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## Q&A SESSION FOR POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES

The content of your project proposal/  
expression of interest



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## Q&A session - afternoon

- Priority 3: ESPON 2013 Database
- Priority 1:
  - 6 Applied Research Projects
  - Knowledge Support System (KSS)
- Priority 2: Targeted Analyses

## Priority 3: Scientific Platform and Tools

### ESPON 2013 Database

Primary steps during project implementation:

1. ESPON Database strategy
  - Definition of objectives, actions and milestones
2. Database design
  - Definition of the conceptual, logical and physical design of the database, software selection, ensuring compliance with European and international standards, in particular the INSPIRE recommendations for Networking Services
3. Test of the strategy and database design
  - Involving the ESPON community
4. Implementation of the ESPON 2013 database structure
  - Recreation of the ESPON 2006 database, definition of a timetable for updating procedures, implementation of internal and external networking actions, possible relation and data integration into the ESPON cartographic tools
5. Maintenance, evolution and deliveries
  - Implementation of regular updating procedures, delivery of regular ESPON database versions to the ESPON CU, special support for ESPON reports, publications, presentations,...

## Priority 1: Applied Research on Territorial, Development, Competitiveness and Cohesion

- Cities and urban agglomerations: their functionality and development opportunities for European competitiveness and cohesion
- Development opportunities in different types of rural areas
- Demographic and migratory flows affecting European regions and cities
- Climate change and territorial effects on regions and local economies
- Effects of rising energy prices on regional competitiveness
- Territorial impact assessment of policies

## Cities and Urban Agglomerations

### Main research issues

- Functional specialisation of largest European cities
- Relation between cities' functions – competitiveness - socio-economic and environmental situation
- Identification of development opportunities

### Urban coverage

- All Urban Audit cities
- Selection of medium sized and smaller cities to ensure good representation of all national urban systems
- Case studies shall be included to further explore opportunities of cooperation between cities/urban agglomerations

Budget: **max. 1 Mio. €**

## Development Opportunities in different Types of Rural Areas

### Main research issues

- Integrated rural development
- Examining current situation & development trends in different types of rural areas, incl. small and medium sized towns there
- Development opportunities outside agriculture and forestry
- Demographic development in different types of rural areas
- Cultural aspects (e.g. importance of rural heritage in improving competitiveness)
- Accessibility to services of general interest
- Take account of climate change in assessment of development opportunities

Budget: **max. 700.000 €**

## Demographic and Migratory Flows

### Main research issues

- Demographic and migratory flows
  - Within ESPON countries
  - Between ESPON countries
  - Between ESPON countries and the world
- Development of estimations/proxies that can nourish analysis & can be used for forecasts/scenarios of demographic development & migratory flows
- Development of simple scenarios important here, e.g. on influence of different economic developments within ESPON territory on degree and direction of migratory flows
- Limited no. of national case studies, based on migration data at regional level, where available

Budget: **max. 800.000 €**

## Climate Change and Territorial Effects

### Main research issue

- Impacts of climate change on European regions and on regional and local economies
- Recent IPCC reports as starting point
- Coordination and exchange with “Energy” project essential
- Case studies shall be included on development opportunities and threats of the types of regions that are most vulnerable to climate change

Budget: **max. 1 Mio. €**



## Effects of Rising Energy Prices on Regional Competitiveness

### Main research issue

- Impacts of the new European energy policy and price increases on regional competitiveness in Europe
- Focus on NUTS 2 level, as data shortage will put limits to research here
- Coordination and exchange with “Climate Change” project essential
- Budget: **max. 700.000 €**

## Territorial Impact Assessment of Policies

### Main research issues

- Development of a tool for the ex-ante assessment of sector policies' territorial impacts
- Take into account spill-over effects on/from neighbouring countries and/or on/from different policies
- Address EU CAP and Transport Policy as examples
- Case studies possible to test operational use of the model developed
- Exploratory project -> Project duration: 2008 - 2009

Budget: **max. 350.000 €**

## Priority 1: Knowledge Support System (KSS)

### Application procedure

- Call for expression of interest by experts will be launched every 2-3 years to supplement pool of experts
- Standard application form will be provided
- Expertise needed will be indicated on list of specific themes and territorial issues included in the call
- Members of ECP Network can apply, too
- To avoid potential conflicts of interest, experts pre-selected for KSS cannot be taken into consideration if they are affiliated to an institution being involved in submitting a project proposal

## Priority 2: Targeted Analyses based on User Demand

### Operational results

- Targeted analysis must be applied in practice
- Should be able to make a difference in the territory analysed

### Specific characteristics

- Stakeholders define content of projects
  - Stakeholders are involved in TPG selection
  - Stakeholders give guidance to targeted analysis
  - Stakeholders apply project outputs in practice & disseminate results
- > Stakeholder's commitment essential for project's success

## Priority 2: Targeted analyses based on user demand

	Type of action 1	Type of action 2	Type of action 3
<b>Eligible stakeholders</b>	<p>Groups of regions and/or cities (from at least 3 countries of ESPON 2013);</p> <p>Public authorities at national admin. levels (no min. represent. of countries)</p>	<p>Groups of regions and/or cities (from at least 3 countries of ESPON 2013);</p> <p>Public authorities at national admin. levels (no min. represent. of countries)</p>	<p>Authorities responsible for implementing SF Programmes 2007-2013 (under objective of European Territorial Cooperation)</p>
<b>Key aspects to consider</b>	<p>More reactive, "traditional" approach, based on existing ESPON results, though not necessarily limited to these</p>	<p>More proactive, experimental and/or innovative approach</p>	<p>Either of the two approaches but focused on existing SF Programme</p>
<b>Outputs</b>	<p>Integrated analyses of specific territorial potentials from a European perspective</p>	<p>Analytical input to territorial visions/strategies/scenarios/tools or to dealing with major territorial challenges</p>	<p>Either of the two outputs but focused on SF Programme area</p>