

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE OPEN INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR TARGETED ANALYSES

The present document, version 22 December 2016, includes the following additional information from the ESPON EGTC for requests received on:

Info Request #	Reception date of information requests:	Subject of information requests:
# 1	05/10/2016	Eligibility of partner stakeholders
# 2	30/11/2016	Observers in application
# 3	20/12/2016	Possible themes for targeted analyses
# 4	22/12/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there a maximum size for a stakeholder partnership? - How is the targeted analysis funded? Do stakeholders have to define a dedicated budget? - What contribution is expected from the lead stakeholder and the participating stakeholder?

Questions and answers are detailed in sections below.

NB: the present information has been published on the ESPON website and sent by email to all interested applicants who approached the EGTC with a query.

Please find here below requests of information by email (application@espon.eu) from interested applicants and the complementary information provided by the ESPON EGTC:

Information Request # 1 of 05/10/2016

1. Additional information on the eligibility of partner stakeholders

“Are EGTCs inside the EU eligible as stakeholders for a targeted analysis?”

- **As long as they fulfil the conditions stipulated in section 3 of the Stakeholder Guidance (i.e. “Who can apply?”) EGTCs from inside the EU are eligible as stakeholders for a targeted analysis. This means that they need to have competence in developing and/or implementing policies with a territorial dimension and/or they need to be responsible for implementing EU funded programmes for transnational, cross-border or macro-regional areas.**

Please also check REGULATION (EC) No 1082/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 5 July 2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) and Regulation (EU) No 1302/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 1082/2006 on a European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC) as regards the clarification, simplification and improvement of the establishment and functioning of such groupings on WHAT AN EGTC IS, before applying.

“Can associations from third states (i.e. non-EU member states) participate in a targeted analysis and if so, under which conditions?”

- **Associations from third states can participate in a targeted analysis as observers in the respective Steering Committee, if the actively participating stakeholders wish so.**

Information Request # 2 of 30/11/2016

1. Additional information on observers in the application

“We have two institutions who will act as observers. However, we have not found any information regarding rules for observers in this context. Do they also have to submit a Letter of Commitment or any other document or is it sufficient only to mention them in the application form?”

- **Observers may be involved in the Steering Committee of the Targeted Analysis. They can be mentioned in the application form but do not have to submit Letters of Commitment.**

Information Request # 3 of 20/12/2016

1. Additional information on possible themes for targeted analyses

“We are interested in performing a Targeted Analysis on the thematic goal “Social Innovation and Social Economy” but we are not sure if it is an eligible policy goal and therefore kindly request for your guidance.”

- **Stakeholder proposals and the themes included therein need to fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria stipulated in the Stakeholder Guidance. As long as all eligibility criteria are met, all stakeholder proposals will go to an evaluation of their content, irrelevant of the theme they address.**

Information Request # 4 of 22/12/2016

1. Additional information on the maximum size for a stakeholder partnership

“Is there a maximum size for a stakeholder partnership?”

- **There is no maximum size for a stakeholder partnership. Depending on the scope of the targeted analysis in question, the themes to be addressed, the tasks to be implemented and the envisaged outcomes, it can be an advantage to involve either more or less stakeholders. Experience from previous targeted analyses has shown that stakeholders often benefited of the inclusion of other stakeholders and the cooperation in the implementation of the activity. However, it is up to each applicant to judge the appropriate number of stakeholders to be involved.**

2. Additional information on the funding of the targeted analysis

“How is the targeted analysis funded? Do stakeholders have to define a dedicated budget?”

- **ESPON fully finances the experts that carry through the analytical work to provide territorial evidence to the stakeholders. Stakeholders need to invest time in supporting the ESPON EGTC in:**
 - **Drafting the terms of reference for the respective targeted analysis;**
 - **Participating in the evaluation of tenders at the EGTC premises in Luxembourg;**
 - **Participating in 3-4 meetings with the ESPON EGTC and the team of experts carrying through the analysis;**
 - **Supporting the team of experts by providing access to data/information and being available for interviews;**
 - **Commenting on project deliveries;**
 - **Supporting the uptake and transfer of results of the targeted analysis via communication activities.**

In addition, stakeholders need to cover their own travel expenses for attending meetings in the framework of the targeted analysis.

3. Additional information on the contribution of stakeholders

“What contribution is expected from the lead stakeholder and the participating stakeholder?”

- **As outlined in the response to question 2 above, all stakeholders need to actively contribute to the targeted analysis by participating in meetings, supporting the team of experts carrying through the analysis, commenting on project deliveries and supporting the uptake and transfer of results of the targeted analysis.**