

Questionnaire for Island Attractiveness

This questionnaire has been constructed within the ESPON study EUROISLANDS to investigate and record the opinions and attitudes of European stakeholders regarding the factors that make islands attractive or not for economic activities and residence. Guidelines for the questions are available in each question. In case you feel that some parts or some questions are not clear, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would like to make clear that your answers will be confidential and will not be published in any form.

Once you have filled the questionnaire you can either fax it to the number 0030 22510 36290 or mail it to the address Spilanis Ioannis, University Hill, Mytilini, 81100, Greece Or mail it to <u>mkou@env.aegean.gr</u>

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation

Spilanis Ioannis Project coordinator

1. In your opinion, which are the most important factors that make an island attractive to live on?

2. In your opinion, which are the most important factors that make an island attractive to develop economic activities on?

3. How would you briefly define island attractiveness?

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4. A list follows with some selected factors that affect the attractiveness of islands today for **residence**. Can you prioritize the five (5) most important factors in your opinion (in column 1, the most important should be marked with 1, the second most important with 2, etc.) and then to give your opinion on ALL these factors across an importance scale from very important to insignificant (columns 2-6)?

Factors	Priority of 5 most important factors	Very Important	Important	Of little importance	Insignificant	No opinion
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequency of scheduled trips (by ships, airplanes)						
Ticket cost						
Quality of transport services						
Broadband connection						
Constant energy supply						
Constant water supply						
Connection to the waste water collection and treatment system						
Effectiveness of garbage collection/ disposal						
Local transportation network – public transport						
Job opportunities						
Career opportunities						
Training opportunities						
Opportunities to attend important cultural events						
Opportunities to attend important sports events						
Health services						
Education services						
Land and construction cost						
Cost of life						
Intolerant society						
Participation in collective activities (voluntarism)						

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Reliance to other people							
Quality of life (short everyday distances, noise, clean air)							
Nature's quality							
Built environment's quality							
Residence in a region with rich cultural identity							

5. A list follows with some selected factors that affect the attractiveness of islands today for **developing and sustaining economic activities on them**. Can you prioritize the five (5) most important factors in your opinion (in column 1, the most important should be marked with 1, the second most important with 2, etc.) and then to give your opinion on ALL these factors across an importance scale from very important to insignificant (columns 2-6)?

Factors	Priority of 5 most important factors	Very Important 2	Important 3	Of little importance	Insignificant	No opinion 6
Frequency of scheduled trips (by ships, airplanes)	1	2	5		5	0
Ticket cost						
Quality of transport services						
Broadband connection						
Constant energy supply						
Constant water supply						
Connection to the waste water collection and treatment system						
Effectiveness of garbage collection/ disposal						
Local transportation network – public transport						
Appropriate trained/ qualified human capital						
Labor cost						
Business support by local bureau (i.e. development companies)						
Land and construction cost						
Support by other businesses (goods and services of local market)						
Economic incentives to businesses (subsidies, tax incentives)						
Possibility to support innovations in the production process						

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Cooperation with other businesses for view, information and know-how exchange and assistance				
Administration effectiveness				
Competence of local authorities to solve problems				
Development vision of local authorities (strategy, plan, activation)				
Degree of stakeholders' involvement in the decision making process				
Security (criminal activities)				
Natural hazards				
Technological hazards				

6. What do you think that should be the content of a European insular policy that aims at the improvement of their attractiveness?

7. Do you think that such a policy could be realized in a short period of time from now? Why?

8. If all could go as you wished, what would the results be?

9. Do you expect disagreements and political frictions over such a policy? Why and in which issues?

10. How would you tackle these issues?

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11. Would you like to add something else that you feel that has to be said? Something that is not included in the questionnaire and is of importance;

12. Stakeholder:

Island:

13. Name and Position of person that has filled the questionnaire:

We would like to thank you very much for your cooperation and we would like to remind you that your answers will be confidential.

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