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# ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme - Progress -

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# Overview

## ESPON Programme – towards its objectives

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## Objectives of the programme 1/2

### ESPON 2020 Programme mission statement:

*"Promoting and fostering a European territorial dimension in development and cooperation by providing, disseminating and promoting territorial evidence, knowledge transfer and policy learning to public authorities and other policy actors at all levels."*

### Strategic objective:

*"Consolidate a European Territorial Observatory Network and grow the provision and policy use of pan-European, comparable, systematic and reliable territorial evidence".*

## Objectives of the programme 2/2

To achieve the strategic objective and accomplish the mission 5 specific objectives have been defined:

1. Enhanced European territorial evidence production through applied research and analyses.
2. Upgraded knowledge transfer and use of analytical user support.
3. Improved territorial observation and tools for territorial analyses.
4. Wider outreach and uptake of territorial evidence.
5. Leaner, and more effective and efficient implementation provisions and more efficient programme assistance

# The Cooperation Programme

**Priority Axis 1:** Territorial Evidence, Transfer, Observation, Tools and Outreach

- Budget around 48 Meuro

*(The Single Beneficiary – the ESPON EGTC received a Grant Agreement financed under this Priority Axis related to the implementation of the content part of the programme)*

**Priority Axis 2:** Technical Assistance (TA)

- Budget around 3 Meuro

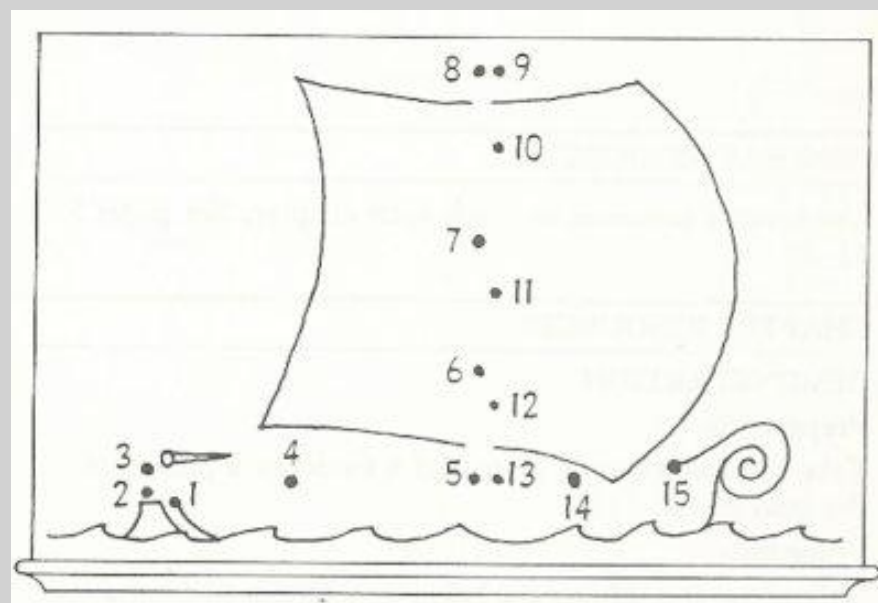
*(The ESPON Managing Authority, the Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructures in Luxembourg, is implementing this Priority Axis)*



→ Approved by the European Commission on 12 February 2015

## Toward the strategic objective

The Monitoring Committee (MC) provided a framework for the setting up of the Single Operation (Operation Specifications and Implementation Guidelines) and invited the ESPON EGTC an Operation Proposal



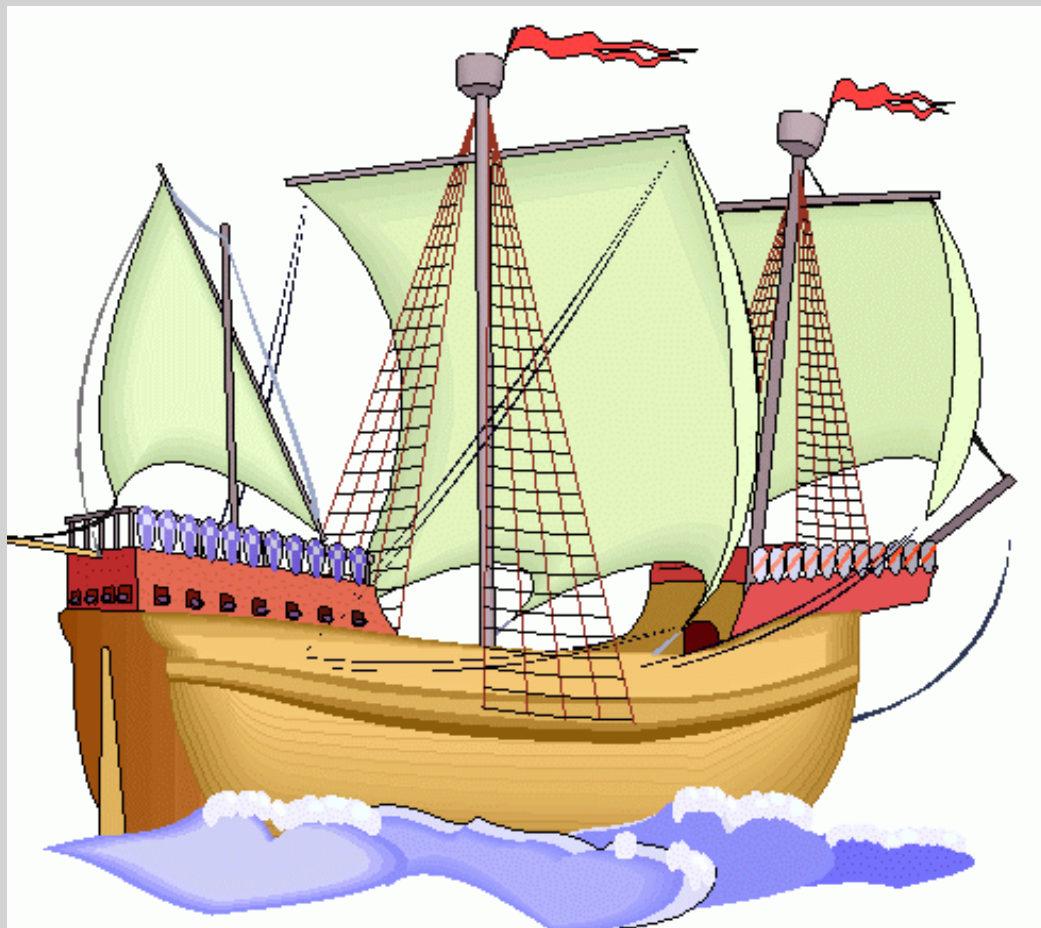
## Toward the strategic objective: Approval by the MC

Approval the  
Single Operation  
proposed by the  
ESPON EGTC



## Implementation of the Single Operation

The Single Operation is in the implementation phase by the ESPON EGTC





## Key role of the MC during the implementation phase

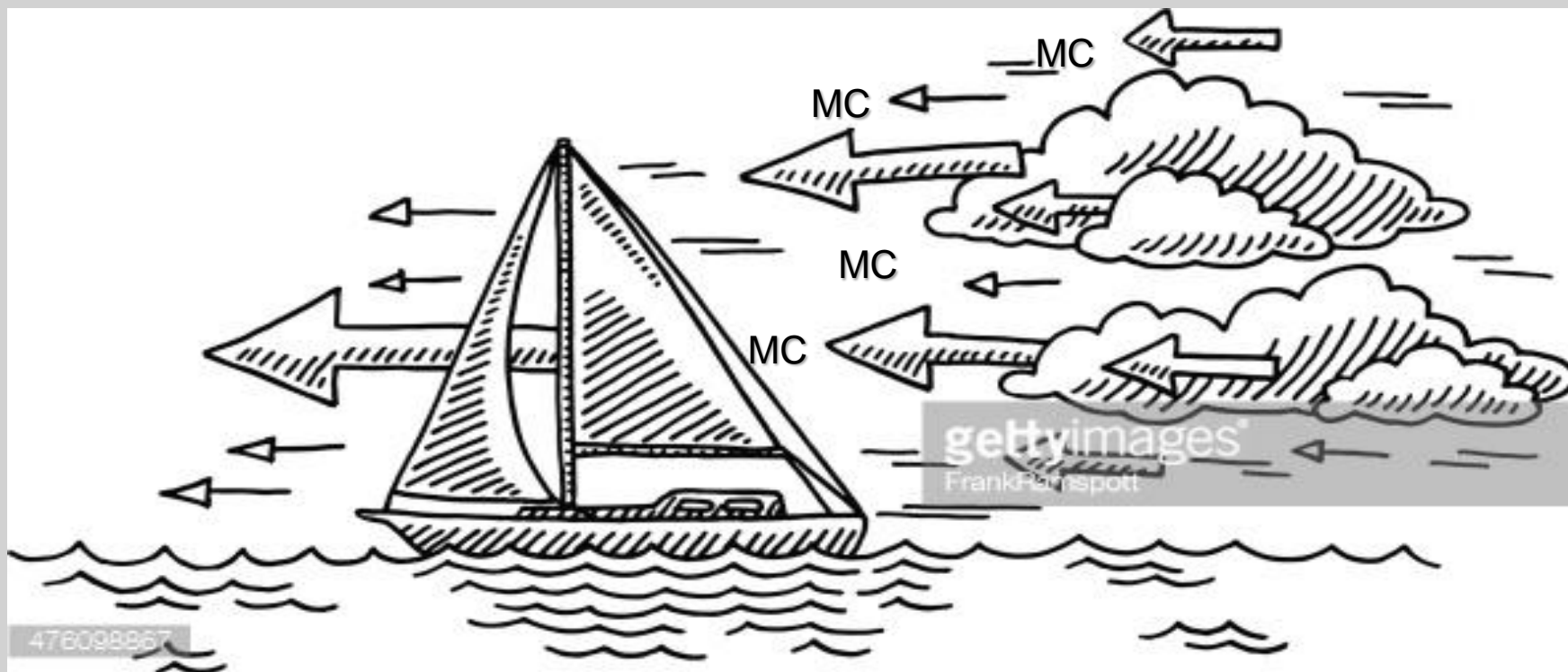
The MC sets the directions during the cruise by, every year :

- Providing the policy orientation for the development of the future annual work plans,
- Identifying themes for the applied research, evaluation criteria for the selection of other activities to ensure consistency with the policy debate



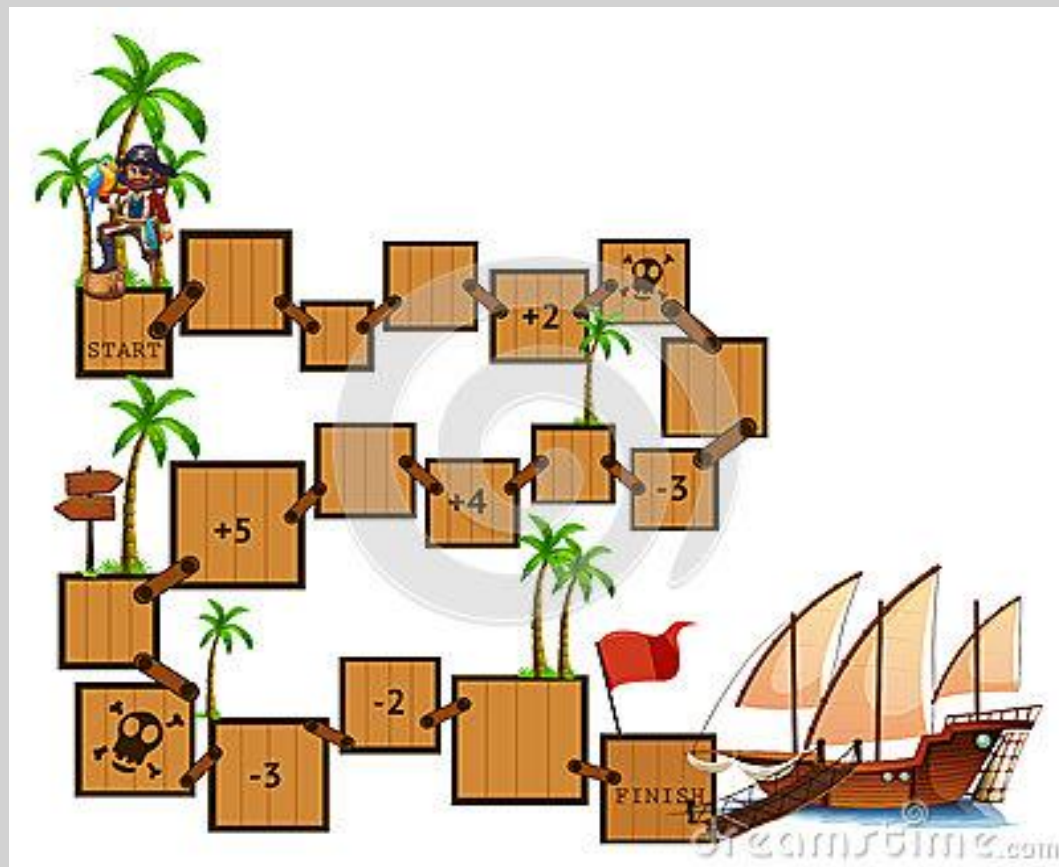
## Key roles of the MC during the implementation phase

- Continuous monitoring of the ESPON Single Operation via the agreement on AWP
- Participation in Project Support Teams on major projects



## Key roles of the MC during the implementation phase

Monitoring of the Single Operation towards the end of the journey by discussing and approving the progress reports submitted twice per year



## Evaluation and performance monitoring during the implementation phase

Under the MC Assessment (and eventually re-adjusting) of the cruise direction through ongoing and external evaluations involving in particular stakeholders and target groups of the programme - Indicator work and evaluation → satisfaction of target groups with ESPON activities



## Results so far

- Programme launch event in Latvia
- Setting up of programme implementing framework
- Approval of the Single Operation
- Approval of the first Annual Work Plan
- Approval of the Communication Plan
- Approval of the Evaluation Plan
- Ongoing dialogue for the elaboration of the second Annual Work Plan (including discussion on the next themes for applied research)



**More details on the implementation of the activities will be provided by the ESPON EGTC**

## Communication activities by the MA

- Annual information activity presenting the main achievement.
- Web-based information
- Direct mailing of the main target groups about EU Cohesion Policy.
- Web portal and update of the information related to the programme implementation and the implementation of the Single Operation from programme perspective.
- Short leaflet with information on the ESPON 2020 Programme targeting the general public
- Communications towards the single beneficiary



## How to get in contact with the MA

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**Thank you for your attention**