

// ESPON Seminar

Territorial development and green transition: a future for all places

Implementation of Green Infrastructures and Sustainable Urbanisation

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// Context and objectives

The ESPON seminar “Territorial development and green transition: a future for all places” is organised in cooperation with the Croatian Presidency of the EU Council in the framework of the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme, which aims to support policy development for promoting territorial cohesion and harmonious development of the European territory.

The discussion for a green Europe is included in the priorities of the Croatian Presidency in the context of sustainable growth and development. A “Greener Europe” has also become a top priority of the new European Commission, as outlined in the European Green Deal. The Territorial Agenda 2020+ sets out to achieve a “Green Europe” that protects our common livelihoods and shapes societal transition processes.

In the context of this green transition, it is essential to make sure that all places make the most of their development potential. This will be particularly relevant for countries and regions disproportionately affected by demographic changes.

This ESPON seminar will serve these development ambitions with two new ESPON Policy Briefs, one on “Green Infrastructure in Urban Areas” and one on “Re-Use of Buildings and Spaces”.

Both Policy Briefs will be discussed during the first day in the form of three parallel workshops after a high-level political debate. These workshops will involve ESPON researchers and external experts from academia, NGOs and policymaking. In addition, networking sessions will be organised around ongoing ESPON activities related to open data and sustainable development goals, spatial planning practices, quality of life and tourism and new businesses and industry patterns.

The second day will be dedicated to the future of ESPON in the post 2020 period, launching an official public consultation on the next programme. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to get an overview of future activities of the current ESPON Programme.

The ESPON seminars are organised twice a year in cooperation with the running Presidency of the EU Council. They aim to connect policymakers, stakeholders and practitioners from all levels of governance with researchers and experts. They provide fresh insights on key topics related to development challenges in European regions and cities, and in the context of the Territorial and Urban Agendas. With its specific focus on “Green transition”, this ESPON seminar also targets stakeholders and practitioners involved in transformation processes towards more sustainable economies and societies.

// Programme in a nutshell

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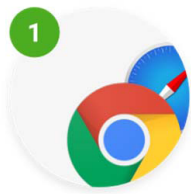
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 9:00 **Opening**
 9:30 **Setting the Scene**
 10:30 Coffee break
 11:00 **Plenary Debate**
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 12:30 Lunch
 13:30 **Workshops A-C**
 15:00 Coffee break
 15:30 **Networking**
 19:00 Dinner

DAY 2

8:15 Registration
 9:00 **Plenary session**
 9:30 **Parallel workshops**
 10:00 Coffee break
 12:00 **Next Presidencies**
 12:30 **Closure**
 13:00 Lunch



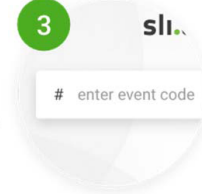
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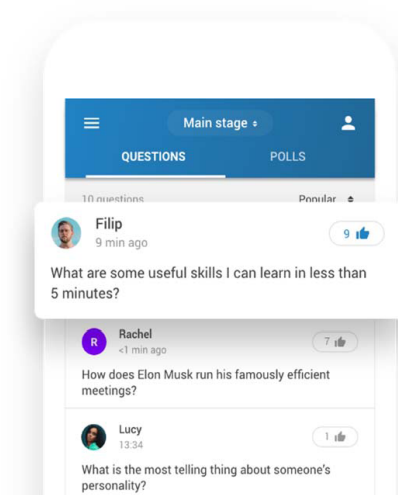
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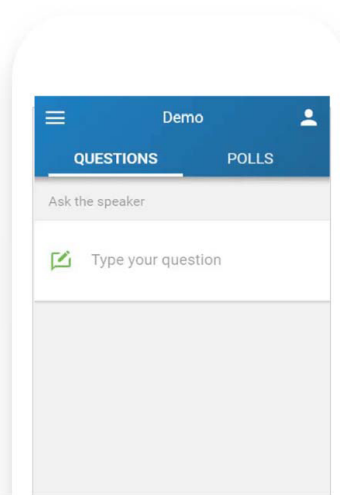
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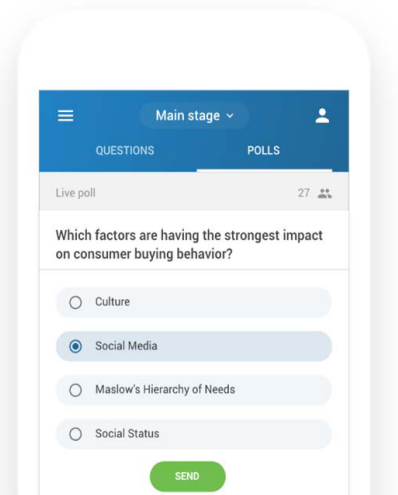
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// Wednesday, 27 May

8:15 *Registration*

9:00 **Welcome and Opening**

The Croatian Presidency and the ESPON Programme will welcome the participants and introduce the aims of the seminar and the programme.

9:30 **Setting the Scene**

The Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Democracy and Demography will highlight the interlinkages between demography and a fair green transition and how the new Green Deal can support sustainable development and improved quality of life for all places.

The Croatian minister responsible for regional development will outline his respective national ambitions in transforming the Croatian society and economy as a response to climate and environmental related challenges.

// European Commission

// Ministry for Regional Development and EU Funds of Croatia

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 **Plenary Debate**

Following the key note speeches, the panel debate focuses on discussing the key policy themes addressed by the two ESPON Policy Briefs prepared in cooperation with the Croatian Presidency of the EU, namely “Green infrastructure in urban areas” and “Re-Use of Buildings and Spaces”. Panelists from the Croatian Presidency, the European institutions and experts on the two topics.

12:15 *Family picture*

12:30 *Lunch*



13:30 **Workshops A-C: Transition to Green Europe**

The parallel workshops will address the various topics of the two recent ESPON Policy Briefs. Cross-cutting issues such as governance, integration of green infrastructure, ecosystem services, circular economy and sustainable land use measures in spatial planning, financing, and administrative capacity will be discussed horizontally in each of the sessions.

Workshop A: Green infrastructure and ecosystem services in urban areas

This session will look at the concrete practicalities of creating, managing and enhancing green infrastructure (GI) in urban areas. The three briefing papers developed within the ESPON GRETA project are used as basis for discussing experiences made in this context among a panel of researchers and policy makers.

- // ESPON GRETA
- // ESPON TITAN
- // ESPON MC member

Workshop B: Circular Economy

This session will look at the concrete practicalities of transitioning to a circular economy. The policy guide developed within the ESPON CIRCTER project is used as basis for discussing experiences made in this context among a panel of researchers and policy makers.

- // ESPON CIRCTER
- // ESPON T4
- // Croatian EU Presidency

Workshop C: Sustainable Land Use

This session will look at the concrete practicalities of managing and using land more sustainably. The handbook developed within the ESPON ENSURE project is used as basis for discussing experiences made in this context among a panel of researchers and policy makers. In addition, the SUPER project team will take this opportunity to consult with participants on their draft handbook.

- // ESPON ENSURE
- // ESPON SUPER
- // ESPON MC Member

15:00 *Coffee break*



15:30 **Networking on New and Ongoing ESPON Activities**

This session will enable stakeholders and policy makers to learn about and discuss new and ongoing ESPON activities.

ESPON open data and tools for functional areas and sustainable development goals

- // ESPON Database
- // ESPON FUORE
- // ESPON SDG
- // ESPON EMTM

Spatial planning practices

- // ESPON CE-Flows
- // ESPON IMAGINE
- // ESPON DIGIPLAN

Quality of life and tourism

- // ESPON QoL
- // ESPON ESCAPE
- // ESPON TOURISM

New business and industry patterns

- // ESPON T4
- // ESPON MISTA
- // ESPON BusDEV

17:00 *End of the programme for Day 1*

19:00 *Dinner*



// Thursday, 28 May

8:15 *Registration*

09:00 **Launch of the public consultation on the ESPON post-2020 Programme**

This plenary session will introduce the intervention logic developed and proposed by the Joint Working Group on the ESPON Post 2020 as well as main strategic orientations and potential thematic focus of ESPON post-2020 programme

Following the presentation the web-based public consultation will be launched which is open for commenting until 30 June 2020.

After the official launch of the web-based consultation a debate will be animated in the plenary session concentrating on the potential thematic focus of ESPON post-2020

// Thimo Eser, Head of Division, ESPON MA

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **ESPON Moving Forward**

This session will deliver an overview on the progress of activities and on the plans for 2020 / 2021.

// Nicolas Rossignol, Head of Unit for Evidence and Outreach, ESPON EGTC

12:00 **Themes of the German and Portuguese Presidencies**

This session will introduce the key thematic priorities of the forthcoming German and Portuguese Presidencies in respect of territorial cohesion, urban matters and the TA 2020+.

// Daniel Meltzian, ESPON MC (DE)

// ESPON MC (PT)

12:30 **Closure**

// Sandra Momčilović, Head of Service, Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning (HR)

// Nicolas Rosignol, Head of Unit for Evidence and Outreach, ESPON EGTC

13:00 *Farewell lunch*
