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Workshop 2

Targeted Evidence Support

Providing Evidence Support to EU Funded Programmes



Inspire policy making by territorial evidence

Setting the Scene

- The ESPON knowledge base has developed to a level capable of delivering important evidence support to EU Funded Programmes
- Territorial evidence can help programme authorities in their strategic programming and implementation.
- The ESPON 2013 implemented the **TerriEvi** project to promote EU Funded Programmes to make best use of ESPON territorial evidence
- **Key Finding:** ESPON programme has limited visibility among ESIF programmes and MAs. The results of the TerrEvi project should be seen as a first step to promote the visibility of ESPON

Survey of Programmes

- 19 programme authorities responded to the survey

Key Demands:

- External communication and inform key programme stakeholders on ongoing socio-economic trends
- Support discussions, decisions and recommendations on projects funded or to be funded.
- Territorial data, benchmarking, best practice exchange and cooperation – input to strategic programming
- Capitalisation of results during projects and programme events
- Monitoring and evaluation of programme impact
- SWOT analyses and reference document for 'Needs Analyses' – Post-2020

Proposals for 2017

- ESPON EGTC plans to launch a '**TerriEvi 2**' project
- Provide targeted evidence support towards the 19 programme authorities who responded to survey
- Investigate the potential to expand targeted evidence support to other programme authorities
- Key objectives:
 - Build an evidence based characterisation (e.g. comparative analysis) and understanding (e.g. SWOT, benchmark) of programme areas.
 - Identifying territorial structures, trends, perspectives and policy impacts that may offer opportunities and/or require action from EU funded programmes.

Workshop Questions

- Does the territorial evidence produced by ESPON allow for analysing a programme area in its European context? How can this be improved?
- Does ESPON evidence add a new and important perspective that can help shaping the programming and implementation?