

**ESPON 2013 Programme
Internal Seminar**

Crossing Knowledge Frontiers Serving the Territories

**17-18 November 2010
Liège, Belgium**

Venue

Palais de Congrès de Liège
Esplanade de l'Europe 2
4020 Liège, Belgium

Seminar Programme



Overview

Context

In the spirit of the original intention of the ESPON internal seminars, this seminar intends to stimulate the dialogue between the ESPON Monitoring Committee, the Stakeholders participating in the Targeted Analyses projects, the Transnational Project Groups and the network of ESPON Contact Points in order to strengthen the networking and contribute to in-depth discussions on the strategic relations between the ESPON results and policy development.

The seminar will be held in Liège, Belgium, on 17-18 November 2010.

It is organised in cooperation with the Belgian Presidency of the European Union within the framework of the ESPON 2013 Programme.

Scope

This ESPON internal seminar has its focus on new EU policy orientations and the added-value of ESPON results for cohesion policy development. The European policy development process is entering into an important phase defining the orientations for Structural Funds post 2013. The Europe 2020 Strategy is leading the way, territorial cohesion is a new aim for the European project.

The European Commission foresees prior to the seminar to publish the 5th Cohesion Report. The Territorial Agenda process is progressing on an updated Territorial Agenda by spring 2011. In support of these processes ESPON has published the 'First ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report – New Evidence on Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Territories' of the Applied Research and Targeted Analyses by summer 2010.

Purpose

ESPON, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion, strives to support policy development in conjunction with the objective of territorial cohesion and harmonious development of the European territory.

The purpose of this ESPON seminar is in this context three-fold:

- Stimulating a lively discussion about project results and progress, highlighting the added value of using the facts and evidence provided in place-based policy making.
- Enlarging the involvement of the four groups of actors and support the networking between the project groups by crossing the research themes and creating synergetic linkages between the projects.
- Enhancing scientific and policy relevant output by exchanging good practices and advice as well as look for improvements in disseminating and communicating ESPON project results to policy makers ranging from local/regional level to pan-European level.

At the seminar you will be provided with a printed version of the First ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report and the Territorial Observation No. 3. 'Territorial Dynamics in Europe - Trends in Economic Performance of European Regions 2000-2006'. Also a 'Project Overview – Information on on-going and new projects within the ESPON 2013 Programme' will be distributed. This document gives a short overview of the thematic scope, main research areas and main results envisaged for all ESPON projects under Priority 1, 2, 3 and 4. Especially the information provided on the recent contracted projects might be of use in order to decide which workshop sessions could be of highest interest.

Audience

The seminar is targeting members of the ESPON Monitoring Committee (ESPON MC), stakeholders participating in the Targeted Analyses projects, Lead and Project Partners as well as the ESPON Contact Points (ECP).

We look forward to seeing you.

Tuesday 16 November 2010

19:30 **Welcome reception**
Conseil Économique et Social de la Région Wallonne (CESRW)
Rue du Vertbois 13 C
4000 Liège
Belgium

Wednesday 17 November 2010

08:30 - 9:00 **Registration of participants and Welcome Coffee and Tea**
Room: Foyer des Délégués

New ESPON results serving the territories

Chair: Ghislain Geron, Belgium, SPW – Director General for Spatial Planning, Housing, Heritage and Energy

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening - Setting the scene**
Room: Rogier

Speakers:

- Ghislain Geron, Belgium, SPW – Director General for Spatial Planning, Housing, Heritage and Energy - *Welcome by the chair*
- Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority - *Aims of the seminar and introduction to the workshops*

The aim of the opening session is to set the scene and frame the mindset of the participants by a presentation of the main conclusions of the Seminar Report from the ESPON Open Seminar 2010 in Alcalá: 'ESPON Evidence for Regional Policy-Making Contributing to the Europe 2020 Strategy'. This may then serve as a strategic reference point for the discussions in the following plenary sessions and workshops.

09:30 - 10:50 **Latest policy development – New facts and evidence**
Room: Rogier

Key presentations:

- Lewis Dijkstra, European Commission - *Presenting the 5th Cohesion Report*
- Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit - *Presenting the First ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report*

Statements during plenary discussion:

Relevance of ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report in relation to the latest policy developments:

- Phaedon Enotiades, ESPON Monitoring Committee Cyprus
- Ádám Radvánszki, ESPON Contact Point Hungary
- Roberta Capello, Italy, Lead Partner of KIT
- Ruut Louwers, Director of INTERREG IVB NWE Joint Technical Secretariat, Lead Stakeholder of TransMEC
- Bjørn Frode, Norway, Notodden Municipality, Lead Stakeholder of PURR

The plenary session will highlight the policy goals and the supporting evidence set out in the recent published 5th Cohesion Report. Structural Funds post 2013 is envisaged to include priorities for interventions related economic, social and territorial cohesion that supports the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy. The plenary will as well focus on the ESPON knowledge presented in the First ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report related to smart, sustainable and inclusive territories.

The aim is in the plenary to discuss adequate territorial knowledge support for policy development at the scale of cities, regions, Member States, macro-regions, transnational and cross-border programmes, as well as at European level. Key questions to be discussed:

- Does the recent European policy development point to new fields where territorial evidence is needed?
- If so, which areas for production of new European knowledge are the most pressing?
- Which new ESPON results seem to have the highest relevance for current policy development?
- How and where can these new results be used in support of the European 2020 strategy?
- How could future Structural Funds programmes become more evidence based in their implementation of strategy and projects?
- What approaches would be recommendable in order to contribute to the aims of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and territorial cohesion?

10:50 - 11:00 **Introduction to the workshops**
Room: Rogier

- Ann-Gritt Neuse, ESPON Coordination Unit

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee and Tea
Room: Foyer des Délégués

Crossing Themes I – Final project results and new projects

11:30 - 13:00 **Interactive Workshop – Session 1**

The aims of these Interactive Workshops are explained on page 9.

Workshop 1.1 Room: Salles Mosanes 2&3	Workshop 1.2 Room: Salles Mosanes 5&6
Diversity of Territorial Potentials <i>Rural and specific territories have a variety of development opportunities which require selectivity and determined choices.</i>	Territories in new Contexts <i>Urban territories are facing changing and more global contexts of cooperation and competition and have different opportunities to deal with them.</i>
EDORA GEOSPECS (Specific Types of Territories) PURR	FOCI SGPTDE (Secondary Growth Poles) METROBORDER
<i>LP:</i> Andrew Copus, Erik Gløersen, Steinar Johansen <i>Chair:</i> Katharina Erdmenger, ESPON MC Germany	<i>LP:</i> Moritz Lennert, Michael Parkinson, Tobias Chilla <i>Chair:</i> Flemming Thornæs, ESPON MC Denmark
<i>Reporter:</i> Līga Baltiņa (ECP Latvia) and Marjan van Herwijnen (ESPON CU)	<i>Reporter:</i> Eleonora Zuolo (ECP France) and René van der Lecq (ESPON CU)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch
Room: Foyer des Délégués

14:30 - 16:00 **Interactive Workshop – Session 2**

The aims of these Interactive Workshops are explained on page 9.

Workshop 2.1 Room: Salles Mosanes 2&3	Workshop 2.2 Room: Salles Mosanes 5&6	Workshop 2.3 Room: Salles Mosanes 8&9
Sustainable Territories <i>The geography of threads for the European Territory in terms of people, climate change and energy as well as innovative approaches to overcome them.</i>	Territorial Cooperation and Tools <i>Evidence-based information as basis to create awareness on the positive territorial impacts of cooperation processes across borders and effects of EU sector legislation and policy.</i>	Financial Management Support Desk I <i>Lead and Project Partners can ask questions with regard to the preparation of their Financial Progress Reports.</i>
ESPON Climate ReRisk EU-LUPA (Land Use)	ARTS (Sensitivity of EU Directives) TERCO (Territorial Cooperation) TranSMEC	Relevant for all Projects
LP: Stefan Greiving, Oihana Blanco, Efrén Feliú Chair: Maria José Festas, ESPON MC Portugal	LP: Erich Dallhammer, Grzegorz Gorzelak, Dorothea Palenberg Chair: Teofil Oliver Gherca, ESPON MC Romania	Financial Experts, ESPON CU.
<i>Reporter: Tim Cassiers (ECP Belgium) and Ann-Gritt Neuse (ESPON CU)</i>	<i>Reporter: Estelle Evrard (ECP Luxembourg) and René van der Lecq (ESPON CU)</i>	

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee and Tea
Room: Foyer des Délégués

Scientific Tools I – Using the ESPON data

16:30 - 18:00 **Interactive Workshop – Session 3**

The aims of these Interactive Workshops are explained on page 9.

Workshop 3.1 Room: Salles Mosanes 2&3	Workshop 3.2 Room: Salles Mosanes 8&9
Scientific Platform (Targeting LP / PP of new ESPON projects and policy makers) <i>How to use and feed the ESPON Database?</i>	Scientific Platform (Targeting LP / PP of all ESPON projects) <i>Investigating measurable storylines for territorial cohesion.</i>
ESPON Database	INTERCO (Indicators and Indices)
LP: Claude Grasland Chair: Ernst Holzinger, ESPON MC Austria	LP/PP: Hy Dao, Erik Gløersen and Kai Böhme Chair: Martijn De Bruijn, ESPON MC Belgium Flanders
<i>Reporter: Isidro Lopez (ECP Spain) and Sandra Di Biaggio (ESPON CU)</i>	<i>Reporter: Antti Roose (ECP Estonia) and Marjan van Herwijnen (ESPON CU)</i>

19:30 **Conference Dinner:** Maison de la Métallurgie,
Boulevard Poincaré
4000 Liège, Belgium

Thursday 18 November 2010

09:00 - 09:15 **Introduction to the workshops**

Room: Rogier

- Peter Billing, ESPON Coordination Unit

Crossing Themes II – Final project results and new projects

09:15 - 10:45 **Interactive Workshop – Session 4**

The aims of these Interactive Workshops are explained on page 9.

Workshop 4.1 Room: Salles Mosanes 5&6	Workshop 4.2 Room: Salles Mosanes 2&3	Workshop 4.3 Room: Salles Mosanes 8&9
Territorial Factors of Development and Growth <i>Territorial development depends strongly on an optimal combination of access to available services & resources for residents and visitors.</i>	New Territorial Elements in Focus <i>Territorial potentials in a changing world are important assets for Europe that increasingly needs to be positioned in a world context.</i>	Financial Management Support Desk II <i>Lead and Project Partners can ask questions with regard to the preparation of their Financial Progress Reports.</i>
ATTREG (Attractiveness) TRACC (Accessibility)	DEMIFER KIT (Innovation) TIGER (Globalization)	Relevant for all projects
<i>LP:</i> Antonio Russo, Klaus Spiekermann <i>Chair:</i> Kamila Matouskova, ESPON MC Czech Republic	<i>LP/PP:</i> Johanna Roto, Roberta Capello, Gilles Van Hamme <i>Chair:</i> Mathilde Konstantopoulou, ESPON MC Greece	Financial Experts, ESPON CU.
<i>Reporter:</i> Mats Johansson (ECP Sweden) and Marjan van Herwijnen (ESPON CU)	<i>Reporter:</i> Katarzyna Wojnar (ECP Poland) and Sandra Di Biaggio (ESPON CU)	

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee and Tea

Room: Foyer des Délégués

Scientific Tools II – Using the ESPON data

11:15 - 12:45 **Interactive Workshop – Session 5**

The aims of these Interactive Workshops are explained on page 9.

Workshop 5.1 Room: Salles Mosanes 2&3	Workshop 5.2 Room: Salles Mosanes 8&9
Scientific Platform (Targeting LP / PP of all ESPON projects) <i>New elements in the ESPON Database.</i>	Scientific Platform (Targeting LP / PP of all ESPON projects) <i>Linking ESPON indicators to various dimensions of territorial cohesion.</i>
ESPON Database	INTERCO (Indicators and Indices)
<i>LP:</i> Claude Grasland <i>Chair:</i> Imogen Stone, ESPON MC United Kingdom	<i>LP/PP:</i> Hy Dao, Erik Gløersen and Kai Böhme <i>Chair:</i> Peter Schön, ESPON ECP Germany
<i>Reporter:</i> Saviour Formosa (ECP Malta) and Sandra Di Biaggio (ESPON CU)	<i>Reporter:</i> Blanka Bartol (ECP Slovenia) and Marjan van Herwijnen (ESPON CU)

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch
Room: Foyer des Délégués

Capitalisation of results and next steps of ESPON

Chair: Cliff Hague, ESPON Contact Point United Kingdom

14.00 - 14.30 **News in the ESPON Tool Box**
Room: Rogier

Speakers:

- Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON Coordination Unit - *Upcoming ESPON Tools*
- Jérôme Gensel, France, Laboratoire d'Informatique de Grenoble - *HyperAtlas update*

The aim of this session is to provide information on upcoming ESPON Tools. In particular new functions of the updated ESPON Hyper Atlas will be presented, which will allow the analysis and visualisation of a spatial phenomenon taking into account three different levels: European, medium and local.

14.30 - 15.15 **Transnational Networking Activities – How will the ECP Network support?**
Room: Rogier

Speakers:

- Jenny Crawford, United Kingdom, ECP Lead Partner of ESPON INTERSTRAT
- Heikki Eskelinen, Finland, ECP Lead Partner of NORBA

The aim of this session is to introduce the projects of the ESPON Transnational Networking Activities and highlight the contribution these projects can give to the capitalization and use of results from Applied Research projects and Targeted Analyses by actions at a transnational scale.

15:15 - 15:45 **Next steps implementing the ESPON 2013 Programme**
Room: Rogier

Speakers:

- Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit - *Next steps of ESPON*
- Géza Salamin, ESPON Contact Point Hungary - *Information about the process of the Territorial Agenda and outlook on the upcoming Hungarian EU Presidency*

15:45 – 16:15 Goodbye Coffee and Tea
Room: Foyer des Délégués

End of the Seminar

Additional Information on the Seminar

Interactive Workshops of Applied Research (Priority 1) and Targeted Analyses (Priority 2)

Focus: New EU policy orientations and the added-value of ESPON results for cohesion policy development.

The parallel interactive workshops will highlight key findings and conclusions of the ESPON Applied Research Projects and Targeted Analyses of relevance for policy makers and stakeholders. Thematically related projects will be “crossed” and presented jointly in the workshops. In this way, the workshops will convey the results of the Applied Research and Targeted Analyses projects in a shared forum. Some of the projects will present their final results, while for others it will be the first presentation at an ESPON seminar and therefore be a general introduction of the thematic scope and main results envisaged.

In the workshop sessions, the projects are invited to present their project / project results individually, and the following key questions are expected to be addressed:

1. Which new facts and results have the highest relevance for current policy development?
2. How and where can these new results be used in an operational way in support of the European 2020 strategic aims of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and territorial cohesion?
3. Which strategic linkages can be identified between the projects presented in the workshop?

After the presentations of the projects the chair will summarize the identified linkages between the projects and invite the audience for a discussion addressing the following questions.

1. Are there any additional elements that should be considered by the projects in order to make the presented results even more operational to support the current policy development?
2. Are there additional linkages between the jointly presented projects that were not mentioned, which can give an added-value to the envisaged project results?

The sessions within the workshops for Priority 1 and 2 will be structured as follows (90 minutes):

- 5 min – Introduction by the chair about the topic of workshop and the thematic relation between the projects to be presented
- 60 min – Presentation of the project and Q&A (3 x 20 minutes)
- 5 min – Summing up by the chair focusing on the linkages between projects
- 20 min – Open discussion

Interactive Workshops of Scientific Platform (Priority 3)

The workshops on the Scientific Tools shall provide the participants with information on an efficient use of the extensive ESPON Database and indicators. The aim is to show, demonstrate and discuss the work so far done on the ESPON Database and the implications this has for the other ESPON projects as well as to present and discuss the INTERCO project on Indicators and Indices.

The first workshop of the ESPON Database is aiming to provide Lead and Project Partners that are new in the ESPON family with basic information on how the tool can be used in order to give added value to the Applied Research and Targeted Analyses projects. Furthermore, information on how data gained by the projects can be properly integrated in the Database will be provided. The workshop on the second day will introduce and explain to the audience new elements in the ESPON Database.

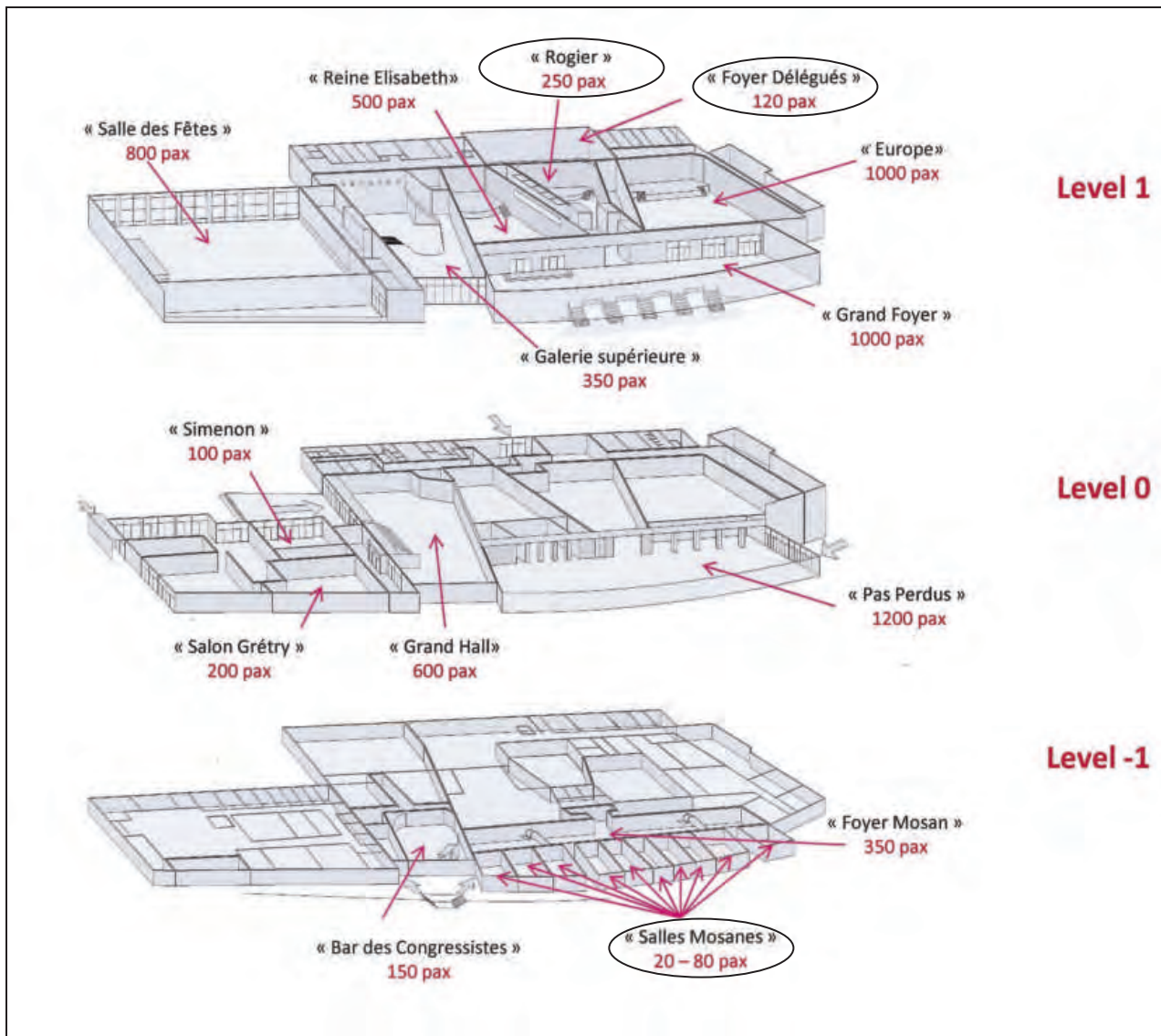
The INTERCO project sets out to identify suitable territorial cohesion indicators and indices. Their two workshops present work in progress of the project and provide the possibility for the ESPON community to contribute with their insights to the shaping of the work of the INTERCO project. The workshop on the first day is aiming to investigate measurable storylines for territorial cohesion. On the second day emphasis will be put on linking ESPON indicators to various dimensions of territorial cohesion.

Financial Management Support Desk

In order to provide the Lead and Project Partners with guidance and explanations concerning financial reporting, the CU staff will be available twice during this seminar to answer questions with regard to the preparations of Financial Progress Reports.

Map of the venue

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Rooms:

Plenary:	Rogier
Interactive Workshops:	Salles Mosanes 2&3 Salles Mosanes 5&6 Salles Mosanes 8&9
Coffee and Tea:	Foyer des Délégués
Lunch:	Foyer des Délégués



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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.

The Managing Authority responsible for the ESPON 2013 Programme is the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Department for Spatial Planning and Development of Luxembourg. More information: www.espon.eu