



ESPON 2013 Programme

Workshop at the Open Days

How to make regions and cities more resilient to economic crisis

Tuesday 8 October 2013
11h15 – 13h00

Venue

Conference Centre of Albert Borschette
Room 2D
Rue Froissart 36
1040 Bruxelles

Programme

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Background and objectives

A fast and successful recovery from the economic and financial crisis is at the core of all recent policy initiatives that set the framework for territorial development and EU cohesion policy.

The impacts resulting from the crisis are asymmetrical and diverse with (1) countries and regions that are not or hardly touched by the crisis at all, (2) others are hit harder but that seem to recover rather progressively and (3) regions that still suffer a lot from the crisis. The impact on poverty and exclusion are equally diverse.

Accessibility and territorial governance are seen as factors of growth and part of the solution of recovery. Will they allow regions and cities to generate solutions that bring growth and jobs to their territories? What role can they have in fostering greater resilience and greater social inclusion?

ESPON, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion, has produced territorial evidence on economic crisis impacts and resilience, poverty and social exclusion as well as innovative results to explain the role of accessibility and the efficiency of public institutions in designing and implementing successful development strategies and policies.

This workshop will debate the crucial question of what regions and cities can learn from other successful experiences to strengthen their position and improve their performance and thus reduce the risk for European citizens of being affected by poverty. It will be based on a mixture of presentations and case studies; researchers and policy makers will identify successful experiences or methods seen as a benchmark for other regions and highlight good practice aspects for potential transfer.

Target Audience

- Policy makers and experts at EU Institutions;
- European, national, regional and local government officials and experts in the field of managing and evaluating cohesion policy programmes;
- Journalists from European, national, regional and local media outlets;
- Masters or PhD students researching European, regional and urban policy or practitioners in the early stages of their career.

Introduction

11h15 – 11h30 *Welcome and Setting the Scene*

- Philippe Monfort, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

Economic crisis, poverty and exclusion: how may regions and cities recover from the crisis?

Understanding the Territorial Impact of the Economic Crisis and the Territorial Pattern of Poverty and Social Exclusion in European Regions. Policy recommendations and Case Studies.

11h30 – 12h00 *Economic Crisis, Poverty and Exclusion in Europe*

- Adrian Healy, Cardiff University, Lead Partner of ECR2 - Economic Crisis: Resilience of Regions
- Andrew Copus, James Hutton Institute, Partner of TIPSE - Territorial Dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe

Accessibility and Territorial Governance: part of a recovery?

ESPON innovative results to support the policy development in the field of transport and accessibility improvement as well as practical advice for territorial governance based on evidence from current practices. Policy recommendations and Case Studies.

12h00 – 12h30 *Accessibility and Territorial Governance*

- Klaus Spiekermann, Spiekermann & Wegener Urban and Regional Research, Lead Partner of TRACC - TRansport ACCessibility at regional/local scale and patterns in Europe
- Carolina Pacchi, DASTU Politecnico di Milano, Lead Partner of SMART-IST, Smart Institutions for Territorial Development

12h30 – 13h00 *Debate with the audience and concluding remarks*

More information

Organisers: EC - DG for Regional and Urban Policy and ESPON Coordination Unit.

Registration will open on 8 July 2013 (tbc) at the Open Days Website, link:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm

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More information

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 facilitate the mobilisation 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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