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# New Projects and Stakeholder Involvement Perspectives of the ESPON 2013 Programme

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## ESPON 2013 Programme Strategy

### Mission statement:

- Support policy development in relation to territorial cohesion and a harmonious territorial development
- Provide comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on territorial structures and dynamics
- Reveal territorial capital and potentials in support of the competitiveness of regions, cities and larger territories

### Key principles:

- Policy demand driven applied research themes
- Enhanced use of ESPON results by stakeholders
- Scientific platform for European applied territorial research

## 5 Programme Priorities

- Priority 1: Applied research on territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion
- Priority 2: Targeted analysis based on user demands/  
European perspective to different types of territories
- Priority 3: Scientific platform and tools/  
Territorial indicators, data, analytical tools and scientific support
- Priority 4: Capitalisation, ownership and participation/  
Capacity building, dialogue and networking
- Priority 5: Technical assistance, analytical support and communication plan

## ESPON 2013 Programme budget

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€45,378 mill.</b> (ERDF 34,033 mill.)
Priority 1: Applied research	€19,241 mill.
Priority 2: Targeted analysis	€6,536 mill.
Priority 3: Scientific platform	€6,148 mill.
Priority 4: Capitalisation	€5,514 mill.
Priority 5: Technical Assistance, Analytical Support and Communication	€7.938 mill.

- Additional contribution from Partner States: €1,800 mill.  
(Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)

## Progress on First Calls for Proposals

- 5 Applied Territorial Research projects (P1) have started:
  - Cities and Urban Agglomerations/Functionality and development opportunities for European competitiveness and cohesion
  - Development Opportunities in different types of Rural Areas
  - Demography and Migratory Flows affecting European regions and cities
  - Effects of Rising Energy Prices on Regional Competitiveness
  - Territorial Impact Assessment of Policies (exploratory)
- Pool of Experts for Sounding Boards established (phase 1)
- 8 Expression of Interest by stakeholders for Targeted Analysis based on ESPON results currently in an open call
- ESPON 2013 Database project has started
- Budget allocation: € 4,85 mio. (P1: € 3,55 mio./P3: € 1,3 mio.)

## Second round of Calls for Proposals (I)

- Second calls for action launched on 20 August 2008
- Deadline for submitting proposals is 15 October 2008
- 1 Applied Research project (P1)
  - Climate Change and Territorial Effects on regions and local economies
- 8 Targeted Analysis based on ESPON results (P2)
  - [Themes on next slide]
- 1 project supporting the Scientific Platform (P3)
  - Territorial Indicators/Indices (exploratory phase)
- Budget allocation: € 2.75 mio.
  - P1: € 1 mio./P2: € 1,65 mio./P3: € 100.000

## Second round of Calls for Proposals (II)

- 8 Targeted Analysis based on ESPON results (P2):
  - The Case for Agglomeration Economies in Europe/CAEE
  - The Development of the Islands – European Islands and Cohesion Policy/EUROISLANDS
  - Cross-Border Polycentric Metropolitan Regions/MetroBorder
  - Success for Convergence Regions' Economies/SURE
  - Potential of Rural Regions/PURR
  - Spatial Scenarios: New Tools for Local-Regional Territories/SS-LR
  - Transnational Support Method for European Cooperation/TranSMec
  - Territorial Diversity/TD

## Third round of Calls in 2009 (I)

- Calls planned to be opened in February 2009
  - Call for proposals on 8 Applied Research projects [Indicative themes on next slide]
  - Call for Expression of Interest of experts for the Knowledge Support System
  - Call for Expression of Interest by stakeholders for Targeted Analysis
  - Call for Proposals for Transnational Activities of the ESPON Contact Point Network
- Deadline for all calls early April 2009



## Third round of Calls in 2009 (II)

- Themes for Applied Research envisaged:
  - Attractiveness of European regions and cities for residents and visitors
  - European patterns of land use
  - Territorial cooperation in transnational areas and across internal/external borders
  - Accessibility at regional/local scale and patterns in Europe
  - Secondary growth poles in territorial development
  - European perspective on specific types of territories
  - Territorial dimension of innovation and knowledge economy
  - Continental territorial structures and flows (globalisation)

## More information

Thank you for your attention!

More information on  
the ESPON 2013 Programme  
can be found on

[www.espon.eu/ESPON2013](http://www.espon.eu/ESPON2013)