



Introduction

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Workshop Scope

Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion >

Territorial cohesion = place-based policy / given territory
(internal coherence & functionality to exploit territorial capital)

This workshop is to explore how **different territorial research approaches to new functional areas** can be used to **support policymakers** in setting policy actions for territories with sufficient internal coherence and functionality.

The workshop will take stock of different (European and global) scientific approaches, i.e.:

- functional-morphologically,
- economically and
- institutionally.

Approaches Taken to Functional Areas

- Maciej Smetkowski
Morphological-Functionally: Measuring Metropolitan Macroregions
- Daniel Sanchez-Serra
The Functional Path: Competitive Cities in the Global Economy
- Göran Lindqvist
Economy First: Regional Clusters Crossing Borders
- Tobias Chilla / Christophe Sohn
The Greater Region Case: Functional versus Institutional Integration

Research Progress on the Table – Discussion Round I

- Simin Davoudi
Summary and Reflection of the Morning
- How can **coherent functional areas** be defined?
What makes a given territory functional?
Which research approaches are in use?
- How can **functionality** within a given territory **be measured**?
Which indicators can be used?
Which challenges do exist in measuring?
Which techniques are most adequate for definition / delineation?
How can changes in functionality be monitored (dynamics)?
Which barriers do exist in applied research on functional areas?
Which uncertainties for policymakers will remain?

Expectations and Use in Policy – Discussion Round II

- Lewis Dijkstra
The European Commission's Point of View
- Olivier Denert
A National Point of View – MOT
- Monika Meyer
*A Regional Point of View –
Cross-Border Cooperation Görlitz-Zgorzelec*

Expectations and Use in Policy – Discussion Round II

- Which **policy orientations** are important for selecting a functional area and for formulating an integrated set of policy actions?
 - > Potential synergies between sector policies, ..
- Which opportunities and challenges should an **integrated policy for functional areas** address?
 - > Policy topics, priority setting, good examples of policy actions, ..
- **Who** should be involved in preparing and implementing sets of policy actions at the level of a given territory?
 - > Expectations from EC, involving EC Directorates-General, ..
- Which **territorial evidence** is needed to support the development of a common framework for functional areas throughout Europe?
 - > Knowledge base available, support of ESPON Applied Research, ..