



ESPON 2013 Programme

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Press Release

ESPON Delivers Evidence for the Global Positioning of Europe

“The accelerating globalisation and new emerging markets will have major impacts on Europe and its territory, cities and regions,” states the Europe in the World Report of ESPON.

Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit, explains that the report includes a series of scientifically proved world maps that can contribute to the understanding of the territorial dimension of the accelerating globalization.

The new maps show structures and international connections of countries and regions of Europe as well as the situation of Europe in the world, particularly in relation to the countries located in its immediate neighbourhood.

The main authors behind the report, Pierre Beckouche, Clarisse Didelon and Claude Grasland have delivered statistical and cartographic evidence on key messages.

The key messages in general:

- The EU is a major economic player at world scale
 - What is the impact of globalization on EU’s economy and territory?
- Economic growth and demographic growth show a spatial diffusion
 - What are the consequences for the EU, Japan or the USA?
- The EU is well connected to global cities
 - Which are the main gateway cities of the European Union?
- The EU is attractive for migrants but not necessarily with expected qualifications
 - Does migration fit with EU market needs?
- The EU takes first place as official development aid donor to developing countries and countries in transition – Does the EU and its Member States follow the same strategy for this aid?
- The EU is a shrinking but powerful world region
 - What will be the size and the weight of influence of the EU in the future?



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Detailed key messages are available here:

http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/content/publications/98/1681/index_EN.html

The Maps about the Europe in the World Report are available here:

http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/functions/home/maps/1837/index_EN.html

More information: www.espon.eu

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 be facilitating the mobilization 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.

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