



The Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg
ESPON 2020 Managing Authority

From ESPON 2020 to ESPON 2030

– Building on 20 years of innovative support for territorial policy-making –

Studio Luxembourg, 29 March 2022
The conference will be web-streamed

The objective of the conference is to:

- To take stock and inform about the achievements of the ESPON 2020 Programme highlighting how the programme has continuously adapted to both the target group's needs and existing shortcomings (e.g. more outreach, more tailored approach, on-demand services, etc.);
- To raise awareness about the ESPON 2030 Programme, the new strategic integrated approach and the first themes of research;
- To present the preliminary result of the consultation process on the first TAP themes and their focus;
- To present and discuss how different stakeholders can be involved;
- To present and discuss the “new targeted analysis” approach.

For whom is the conference organised?

The event addresses the EU level officials, national and regional stakeholders and other relevant organisations, authorities implementing ESIF programmes and organisations promoting different regional/urban interests at EU level as well as national, regional and local stakeholders engaged in policy-making on territorial development. The conference also addresses universities and research institutes as key actors for the development of the knowledge base at the core of the ESPON Programme.

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8h15-8h45	Login
8h45-9h30	<p>Welcome and Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claude Turmes, Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning for Luxembourg hosting ESPON - Elisa Ferreira, EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform - Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the Committee of the Regions
9h30-10h45	<p>ESPON 2030 Programme – a new strategic approach</p> <p>Moderator: Terry Martin, Senior Anchor - DW News, Director - SPIA</p> <p>Presentation of the ESPON 2030 Programme and its strategic approach via Thematic Action Plans and presentation of the first ESPON thematic work-streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thiemo ESER, ESPON Managing Authority - Wiktor SZYDAROWSKI, Director ESPON EGTC <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Input statements and exchange on the contribution of the ESPON programme in its first 20 years and how ESPON could further contribute to improve the effectiveness of Cohesion Policy and the inclusion of a territorial perspective in policy-making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Younous Omarjee, Chair of the REGI Committee, Eur. Parliament - Nathalie Sarrabezolles, Chair of the COTER, Eur. Committee of the Regions - Marc Lemaître, Director General DG Regio, Eur. Commission - Andrés Rodríguez-Posé, Professor of Economic Geography at the London School of Economics - Romina Boarini, Director of the OECD Centre for Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity (WISE) - Claude Turmes, Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning for Luxembourg hosting ESPON

10h45-11h15	Comfort break
11h15-12h30	<p>Interactive session: Which evidence, for whom and how to deliver it to policy-makers?</p> <p>Moderator: Terry Martin</p> <p>Introduction The main results of the first consultation process on the Thematic Action Plan: which territorial challenges and which evidence needs (EGTC/MA)</p> <p>Contributions from the users perspective How to channel ESPON evidence to policy processes and to ensure the take-up of the knowledge in the planning, implementation and evaluation phases of the policy cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duarte Rodrigues, Vice President of Portuguese Cohesion and Development Agency - Nicolas Brookes, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions CPMR - Peter Austin, Urban Development Department Oslo City - Luuk Boelens, Leader of Transnational Outreach of the ESPON Contact Point network - Marie-Lorraine Dangeard, Chair of the ESPON Monitoring Committee
12h30-13h00	<p>Key messages to ESPON from the debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milada Hroňková, Members of the ESPON Monitoring Committee of the incoming Presidency - Wiktor Szydarowski, Director ESPON EGTC - Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority