

**ESPON**



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# The new ESPON 2030 Programme – setting the scene

The material cultural heritage: operationalisation of diverse research  
outcomes for policy makers

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# ESPON contributing to Cohesion Policy since 2002



**ESPON  
2006**



**2002 - 2006**



**ESPON  
2013**



**2007 - 2013**



**ESPON  
2020**



**2014 - 2020**



**ESPON  
2030**



**2021 - 2027**

# About us

- ESPON bridges research with policies
- We are one of EU **Interreg** programmes and are in service for over 20 years

We provide territorial **analyses**, **data** and **policy advice** to 27 European Union countries + 4 partner states (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)

- We help public authorities to **benchmark** their country, region or city, **identify** new challenges and potentials, and **shape** successful policies for the future

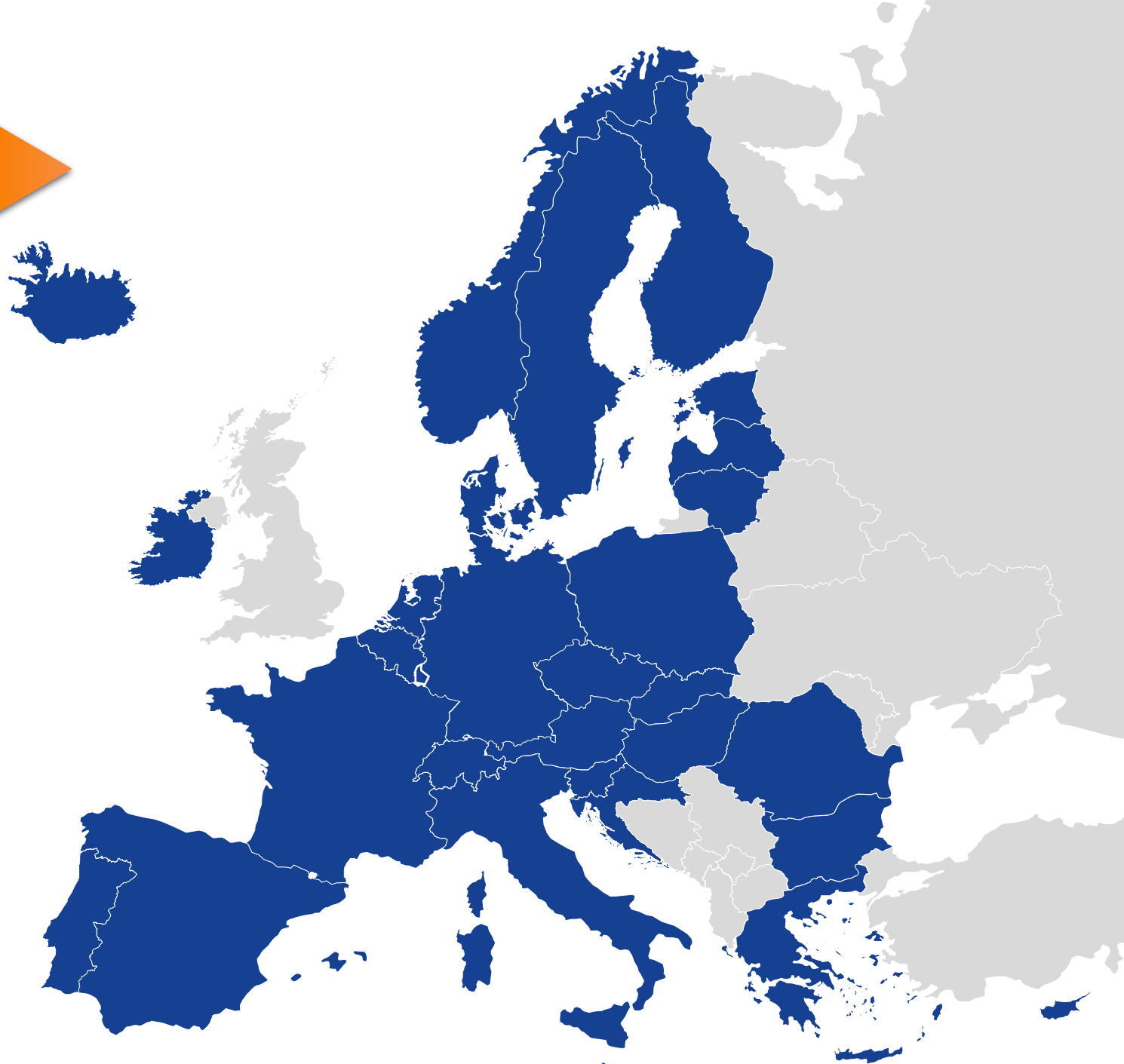


# How is ESPON governed?

All 27 EU member states and 4 partner states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) participate in ESPON programme and co-finance it.

As every EU funded programme, ESPON is managed by a Managing Authority, which is the Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning of Luxembourg.

The main programme activities are implemented by the **ESPON EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation)**, which is a structure jointly created by the state of Luxembourg together with the three Belgian regions of Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels Capital.



# How ESPON support is delivered?



Depending on the intended use, we deliver research results in different formats



**Study reports**  
comprehensive presentation of research results  
**Publications**  
research conclusions via e.g. policy papers, atlases etc.



**Interactive maps and dashboards**  
to illustrate the main findings of our research  
**Open Datasets**  
ready and available for all to download and use



**Storymaps**  
long, but easy to read articles enhanced with interactive maps, dashboards and visuals from the ESPON portal  
**Blog posts**  
short, easy to read articles on a specific topic



**Podcasts and videos**



**TerritoriALL magazine**  
magazine articles – where we present opinions of influential policymakers and researchers

# ESPON 2030 programme: catalogue of activities



# Thematic Action Plans (TAPs)



*Implementation ongoing since late 2022*

*Under approval*



Climate  
neutral  
territories



Governance  
of new  
geographies



Places  
resilient  
to crises



Perspective  
for all people  
and places



Living, working  
and travelling  
across borders



Smart  
connectivity



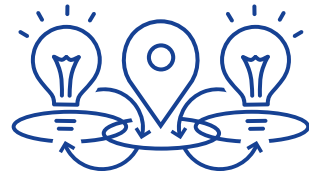
European  
territories in  
global  
interactions



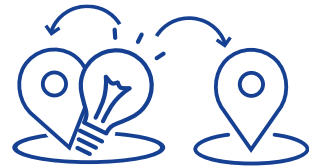
Adapting to  
the impacts of  
climate  
change

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Regularly, ESPON organises events to transfer the accumulated knowledge and facilitate interaction and networking.



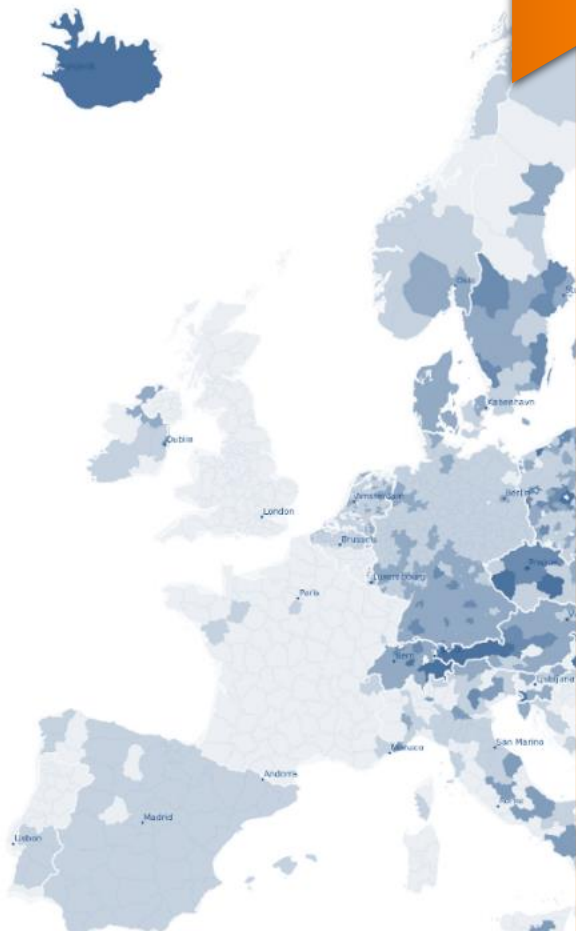
ESPON seminars - in cooperation with the running presidency of the EU Council and focusing on its thematic priorities



ESPON networking and policy events – to facilitate exchange of experience, knowledge sharing and discussions on the findings of our studies



ESPON training and learning events, e.g., to promote the use of ESPON web applications, mapping solutions, policy analysis tools or specific methodologies





# Targeted Analysis and Applied research projects

- **ESPON HERITAGE.** Targeted Analysis project “The Material Cultural Heritage as a Strategic Territorial Development Resource: Mapping Impacts Through a Set of Common European Socio-economic Indicators” (2018 – 2019)

<https://www.espon.eu/cultural-heritage>

- **ESPON HERIWELL.** Applied research project “Cultural heritage as a source of societal well-being in European regions” (2020 – 2022)

<https://www.espon.eu/HERIWELL>

# Can I ask more?

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