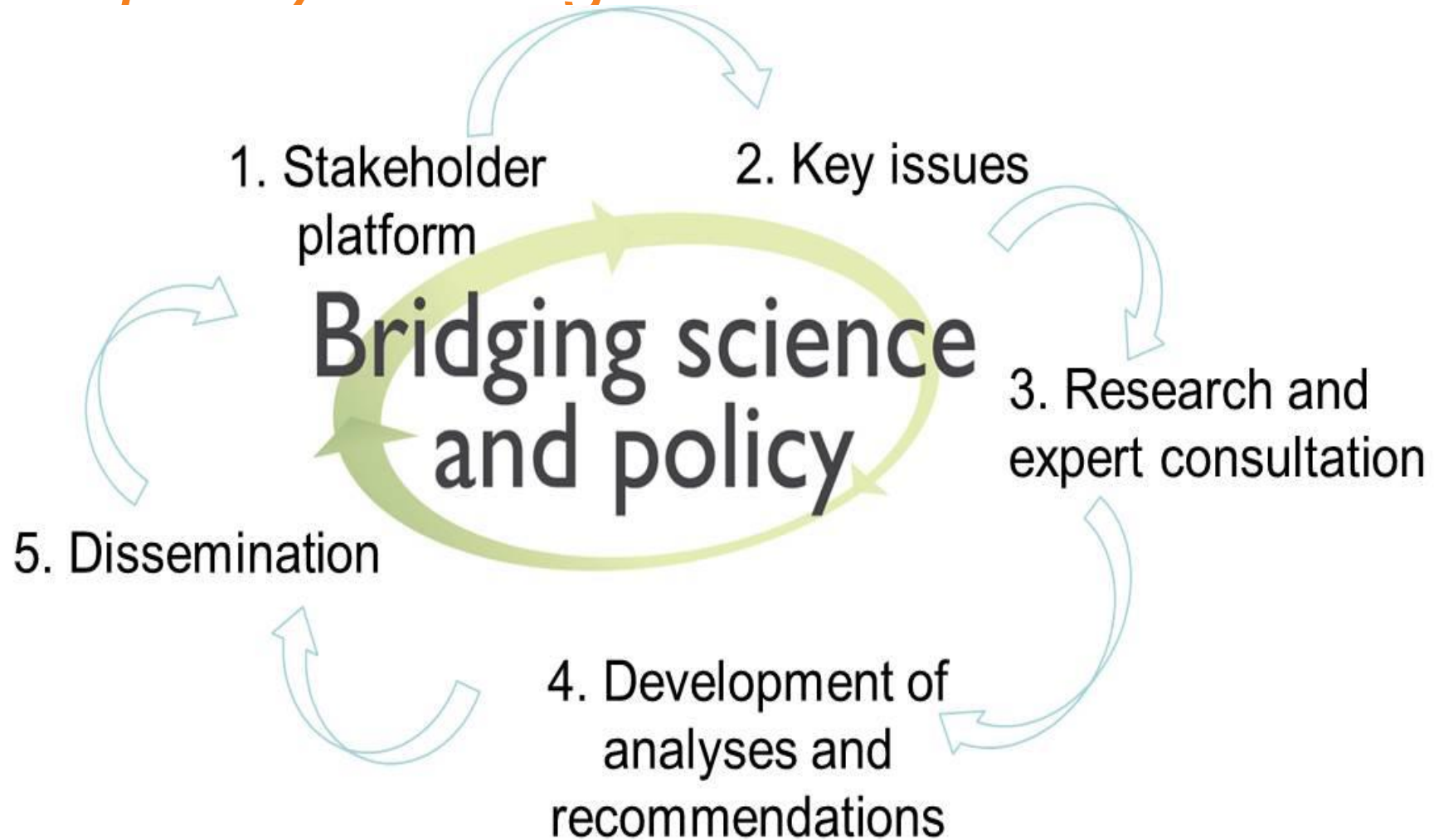
*“Today, thanks to ESPON, we have more **robust empirical evidence** at our disposal to consolidate the argument that focusing more **systematically on the territorial dimension** is a win-win approach for the European Union and the Europeans, by promoting overall **EU prosperity and by bringing Europe closer to its people.**”*

Karl-Heinz Lambertz,

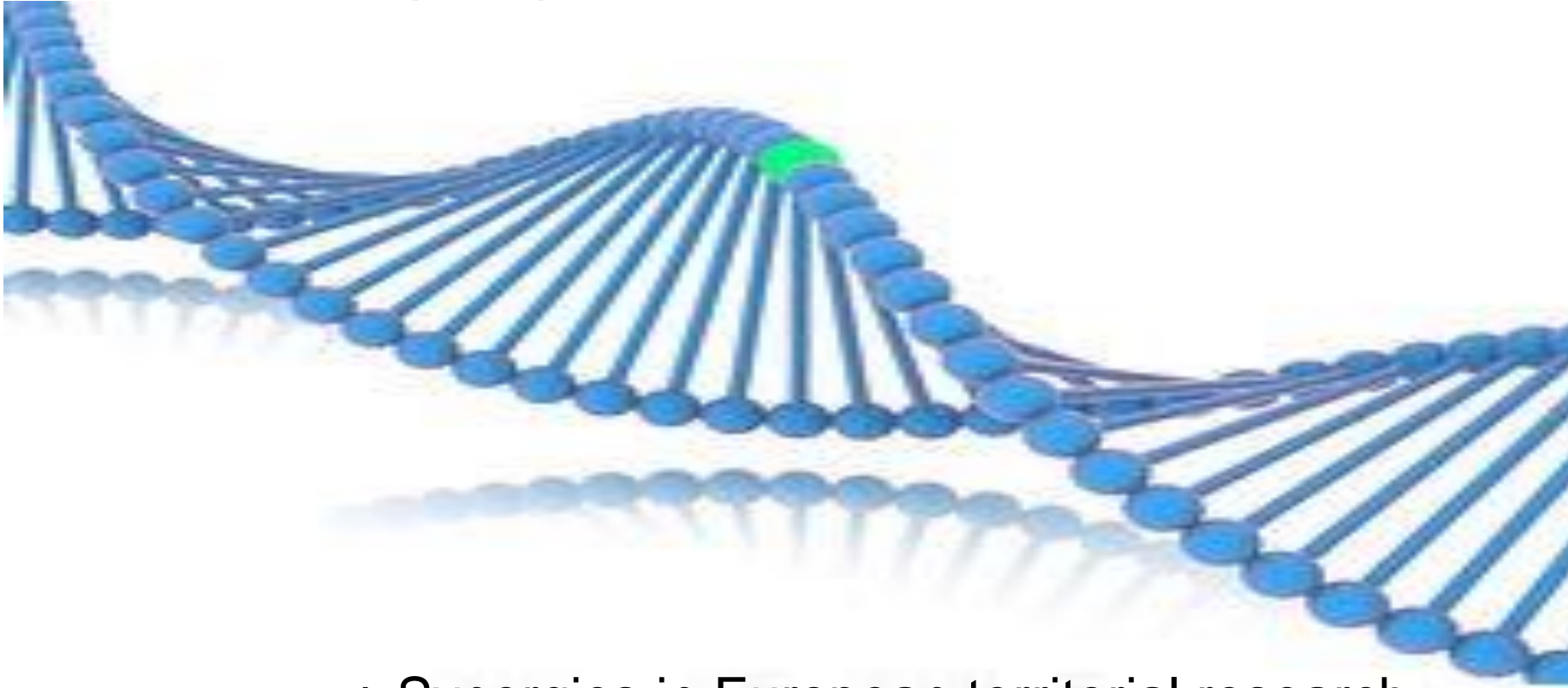
President of the Committee of the Regions



Institutional capacity building at the core – *Inspire policy-making with territorial evidence*



The ESPON DNA



From research ...

... to policy-making

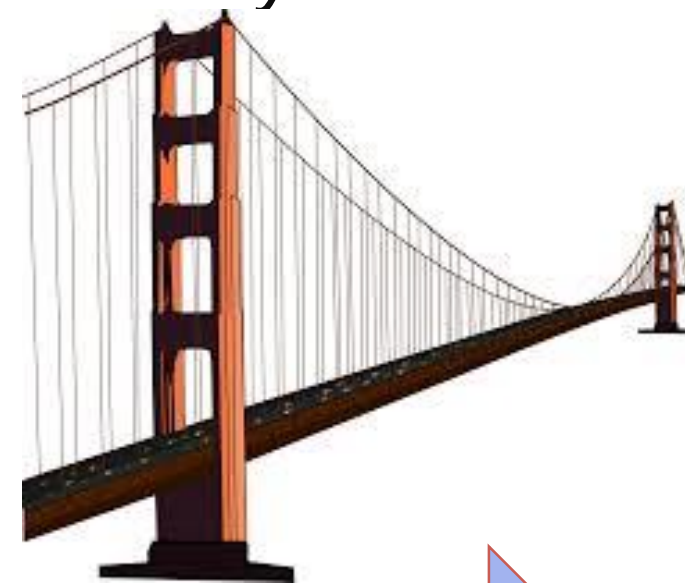
- + Synergies in European territorial research
- + Reaching out into policy processes
- + Ownership by policy-makers



Challenges - Achievements

“Marvelous bridge between academia and policymakers”

Priidu Ristkok, *Director General, Estonian EU Presidency*



Challenges - Achievements

Preparing the bridge head at the side of the research:

Addressee orientation of the ESPON outputs to target groups, policy processes



Challenges - Achievements

Bridge head at the side of the policy-making :

Organising the outreach, publications, events, workshops, laboratories, tailor-made studies ...

– **Website**

www.espon.eu

– **Publications**

– **Events**

– **Newsletters**

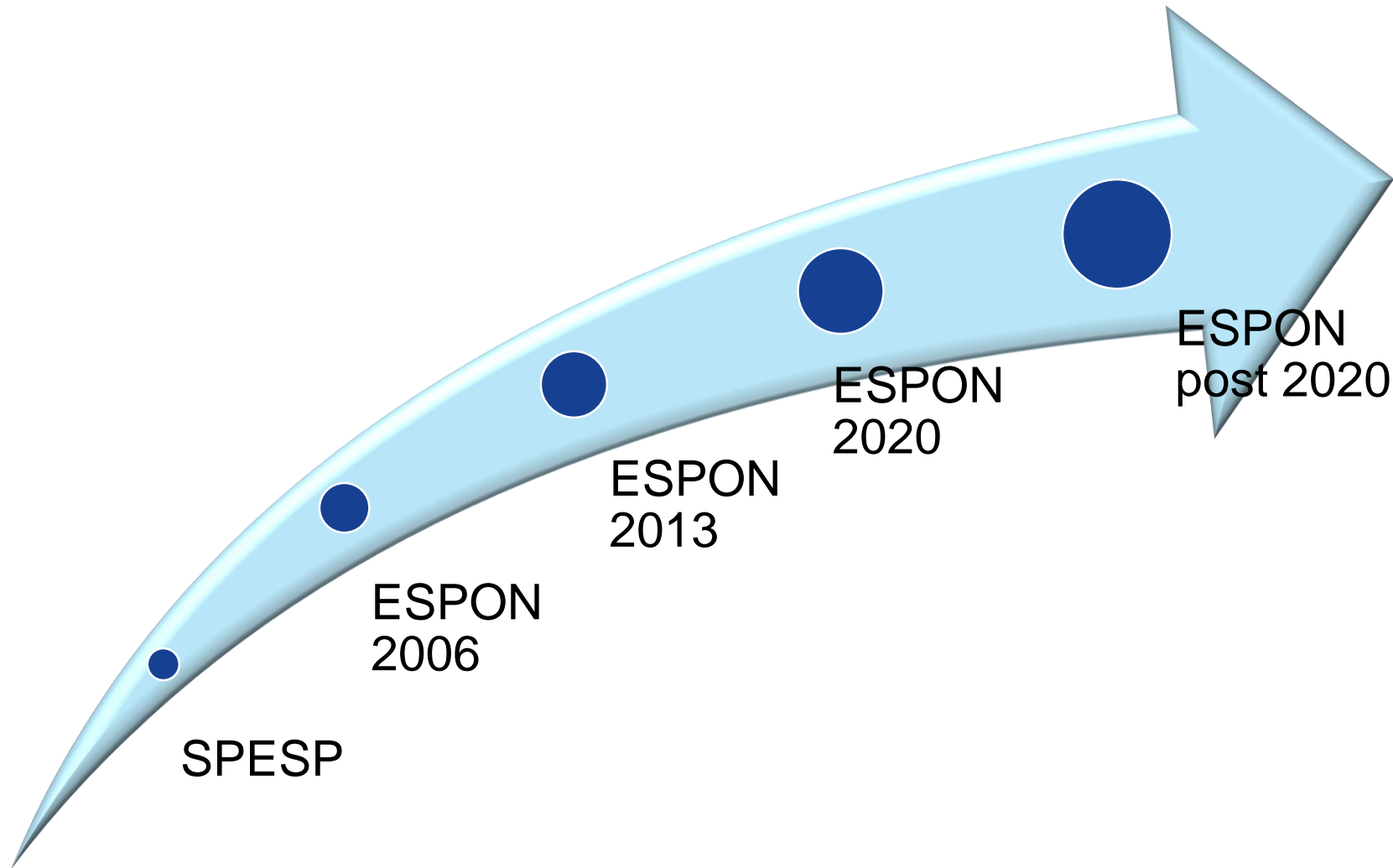
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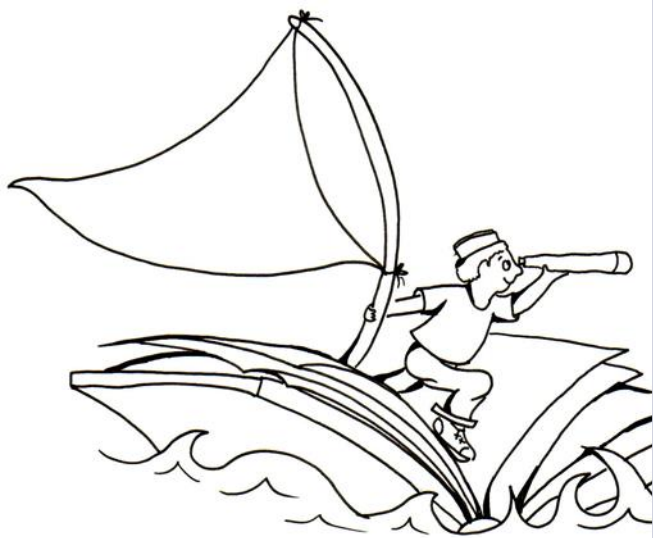
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The way forward ...



... thinking about the future



WHAT TO ACHIEVE?

- Which challenges / problems / issues to address (MISSION)
- Which results to achieve?
- What past experience to capitalize on?
- Which complementarity / / added value to achieve and which overlapping to avoid?
- Which actions/deliveries match which needs?
- Which innovative types of actions to address?
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WHOM TO SERVE?

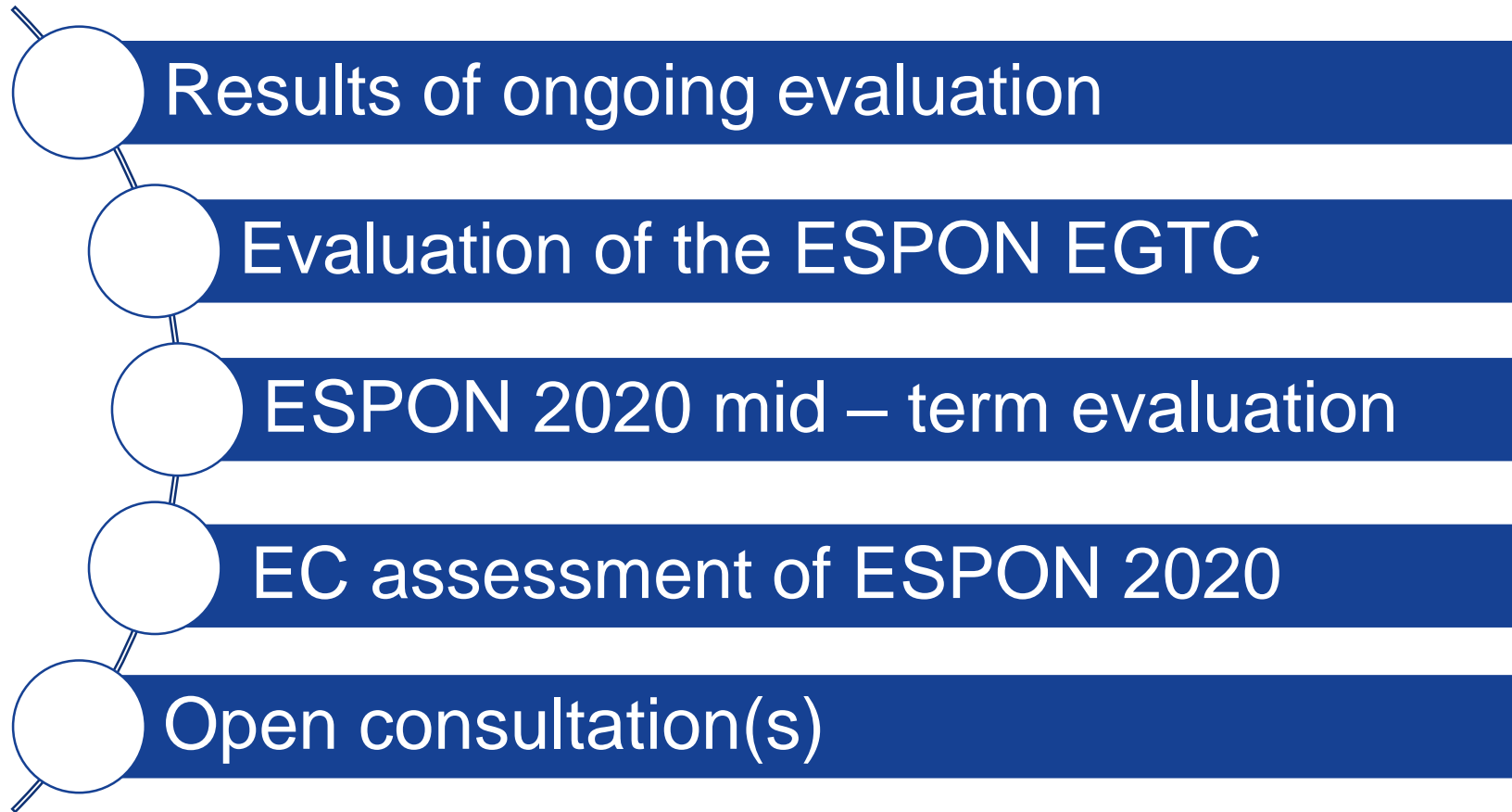
- Which target groups with which concrete / specific needs?
- Which match of policy makers at administrative level for which particular policy processes?
- Which type of researchers to involve to contribute to which type of production of evidence?
- Which geographical areas / levels to be covered?
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HOW TO DO?

- What programme architecture surfs best the purpose?
- Which delivery mechanisms are effective and efficient?
- Which roles of bodies involved ?
- What possibilities does the regulation offer?
- What match between the objectives / results and available financial means?
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... collecting inputs for the discussion



“I personally believe that the key for our future is with the European Union. To develop the territory in a sustainable way means managing best our common resources. This can only be successful if we develop a common picture of, and common perspectives for our territory. The citizens of Europe want to know where they live, how they will live in the future, and what perspectives they can expect for themselves and for their children. In that sense, our common effort should create the best value added ESPON”.

***Camille GIRA, Secretary of State,
Head of the ESPON Managing Authority***

// Thank you for your attention