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## **“ESPON – evidence in support of Cohesion Policy now and post 2020”**

***18 March 2020***

*Draft Programme*



Room: VM3, Address: Van Maerlant building – 2 Rue Van Maerlant – 1040 Brussels

*The event will be web-streamed*

The aim of the event is to:

- Inform about the achievements of the current ESPON 2020 Programme;
- Raise awareness about ESPON towards new actors at EU level;
- Publicise and encourage stakeholder participation to the activities still to be implemented until the end of the programming period.
- Open the debate on the future of the ESPON programme with stakeholders.

### **For whom is the conference organised?**

The event addresses the newly appointed EU level officials, national and regional stakeholders and other relevant organisations having representation offices in Brussels, authorities implementing ESIF programmes and organisations promoting different regional/urban interests at EU level as well as national, regional and local stakeholders engaged in policy-making on territorial development. The conference also addresses universities and research institutes as key actors for the development of the knowledge base at the core of the ESPON Programme. Due to the capacity of the venue a maximum number of 120 participants is envisaged.

## Draft Programme and Timing on 18 March 2020

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8h15- 8h45	Welcome coffee and registration
8h45 – 9h30	<p><b>Welcome and Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Apostolos Tzitzikostas</b>, President of the Committee of the Regions (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Elisa Ferreira</b>, EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform</li> <li>- <b>Claude Turmes</b>, Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning for Luxembourg hosting ESPON</li> </ul>
9h30 – 10h45	<p><b>ESPON – results achieved so far in support of Territorial Cohesion and Development?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Terry Martin, Senior Anchor - DW News, Director - SPIA</b></p> <p>Presentation of the results achieved so far, focusing on policy relevant results, and presentation of the strategic approach for the ESPON post-2020 with examples of possible activities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ilona Raugze</b>, Director ESPON EGTC</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p>In this high-level discussion participants will be invited to exchange on the policy relevance of the ESPON work, present their views on the usefulness of ESPON evidence and share their first reaction on the ESPON post-2020 strategy.</p> <p><b>Participants :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marko Pavić</b>, Minister for Regional Development and EU Funds (HR) (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Younous Omarjee</b>, Chair of the REGI Committee of the EP</li> <li>• <b>Apostolos Tzitzikostas</b>, President of the CoR (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Normund Popens</b>, Deputy Director General <b>DG Regio</b></li> <li>• <b>Roberta Capello</b> Professor, Politecnico of Milan</li> </ul>
10h45 11h15	Coffee-break

<p><b>11h15– 12h30</b></p>	<p><b>Interactive session: Lesson learnt from the implementation of ESPON activities. How can we improve?</b></p> <p>Inclusive discussion with the audience on concrete ESPON activities and their implementation. The objective is, on the basis of selected concrete example, to focus on the dynamics trigger of by the implementation of ESPON activities, the usefulness of the results; the additional benefits represented by the dialogue between the scientific and the more political oriented stakeholders.</p> <p>Three specific case studies will be presented by the ESPON MA and the ESPON EGTC.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Terry Martin</b></p> <p><b>Setting the scene : Nicolas Rossignol</b>, Head of Unit for Evidence and Outreach, ESPON EGTC</p> <p><b><i>Impacts of Refugee Flows to Territorial Development in Europe:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laura Todaro</b>, VVA (IT)</li> <li>• <b>Radu Necsuliu</b>, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds (RO)</li> <li>• <b>Mathilde Konstanstopoulou</b>, Ministry of Economy &amp; Development Special Service for Strategy, Planning and Evaluation as stakeholder (GR)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Cross-border public services:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sabine Zillmer</b>, Spatial Foresight (DE)</li> <li>• <b>Peter Hansen</b>, Region Sønderjylland – Schleswig (DK-D)</li> <li>• <b>Jean Peyrony</b>, Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (FR)</li> <li>• <b>Ocskay Gyula</b>, Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (HU)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Green Infrastructure:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sandra Momcilovic</b>, Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning (HR)</li> <li>• <b>Michaela Gensheimer</b>, ESPON EGTC</li> <li>• <b>Gemma Garcia</b>, Tecnalia (ES)</li> <li>• <b>Blanka Bartol</b>, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning Directorate for Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing (SI)</li> </ul>
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12h30 -13h00	<p><b>Key messages to ESPON from the debate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Claude Turmes</b>, Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning (LU)</li> <li>• <b>Members of the Joint Working Group</b> of the ESPON post 2020 will be invited to join and discuss about the key messages.</li> </ul>
13h00-14h00	Lunch

<p><b>ESPON EGTC workshops:</b>  <b>Territorial evidence services in the transition between multiannual financial frameworks</b></p> <p>The session is designed to raise awareness of the services that ESPON provides in support of the transition between 2014-2020 Programme closures and the design of a new generation of ESIF programmes.</p> <p>The workshops revolve around the notion that quality regional policies require a profound understanding of territorial dynamics, the ability to assess the impact of programmed interventions and the access to reliable data so as to attain an empirical solidity for policy conclusions.</p>	
14h00-14h30	<p><b>ESPON territorial knowledge stock: how is it useful for ongoing policy processes?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nicolas Rossignol</b>, Head of Unit for Evidence and Outreach, ESPON EGTC</li> </ul> <p>The introductory session is designed to inform about on-demand services that ESPON provides to policymakers.</p> <p>These services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Face-to-face encounters with researchers who can help to develop a framework for a policy analysis, having empirical robustness. Equally such encounters can navigate policymakers through the scientific components of impact assessment, evaluation, design of performance and monitoring frameworks.</li> <li>- Face-to-face encounters with other policymakers who have gone through an analytical process supported by ESPON: peer-to-peer workshops are beneficial as they bring peers who speak 'the same</li> </ul>

	<p>language'. Peers who have commissioned policy analyses from ESPON before can also comment on the ramifications for policymaking. Peer-learning is devised to bring together policymakers who share similar policy endeavours but are at different stages in the policy cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Info-packs and policy briefs: these are services that compile territorial evidence in particular to illustrate changes over time and differences amongst regions and countries. Typically, these services will include policy recommendations.</li> </ul> <p>Time for questions &amp; answers after the presentation.</p>
<b>14h30</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<b>14h30-16h00</b>	<p><b>Simulation of a Territorial Impact Assessment: how to assess the territorial impact of policy interventions easily?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marjan van Herwijnen and Zintis Hermansons, ESPON EGTC</b></li> </ul> <p>This workshop will introduce a unique ESPON service that has gained traction in policymaking, mainly in the context of EU legislation. It is little known, however, that this method can be applied to different kinds of national and subnational policy processes. Based on different levels of territorial sensitivity to a certain policy process, the method combines expert judgement and a set of statistical data, and projects potential territorial impact. The workshop will simulate a territorial impact assessment process to demonstrate what is considered a fast and elegant way of assessing territorial impact.</p>
<b>16h00-16h30</b>	<p><b>ESPON open data: how to access and use it?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Martin Gauk, ESPON EGTC</b></li> </ul> <p>ESPON data is not only for statisticians and data analysts. This workshop will demonstrate that a wide range of users can use and apply the data. It will re-enact a real process of policy analysis using ESPON open data, conducted by a policy journalist from a renowned media outlet.</p> <p>This is an interactive session and questions on the access and use of data are welcome at any time.</p>