



## **ESPON 2013 Programme**

### **Workshop**

# **Stepping into the sea - New evidence on territorial development and the opportunities and risks for European seas and maritime regions**

15 May 2013  
9h00 – 16h30

#### **Venue**

The Norwegian Mission to the EU  
Norway House  
Rue Archimède 17,  
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## **Programme**

## Workshop background and objectives

As Europe seeks to emerge from the consequences of the economic crisis, the importance of territorial cohesion in supporting 'smart sustainable and inclusive growth' is becoming ever more apparent. However for many years territorial cohesion has been equated with a terrestrial or land based agenda.

Recently there has been a growing realisation that the seas are also a context which can help governments realise their development aspirations. As Maria Damanaki, EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, in a speech to the European Parliament in December 2011, said:

*“Governments are waking up to the fact that we have just about reached the limit of what can be squeezed from the 29% of the planet that is land. Therefore, it becomes clear that we need to look even more to the sea”.*

However, increasing opportunities for human use of the sea are set alongside growing realisation of the complexity of land-sea interactions and an awareness of the risks that the new focus on marine areas pose to both ecological and human wellbeing. As a consequence, calls for more integrated forms of planning and governance that have long been a feature of terrestrial planning have begun to emerge for the sea. These perspectives emphasise the importance of governance arrangements that facilitate horizontal and vertical integration, particularly in cross border and transnational contexts, and also across the land-sea divide.

Indeed, European policy is making increasing reference to the marine environment as an integral part of the territorial agenda. The Territorial Agenda of the European Union 2020 agreed in Gödöllő, Hungary in May 2011 states:

*“Maritime activities are essential for territorial cohesion in Europe... Such planning should be integrated into the existing planning systems to enable harmonious and sustainable development of a land-sea continuum”.*

Also, the EC Common Strategic Framework which seeks to develop place-based integrated funding packages for 2014-2020 emphasises regional seas as functional areas within which strategic investments can be made. In addition, DG Mare, through its Blue Growth Strategy, is drawing attention to the growth potential offered by the seas and oceans. Regional seas activities in the Baltic, Atlantic, North Sea and Adriatic and elsewhere are also developing, putting emphasis on land-sea relations and maritime spatial planning.

The interactions between the land and sea, not just in the immediate interface of the coast are increasingly being recognised as being important spaces that need careful consideration. The intensity, nature and extent of sea use and these interactions with the land have created a complex web of governance arrangements at a variety of different scales (global, regional seas, European, bilateral and transnational, national, regional and local as well as sectoral depending on particular interests that want to use sea space). Clearly maritime considerations are increasingly linked to territorial cohesion agendas and therefore policies need to be framed in ways that relate to place-specific risks and opportunities.

Against this backdrop this ESPON workshop aims at providing information on land-sea interactions within Europe's six regional seas, which can be used by stakeholders for the elaboration of future Structural Funds programmes but also other development strategies. New evidence on the development opportunities and challenges of Europe's seas will be presented, while also taking into account coastal and maritime governance arrangements. Place-based policy approaches for Europe's seas will be discussed which will be of high relevance for future EU funding possibilities.

The first slot of this ESPON workshop will give the opportunity to the different policy levels (European, national, transnational) to set the scene by presenting relevant strategies/policies of integrated territorial-maritime development.

Based on the presentation of the key results and messages of the ESPON ESaTDOR (European seas and territorial development, opportunities and risks), European stakeholders from different sector policies as well as INTERREG Sea Programmes' representatives will reflect upon and jointly discuss the use of the evidence provided by ESaTDOR in their respective activities.

Finally, a debate will be launched on coastal and maritime governance arrangements, experiences made, and possibilities for improvement to accomplish an integrated territorial development, developing the potentials of all territories, terrestrial and maritime.

9.00-9.30 *Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea*

**Introduction**

9.30-9.45 *Welcome and setting the scene*  
– Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

**The maritime dimension of European cohesion**

Moderator: Flo Clucas, Chair of the Mayoral Commission on EU Funding for the City of Liverpool, UK

9.45-10.00 *The European perspective – Blue Growth – opportunities for marine and maritime sustainable growth*  
– Haitze Siemers, European Commission, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

10.00-10.15 *The national perspective – On a broad reach? Maritime issues and regional development*  
– Odd Godal, Ministry Local Government and Regional Development, Norway, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member

10.15-10.30 *The transnational perspective – Experience in maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal zone management in the Baltic Sea Region*  
– Alda Nikodemusa, VASAB Secretariat, Latvia

10.30-10.45 *Open discussion and questions*

10.45-11.00 *Tea/Coffee break*

**New evidence for policy and programme development on European land-sea interactions and related governance arrangements**

Moderator: Flo Clucas, Chair of the Mayoral Commission on EU Funding for the City of Liverpool, UK

11.00-11.30 *Development opportunities and challenges of Europe's seas*  
– Dave Shaw, University of Liverpool, UK, Lead Partner of ESaTDOR project

11.30-13.00 *Short reflection statements on use of ESaTDOR evidence by stakeholders (10 min/each)*

*European level*

- Haitze Siemers, European Commission, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Axel Rød, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy
- Jeroen Casaer, European Commission, Directorate General Environment
- Damien Périssé, CPMR General Secretariat

*Programme level*

- Tarja Richard, INTERREG IVB MED Programme
- Jim Millard, UK representative and Member of the Evaluation Steering Group of the North Sea Programme 2007 - 2013

*Discussion and questions*

13.00-13.45 *Buffet lunch*

**Debate: Coastal and maritime governance  
– A place-based policy approach for an integrated territorial development**

- Moderator: Susanne Scherrer, Director of the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 - 2013
- 13.45-14.00 *Multi-level governance in maritime spatial planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region*  
– Jacek Zaucha, Maritime Institute Gdansk, PL, Lead Partner of PartiSEApate project (Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013)
- 14.00-15.10 *Short reflection statements on possible improvements of maritime governance by stakeholders (10 min/each)*
- Arctic Ocean, Jan Edøy, Norway Mission to the EU
  - North Sea, Odd Godal, Ministry Local Government and Regional Development, Norway, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member
  - Baltic Sea, Alda Nikodemusa, VASAB Secretariat, Deputy Head of VASAB Secretariat
  - Atlantic Ocean, Flo Clucas, Chair of the Mayoral Commission on EU Funding for the City of Liverpool, UK
  - Black Sea, Radu Necsuliu, Ministry for Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania
  - Mediterranean Sea, Phaedon Enotiades, Ministry of the Interior, Town Planning & Housing Department, Cyprus, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member
  - Mediterranean Sea, Davide Strangis, Executive Secretary of the Inter-Mediterranean Commission of the CPMR
- 15.10-16.00 *Open discussion and questions*
- 16.00-16.30 *Follow-up and conclusions*  
– Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

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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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