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Priorities for Territorial Cohesion

- Main challenges faced by territories with geographic specificities:
 - identifying the extent of socio-economic diversity;
 - presenting territorial scenarios on accessibility; and
 - identifying challenges and opportunities.
- Round up of discussions from TRIO (NL and SLK) with a view to providing input towards the upcoming review of the Territorial Agenda 2020.

Priorities for Urban matters

- Focus on certain urban specificities and the approach being undertaken to address the associated challenges.
- Concerning the Partnerships:
 - Enable knowledge exchange with a focus on the pilot partnerships, one year on;
 - Decision on the four remaining partnerships.



Planned Events (Territorial Cohesion and Urban)

NTCCP meeting: 2 March 2017

UDG meeting: 3 March 2017

DG meeting Territorial
Cohesion: 3 April 2017

DG meeting Urban: 4 April 2017

ESPON week : 22-26 May 2017

Priorities for Cohesion

- Debate how cohesion policy can contribute towards bridging the gap between the Union and its citizens, in a tangible manner, i.e. how the policy can improve the quality of life of European citizens in an effective and cohesive manner;
- Sustain efforts in the field of simplification with a view to reduce administrative burden and bureaucratic processes.
- Explore how Cohesion Policy can act as a forward looking policy which can address the future challenges faced by the Union

Planned Events (Cohesion)

DG meeting Cohesion Policy: 7 April 2017

Informal Meeting for Ministers
responsible for Cohesion Policy: 8-9 June 2017

We look forward to welcoming you in Malta

