



ESPON 2013 Programme

ESPON Workshop at the Open Days 2012

Creating Results informed by Territorial Evidence

10 October 2012
14h30 – 17h00

Venue

European Commission
Centre Borschette, Room 0C
Rue Froissart 36
B-1040 Brussels

Programme

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Context



ESPON has in the last decade played a key role in providing evidence support to EU Cohesion Policy. Regions, cities and larger territories are increasingly using this European territorial evidence in delivering results and development.

At the Open Days 2012, ESPON will showcase the evidence base available for countries, regions and cities, and for the programming related to EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. Possible support for interested regions and cities will be presented as a selection of ESPON results, tools, indicators, data etc.

The comprehensive use of European territorial evidence will be demonstrated related to the EU 2020 Strategy. The ESPON project “Spatial indicators for a Europe 2020 Strategy Territorial Analysis (SIESTA)” will reveal the territorial dimension of the strategy and the diversity of opportunities and challenges regions and cities face in contributing to its success.

The ESPON workshop will also zoom in on the territorial dimension of two important themes: Knowledge and Innovation and the Role of Secondary Growth Poles. New insight on patterns and potentials of regions in terms of the knowledge and innovation economy will be presented. The ESPON project “Knowledge, Innovation, Territory (KIT)” will share new knowledge on the diversity of development opportunities through innovation that European regions have. Practical advice will be given on the role of secondary tier cities for regions of Europe and their potential to contribute to sustainable and balanced territorial development and cohesion. The ESPON project “Secondary Growth Poles and Territorial Development in Europe (SGPTD)” will present their findings.

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14h30 – 14h45 Welcome and Introduction to ESPON

- Moderator: Philippe Monfort, European Commission, DG Regio
- Piera Petrucci, ESPON Coordination Unit – Luxembourg

14h45 – 15h15 Use of European territorial evidence to the EU 2020 Strategy

Territorial Analysis related to EU 2020

- Rubén C. Lois-Gonzalez, University of Santiago de Compostela - Spain
Lead Partner of ESPON SIESTA

15h15 – 16h15 Knowledge and Innovation

Knowledge, Innovation, Territory

- Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano – Italy
Lead Partner of ESPON KIT

Role of Secondary Growth Poles

- Michael Parkinson, European Institute for Urban Affairs – UK
Lead Partner of ESPON SGPTD

16h15 – 17h00 Debate with the audience

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