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ESPON EGTC “EUROPEAN NODE FOR TERRITORIAL EVIDENCE” LUXEMBOURG

VACANCY

Project Expert

The ESPON EGTC based in Luxembourg is recruiting a project expert to join its international team working on European territorial evidence relevant for policy making. The new staff member will be offered a one-year fixed-term contract and is supposed to take up the position as early as possible to support the implementation of the Single Operation financed by ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme.

What is the ESPON EGTC?

The ESPON EGTC is a European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation. As part of a renewal of ESPON it has been established according to European law to deliver the content envisaged by the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme. The ESPON EGTC is established with an Assembly including members of the 3 Belgian regions and Luxembourg, the latter hosting the ESPON EGTC.

What is the ESPON 2020 Cooperation programme?

The ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme is related to EU Cohesion Policy and shall play the specific role supporting policy development, institutional capacity, effective policymaking and efficient public administration with European territorial evidence and in doing so pursue the following overarching mission:

- *ESPON 2020 shall continue the consolidation of a European Territorial Observatory Network and grow the provision and policy use of pan-European, comparable, systematic and reliable territorial evidence.*

The ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme has a budget of almost EUR 50m for the period 2014-2020 which is financed mainly by the European Commission, as well as by the 28 EU Member States and 4 Partner States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. Luxembourg is the Managing Authority.

What is the task of the EGTC?

The ESPON EGTC is the Single Beneficiary of the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme established to implement:

- Applied research projects on themes defined by policy demand where the European process needs better information and evidence.
- Targeted analyses in cooperation with stakeholders from national, regional and local authorities as well as other programmes under European Structural Investment Funds and European Macro-regions.
- Observation and monitoring of territorial trends and dynamics within Europe as basis for policy consideration covering the entire European territory, its regions and cities as well as European Macro-regions.
- Development and maintenance of a “toolbox” relevant for information and use of the territorial evidence base including data and indicators in the ESPON Database as well as tools for territorial analyses, urban benchmarking, mapping, etc.
- Outreach activities at European level as well in the transnational and national context in order to promote the European perspective of territorial development and cohesion.

As an important element in the renewal of ESPON, the ESPON EGTC has been equipped to serve ongoing policy processes more direct upon demand to deliver rapid analytical responses such as short papers, policy briefs, etc. based on the ESPON evidence base. At the same time, the ESPON EGTC will as legal entity have to ensure an impeccable management and procedural implementation of its activities.

The job as Project Expert

As project expert you will be responsible for various ESPON projects from the start to the end: scoping, tendering, evaluating, monitoring and administrating projects, the latter in close coordination with a financial expert colleague. These ESPON projects can include applied research, targeted analyses for stakeholders using ESPON results as well as observation and monitoring activities. The specific projects and activities will be depending on your background and interest.

This task will require analytical skills and knowledge about the development of the European territory and the European policy process as well as administrative flair.

As the programme is producing a wealth of new European territorial evidence, your work will also include communication and outreach activities such as involvement in the drafting of ESPON publications and in analytical activities within the ESPON EGTC.

The post as Project Expert will in organisational terms be assigned to the Unit on Evidence and Outreach.

Qualifications required

You carry an advanced University degree (Master’s or equivalent) in geography, spatial/urban planning, European studies, regional economics or other related fields of study.

You have preferably 5 years of relevant work experience, related to territorial development, regional policy and/or spatial planning.

Candidates with less work experience may also be considered if sufficiently convincing skills and competences are present.

Your ability to communicate in English is at high level in order to support the challenging task of communicating applying research and analytical results into the policy arena and promote that results are taken up at different administrative levels.

Applying for the posts

Your application shall include a brief letter expressing your motivation and expectations as well as your qualifications and experience in relation to the post. In addition, you shall submit your Curriculum Vitae including the main details concerning your professional experience and educational back ground of relevance for the post as well as the personal and language skills you may bring.

In case you are selected for the post you will be asked to present certified copies of your degree/diplomas as part of the contracting.

If you want to apply for the vacant post please send your application including your CV by e-mail to **recruitment@espon.eu** indicating **Project Expert** in the subject line of the email.

Deadline for submitting an application is **24 March 2017 at 16.00**.

Selection procedure

The ESPON EGTC establishes a Selection Board, which will invite the best qualified candidates for an interview. All interviews will take place in Luxembourg.

In the selection process the ESPON EGTC applies a policy of equal gender.

Conditions

You will be offered a full time (40 hours/week) fixed-term employment contract (*contract à durée déterminée*) of 1 year, with a possibility to extend if necessary and respecting the provisions of relevant national legislation. A competitive salary will be paid with regard to your experience.

The ESPON EGTC is serving a pan-European programme which is mirrored in the composition of staff. You will at the ESPON EGTC have a diversity of colleagues from different countries in Europe and be part of a multi-cultural working environment which favours cooperation and team work.

Information

You can get further information about the vacant post and the ESPON EGTC as well as on living conditions in Luxembourg by using the email address **recruitment@espon.eu** or by calling Mrs Caroline Clause on 00352-20 600 280.

More information on the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme and the ESPON EGTC can be accessed on <http://www.dat.public.lu/index.html> and www.espon.eu.