

## Applied Research

ESPON Applied Research projects respond to policy needs and focus on key priorities for territorial development, such as the priority themes of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the Investment Plan for Europe, the Cohesion Policy and the Territorial Agenda 2020.

The following new Applied Research projects are currently ongoing:

### Employment

- Geography of new employment dynamics in Europe

### World in Europe

- Global Foreign Direct Investment flows towards Europe

### SMEs

- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in European Regions and Cities

### Low-carbon Economy

- The impact of a low-carbon economy on Europe's regions and cities.

### Inner Peripheries

- National territories facing challenges of access to basic services of general interest

### Territorial Foresight Studies

- Territorial consequences based on three possible scenarios.

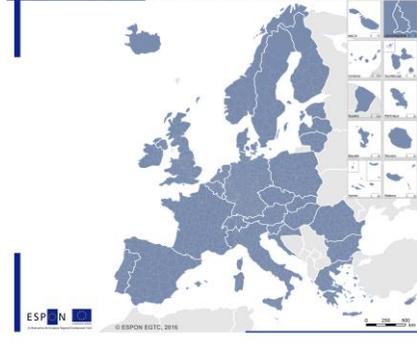
### Spatial Planning and Territorial Governance

- Comparative Analysis of Territorial Governance and Spatial Planning Systems in Europe

## Contact Us

ESPON has contact points in every participating country, EU member states and the 4 partner states of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. To find out more you can contact us directly or get in touch with your national ESPON contact point.

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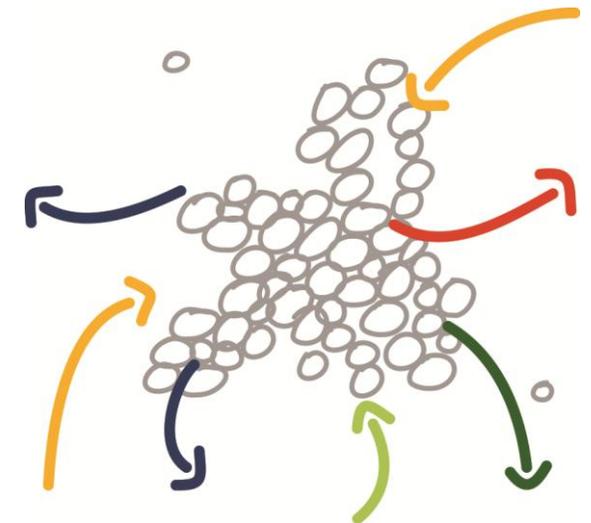
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## What is ESPON?

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The ESPON 2020 cooperation programme aims at promoting and fostering a **European territorial dimension** in development and cooperation by providing **evidence, knowledge transfer and policy learning** to public authorities and other policy actors at all levels.

### Primary target groups are:

- European policymakers, in particular in the field of Cohesion Policy as well as other relevant sectoral and thematic policies and programmes, particularly those currently not fully articulating their territorial approach.
- National policymakers and practitioners responsible for territorial cohesion, European territorial cooperation programmes, macro-regional strategies and Cohesion Policy preparation and implementation at national level, as well as other relevant policy fields.
- Authorities implementing European Structural & Investment Funds programmes and preparing periodical reporting.
- Regional and local policymakers and practitioners responsible for territorial development and planning and/or involved in cross-border, transnational and macro-regional cooperation.

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## Forthcoming Events

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- 7 and 8 December 2016 in Bratislava  
**ESPON Seminar in cooperation with the EU Presidency of Slovakia:** *Where are European cities heading? Evidence for better policy-making*

Go to our [Website](#) and subscribe to the ESPON newsletter to stay informed about upcoming events.

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## Targeted Analyses

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Targeted Analyses aim to **support** policy makers and practitioners in their **future policy development** through the provision of European territorial evidence. Targeted Analyses are based on the questions and needs of the involved stakeholders. The Analyses themselves will be carried out by highly qualified experts after an EU wide procurement process.

### How does it work?

Stakeholders propose practical ideas for relevant analysis to the ESPON EGTC. Following positive selection of a stakeholder proposal, the ESPON EGTC will implement Targeted Analyses through the procurement of external expertise via an open, EU wide procurement procedure.

### What are the benefits?

Targeted Analyses are powerful means to transfer knowledge, share experience and facilitate the use of European territorial evidence rooted in real place-based policy development processes.

### How to apply?

Stakeholder proposals for ESPON Targeted Analyses can be submitted at anytime. The ESPON EGTC evaluates twice per year all stakeholder proposals received by certain cut-off dates.

The next cut-off date for the submission of stakeholder proposals is on **13 January 2017**.

For more information visit our [Website](#) or contact us directly.

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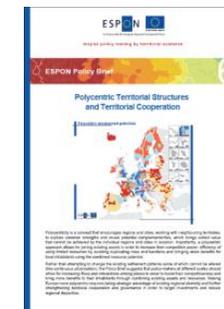
## Policy Briefs

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The ESPON Policy Briefs are a new activity within ESPON 2020. Policy Briefs **inform** policy makers through the provision of short reports on important European issues with a spatial dimension. They give clear **recommendations** on policy development.

### What are they about?

The newest policy brief highlights the polycentric development potential in Europe. Others have dealt with topics such as the refugee crisis or territorial scenarios for Europe 2050.



**All ESPON publications as well as high-resolution maps can be found on our Website .**

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## Tools

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ESPON provides a range of analysis tools with the aim to **support** policy makers and practitioners **right now**. These tools are easy to use and easily accessible on our website.

### How can I start?

Scan the QR code below and watch our introduction video or go to our [Website](#) and browse through the different tools.

