



ESPON 2013 Programme
Open Seminar
2-3 June 2008 in Portorož (Slovenia)
Hotel Slovenija Congress Centre Portus

Territorial Challenges and Cooperation in a Wider Europe

FINAL PROGRAMME

1 June 2008

20.00: *Informal Welcome Drink*

2 June 2008

9.30-10.30: *Registration & Welcome Tea / Coffee*

Chair: Thiemo Eser, ESPON MA

10.30-11.00: Welcome and Opening of the Seminar

- Mitja Bricelj, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia
- Marko Starman, State Secretary, Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy of the Republic of Slovenia
- *Aim of the Seminar*, Thiemo Eser, ESPON MA

11.00-12.30: Policy Ambitions for the European Territory

- *EU Cohesion Policy Development*
Philippe Montfort, European Commission
- *Council of Europe's Spatial Development Policy*
Maria José Festas, Former CEMAT CSO Chair
- *European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation*
Jean-Claude Sinner, Luxembourg
- *Perspectives and Next Steps towards Territorial Cohesion*
Didier Michal, France

12.30-14.00: *Lunch*

14.00-15.30: ESPON Results on Territorial Dynamics of the EU

- *Territorial Structures and Trends – ESPON Synthesis*
Peter Schön, BBR, Germany
- *Perspectives – Spatial Scenarios*
Moritz Lennert, IGEAT, Belgium
- *The Wider Territorial Context – Europe in the World*
Claude Grasland, UMS RIATE, France

15.30-16.00: *Tea / Coffee Break*

16.00-16.30: ESPON Tools, Data and Indicators

- *Scientific Platform, ESPON Database, HyperAtlas and WebGIS*
Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON CU



- 16.30-17.30: Use of ESPON Results in Practice
- *The Territorial State and Perspectives of the European Union*
André Mueller, ESPON CU
 - *Data and Maps Covering the Western Balkans*
Volker Schmidt-Seiwert, BBR, Germany

19.00: *Dinner Offered by the Slovenian EU Presidency*

3 June 2008

Chair: Margarita Jančič, Slovenia

9.00-9.30: Possibilities within the ESPON 2013 Programme
Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU

- 9.30-11.00: Transnational Experience and Needs for Territorial Information
- *CADSES Programme*
Ulrich Graute, CADSES JTS, Germany
 - *VASAB Long Term Perspective for the Baltic Sea Region*
Alexandre Dubois, NORDREGIO, Sweden
 - *The Mediterranean Perspective*
Stella Kyvelou, Panteion University, Greece

11.00-11.30: *Tea / Coffee Break*

- 11.30-13.00: Cross-Border Experience and Needs for Territorial Information
- *Cross-Border Area between the EU, its Eastern Neighbours and the Black Sea*
Narciza Adela Nica, MDLPL, Romania
 - *French-Spanish Cross-Border Area*
Jean Peyrony, MOT, France
 - *Øresund Region – Visions for the Future*
Flemming Thornæs, Denmark

13.00-14.30: *Lunch*

- 14.30-16.00: National Experience and Needs for Territorial Information
- *Spatial Policies in the Western Balkans*
Ivana Liović, MZOPU, Croatia
Miodrag Vujošević, IAUS, Serbia
 - *National Spatial Strategy for Ireland*
Gabrielle McKeown, Ireland
 - *Regional Development Policy in Norway*
Kristin Nakken, KRD/DEP, Norway

16.00-16.30: *Tea / Coffee Break*

16.30-17.00: Plenary Discussion
Understanding the Wider Europe and Territorial Challenges:
Needs and Possibilities for Future Cooperation and Networking?

17.00: Closing Remarks and Conclusions