

Inspire policy making by territorial evidence



ESPON Seminar

Where are European cities heading? Evidence for better policy-making

**7 – 8 December 2016
Bratislava, Slovak Republic**

Venue

Hotel Bôrik
Bôrik 1628/15
811 02 Bratislava – Staré Mesto,
Slovak Republic

Programme

Overview

Objective

The objective of the Seminar is to promote the use of existing and new upcoming **ESPON territorial evidence in policy-making** by bringing together and facilitating the dialogue among key stakeholders. The debate is also aimed at raising the awareness of ESPON support and increasing the policy-relevance of ESPON outputs by engaging stakeholders in designing the content of upcoming activities within the ESPON 2020 Cooperation programme. The event is organised in cooperation with Slovakia's Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Thematic focus

The **EU Urban Agenda** provides an important framework for developing and implementing better policies and providing better knowledge to tackle urban challenges. Targeted and timely territorial evidence to support the work of urban partnerships is one of the key preconditions for their success. Therefore, one of the new priorities of ESPON in the coming years will be related to **supporting the work of urban partnerships** and the debate on their role in a wider territorial context.

In this context, the agenda of the first day will be focused around the topic of urban development. It will be introduced by the presentations on the most recent trends in the development of cities and followed by parallel policy-labs engaging policy-makers and researchers in a debate on the **policy needs and possible measures to promote sustainable and inclusive cities**, as well as **urban-rural partnerships**.

The afternoon of the first day and the second day of the seminar will be devoted to **promoting the use of ESPON tools, creating new partnerships** for targeted analysis activities and designing the content of next ESPON activities together with key stakeholders.

Methods

The seminar programme consists of a mix of high profile keynote presentations, panel discussions, interactive workshops and training sessions. An innovative audience interaction tool will be used to crowd-source the best questions from the audience. Participants will be able to vote on the most relevant questions to be addressed, which will **generate real-time insights** on key issues through live polling of the audience. During the workshops, stakeholders will be **actively engaged in designing the content of the next ESPON activities** to ensure that they are tailor-made to their needs of developing, implementing and monitoring policies. A stakeholder café will be organised to support building up new partnerships that could benefit from ESPON support.

Audience

The Seminar is open to **policy makers, stakeholders, and practitioners** at different levels, as well as **scientists and experts** who want to influence and further European policy processes on territorial issues and support the use of European territorial evidence for policy development and for the implementation of ESIF programmes. More specifically, this seminar will discuss the demand for new evidence and tools from cities, macro-regions, EU funded programmes and cross-border cooperation areas.

Seminar roadmap

Hello

Welcome and opening

New insights: evidence & policy

Plenary session: keynotes and interactive debate

Where are European cities heading?

Insights on the transformation of cities based on evidence on development trends and a policy framework for implementing new solutions to deal with urban challenges

Q&A

My policy challenge: evidence wanted

Policy labs: responsible cities

Key urban challenges and responsibilities towards current and new generations, residents and newcomers and areas functionally linked with cities

1

Sustainable cities

2

Inclusive cities

3

Urban-rural partnerships

Tools in action: demo & feedback

Training sessions: ESPON ready to use

In-depth look at ESPON tools and how they can be used by policy-makers and practitioners, and your feedback on tools

1

Data and mapping tools

2

Monitoring tools

3

TIA quick check

Partner meet

Meeting of partners of applied research activities, targeted analyses and tools

ESPON update

ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme and implementation of the Single Operation

Share, learn & apply

ESPON on your demand: targeted analyses approach

Experiences of stakeholders in designing and implementing targeted analysis projects and in applying their outcomes in policy-making

Q&A

Exchange, debate & network

Stakeholder Café
Matchmaking and networking opportunities

Design & develop new solutions

Workshop sessions: ESPON in practice

Interactive debates among stakeholders and contributions to shaping the content of upcoming ESPON activities

1

Macro-regional monitoring systems

2

Targeted evidence support

3

Cross-border challenges and solutions

The road ahead

Summary and closing



● Plenary sessions & presentations
● Questions and answers & debates

● Stakeholder needs & experiences
● ESPON tools & solutions

Day 1

Day 2

Wednesday, 7 December 2016

Day 1

08:00 Bus departures for transfer to Hotel Bôrik

08:30 – 09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and Opening****Chair of the Seminar**

- Tamara Matulíková, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic

Welcome statements

- Peter Ďurček, State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
- Ilona Raugze, Director, ESPON EGTC, Luxembourg

10:00 – 12:00

Plenary session: Where are European cities heading?

This session will offer inspirational keynote speeches providing insights on the transformation of cities based on existing and new evidence on the development trends and a policy framework for implementing new solutions to deal with urban challenges.



New
insights:
evidence
& policy

Moderator

- Cliff Hague, Emeritus Professor, Heriot-Watt University

Keynote speakers

- Lewis Dijkstra, European Commission
The European Cities Report 2016
- Patrick Le Galès,
Professor at Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po
- Nicolaas Beets, Dutch Urban Envoy,
Netherlands Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations



Q&A

Interactive debate

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Policy labs: Responsible cities

These sessions will provide an opportunity for a more in-depth debate on some of the key urban challenges that have created a certain set of responsibilities for cities towards current and new generations, residents and newcomers and areas functionally linked with cities. The sessions will be opened by policy-makers expressing specific knowledge needs/policy questions to which experts from ESPON activities will provide possible answers or examples on how the available ESPON knowledge can be used for better informed policy decisions.



My policy
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evidence
wanted

**Policy lab 1:
Sustainable cities**

Climate change and the future of cities

Responsibility towards current and future generations

- **Introduction**
Zuzana Hudekova, Regional Ecological Center, Bratislava
- Johannes Lückenkötterer, University of Dortmund
- Vanya Simeonova, Alterra Research Institute, Wageningen University
- Christoph Schremmer, ÖIR
- **Moderator**
David Evers, ECP Netherlands

**Policy lab 2:
Inclusive cities**

Embracing residents and newcomers

Responsibility towards current and incoming inhabitants

- **Introduction**
Sabina Kekic, City of Amsterdam
- Manuela Sara Samek Lodovici, Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale (IRS)
- Vincent Nadin, TU Delft
- Stephanie Kirchmayr-Novak, ÖIR
- **Moderator**
Daniel André, MC Sweden

**Policy lab 3:
Urban-rural partnerships**

New support solutions for rural development by cities

Responsibility towards regions

- **Introduction**
Jaromir Hainc & Martina Macakova, Prague Institute of Planning and Development
- Carlos Ferreira, University of Coventry
- Joan Noguera, University of Valencia
- Iryna Kristensen, Nordregio
- Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight
- **Moderator**
Blanka Bartol, MC Slovenia

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30

Training sessions: ESPON ready to use



These sessions will offer an in-depth look into different ESPON tools offering practical training sessions on how ESPON tools can be used by policy-makers and practitioners and provide feedback on further improvements of the tools.

**Training session 1:
Data and mapping tools**

Presentation and debate on the use and development of ESPON database and mapping tools

- **Introduction**
Martin Gauk, ESPON EGTC
- **ESPON Database and mapping**
Ronan Ysebaert, UMS-RIATE
- **Statistical Atlas, Regional Statistics Illustrated (RSI), “My Region” app**
Oliver Muller, EUROSTAT

Participants: policy-makers, researchers and other existing and potential users of ESPON tools

**Training session 2:
Monitoring tools**

Presentation and debate on the use and development of ESPON monitoring tools

- **Introduction**
Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON EGTC
- **Input statement on monitoring challenges and needs**
Erik Gløersen, Spatial Foresight
- **BSR-TeMo**
Julien Grunfelder, Nordregio
- **ETMS**
Oriol Biosca, Mcrit

Participants: policy-makers, researchers and other existing and potential users of ESPON tools

**Training sessions 3:
Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA) quick check**

Using TIA for policy development

- **Introduction**
Marjan van Herwijnen, ESPON EGTC
- **How to use the TIA quick check**
Bernd Schuh, ÖIR
- **User experiences**
Slaven Klobucar, Committee of the Regions

Participants: EC, national, regional and local authorities

17:00 Bus departures from Hotel Bôrik to the dinner venue

In parallel

17:00 – 18:30 **Meeting of partners of current applied research activities, targeted analyses and tools**

18:30 *Bus transfer to the dinner venue for participants of the partners meeting*

19:00 – 21:30

ESPON Networking Dinner

Offered by the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU

21:45

Bus departures from the dinner venue

Thursday, 8 December 2016

Day 2

08:15

Bus departures for transfer to Hotel Bôrik

09:00 – 09:30

ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme and implementation of the Single Operation

ESPON
update

Presentations

- Thiemo Eser, Managing Authority of the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme
- Ilona Raugze, ESPON EGTC

09:30 – 10:30

ESPON on your demand: targeted analyses approach

Share,
learn &
apply

The opportunity for participation in Targeted Analyses projects is open to a wide range of potential applicants having competence in policy-making and/or EU funds management. This session will bring forward the experiences of stakeholders in designing and implementing targeted analysis projects and in applying their outcomes in policy-making.

Moderator

- Laurent Frideres, ESPON EGTC

Introduction

- Michaela Gensheimer, ESPON EGTC

Presentations

- Marek Dinka, City of Bratislava, Slovakia
- Mario Mazzocca, Abruzzo Region, Italy

Q&A

Questions & answers

10:30 – 11:30

Stakeholder Café

Exchange,
debate &
network

This session will offer matchmaking opportunities and networking.

11:30 – 13:00

Workshop sessions: ESPON in practice

Design &
develop
new
solutions

These sessions will offer an opportunity for interactive debates among stakeholders and invite their contribution to shaping the content of upcoming ESPON activities.

Workshop 1: Macro-regional monitoring systems

Ideas and proposals of macro-regions for developing their monitoring systems

Moderator

- Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight

Introduction

- Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON EGTC
- Andrea Mairate, European Commission

Stakeholders

- Blanka Bartol, MC Slovenia
- Romana Mynarikova, MC Germany
- Mathilde Konstantopoulou, MC Greece

Workshop 2: Targeted evidence support

Providing evidence support to European Funded programmes

Moderator

- Gavin Daly, ESPON EGTC

Introduction

- Jürgen Pucher, METIS GmbH
- Andrea Gramillano, T33

Stakeholders

- European Funded Programmes

Workshop 3: Cross-border challenges and possible solutions

Evidence and proposals to overcome challenges in cross-border areas

Moderator

- Jean Peyrony, MOT

Introduction

- Ľubomír Macák, Institute of Spatial Planning, Slovakia
Hungary cross-border spatial study

Stakeholders

- Cathy Gebhart-Lévy, Ville et Eurometropole de Strasbourg
- Frederick-Christoph Richters, Luxembourg Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
- Matyas Jaschitz, CESC

13:00 – 13:30

Summary and closing

The
road
ahead

Statements by the upcoming EU Presidencies

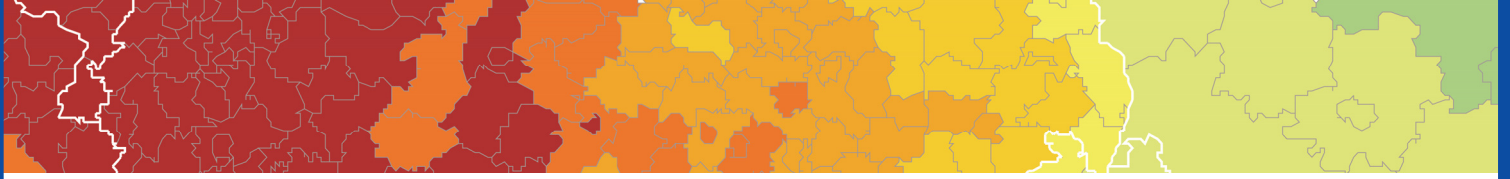
- Alexia Vella, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU
- Eedi Sepp, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Reflections and farewell

- Tibor Németh, General Director of Construction Section, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
- Ilona Raugze, ESPON EGTC

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch






ESPON 2020 - more information

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