

Budapest, 21th of April 2011

Dear participant,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the ESPON Open Seminar ***Evidence and knowledge needs for the Territorial Agenda 2020 and the EU Cohesion Policy***, to be held in Gödöllő on **21-22 June 2011**.

The importance of territoriality has come to the foreground of European political discussions, which calls for solid evidence base on the European territory. The seminar will reflect to milestones of the Hungarian EU Presidency: the revision of the Territorial Agenda and the update of the Territorial State and Perspectives of the EU; and will also contribute to the current debate on the future of cohesion policy that are the core priorities related to territorial cohesion in 2011.

The seminar offers an opportunity for researchers, professionals and stakeholders to gain an insight on the current policy developments and discuss its consequences for European regions and cities. The event is organized under the auspices of the Hungarian EU Presidency by the Ministry of Interior and the ESPON 2013 Programme.

The conference will comprise of plenary sessions and workshops. You can find more details in the preliminary Programme.

We would be pleased to welcome you as a participant at the Seminar. Kindly note that the official working language is English, there will be no translation.

For more information on the ESPON Programme, please visit www.espon.eu.

We hope that you find the Seminar interesting and look forward to your participation.

Looking forward to meeting you here in Budapest!

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