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Project Territorial Diversity



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Motivation for the project

- The Territorial Agenda stressed that policy orientations and actions should contribute towards overall policy goals like Gothenburg and Lisbon strategy.
- All types of regions through out Europe contribute towards common goals like sustainable growth, employment etc
- But challenges and opportunities differ from region to region
- In order to contribute to overall goals regions need to develop strategies based on their comparative advantages

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- A comprehensive territorial cohesion policy should not only take account of territorial cohesion but also take account of territorial diversity
- In this respect there is a need to develop differentiated regional and spatial policies which fit the potentials present in the individual region or areas

Making use of the results

- The European perspective is twofold:
 - We hope that the results of this project can make a contribution to the ongoing debate on territorial cohesion and territorial diversity.
 - The project addresses a common European challenge with regard to regional development.
- The stakeholders in the project represent different ministries/state agencies/organisations which are responsible for spatial and regional development policies.
- A considerable effort into dissemination activities so as to reach a larger audience

Some issues to be aware of

- Pay close attention to the formal requirements when you write the application
- The stakeholders come from all over Europe, but many knew each other from earlier on, a big advantage
- Geographical balance
- Try to get as many stakeholders involved in as much activities as possible.
- Make sure you get a good lead partner and TPG ;)

Cooperation between stakeholders, TPG and ESPON CU

- The cooperation between different actors has so far been very good
- The TPG has delivered good quality reports on time
- The stakeholders have actively participated in the formulation of terms of reference, commenting on progress reports and arranging and participating at dissemination events
- The ESPON CU has been supportive all the way