

## Conference

# Knowledge for Territorial Cohesion and Regional Policy The ESPON 2013 Programme

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Committee of the Regions

Room JDE 51, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Rue Belliard 101, Brussels

## Programme

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The aim of this conference is to debate policy development related to territorial cohesion, competitiveness and cooperation, and the question of the knowledge necessary for implementing Territorial Cohesion and Regional Policy after 2007. The ESPON 2013 Programme will be an important and strategic tool for policy makers to provide the necessary evidence support related to territorial cohesion, competitiveness and cooperation.

**Commissioner Danuta Hübner** responsible for Regional Policy and **Minister of the Interior and for Spatial development, Jean-Marie Halsdorf**, Luxembourg (the Managing Authority of the ESPON Programme co-financed by the EU under the Structural Funds) will debate policy development related to territorial cohesion and the use of evidence on the European territory provided by the ESPON programme with **Jan Olbrycht Vice chair of the REGI Committee of the European Parliament, Sir Albert Bore Chair of the COTER of the Committee of Regions, Joost van Iersel of European Economic and Social Committee**, representatives of Member States and their regions and other stakeholders involved the territorial development.

The participants will as key actors in driving territorial policy development address the need for new comparable knowledge and indicators on territorial trends, perspectives and policy impacts, which display the diversity of territorial potentials and challenges within the European Union.

The ambitious forthcoming ESPON 2013 Programme will play a strategic role in developing further a European territorial knowledge base through applied research, and in addition offer more targeted, user defined analysis based on existing results. **Stakeholders involved in policy making and administration are explicitly invited to voice their specific demands for knowledge on territorial development at this conference.**





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### 10.00 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

### 11.00 Opening of the Conference

Welcome by the chairman of the conference

**-Henning Christophersen, former Vice-President of the European Commission**

#### Panel session

**- Peter Mehlbye, Director of ESPON Coordination Unit**

*Territory matters for competitiveness and cohesion: Facets of regional diversity and potentials in Europe*

**- Danuta Hübner, European Commissioner for Regional Policy**

*Territorial cohesion as objective for the Community: A European policy and strategic guidance for the EU and Member States, its regions and larger territories requires evidence with a territorial dimension*

**- Jean-Marie Halsdorf, Minister of the Interior and for Spatial Development, Luxembourg, ESPON Managing Authority**

*The territorial agenda for the European Union seen from a Member State perspective: Policy orientations and support to territorial cohesion based on evidence on territorial dynamics*

**- Jan Olbrycht, Vice chairman of Committee for Regional Development – REGI of the European Parliament**

*Cohesion and competitiveness: Knowledge needed for a harmonious territorial development of the European Union*

**- Sir Albert Bore, Chairman of the Commission on Cohesion Policy – COTER of the Committee of the Regions**

*Territorial knowledge required by an active Europe of regions*

**- Joost van Iersel, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee**

*Economic and social dimension of territorial development: considerations with regards to metropolitan areas*

### 12.00 Plenary statements and discussion

Opening statement by **General Director Pekka Kangas, Ministry of the Environment, EU Presidency of Finland**

### 12.30 Closing statement

### 12.30 -14.00 Reception with Buffet Lunch, in Atrium 6 (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)

Welcome by **Romain Schneider, Member of the Luxembourg Delegation at the Committee of the Regions**

**End**

