



EUROPEAN SPATIAL PLANNING
OBSERVATION NETWORK

A horizontal band across the top of the slide features a thematic map of Europe. The map is color-coded by region, with a gradient from dark red on the left (Western Europe) through orange and yellow to light green on the right (Eastern Europe).

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Report
Workshop A

Use and demand by
European and national authorities

A few questions

- Priority 2 as magnifying glass for **vertical in-depth analysis**?
- Can we go **beyond studies** to experimental actions?
- Focus on the **European perspective**?
(What do you do with the European perspective?)
- Capitalisation at **national & regional** level only indirectly?
- Can we capitalise with relation to **new stakeholders**?
- How can we build relations and **synergies** with activities in other fields?
- Can ESPON bridge knowledge **between sectors** (DGs)?
- Would ESPON benefit from a **scientific debate**, different opinions?

Possible themes

- Comprehensive spatial approach / real area approach
- ESDP still valid / same topics in Priority 1 and 2
- Linking European, national and regional intelligence
 - Territorial Impact Assessments
 - Implications of climate change, adaptation strategies
 - Implications of the aim to reduce the CO2 emission
 - Lisbon Agenda
 - Human development index
 - Flows
 - Cultural and social potentials
 - Polycentricity / functionalities
 - Border-regions
 - Rural spaces
 - Maritime territories
- Researchers shall make policy-makers aware of themes

Geography and processes

Possible geographical foci?

- Outermost regions
- Mountain areas (forest issues)
- Coastal areas and the relation to their hinterland
- Islands
- ...

Studies following processes?

- Planning outcomes
- Governance (why do certain regions do better?)
- Connection to policy instruments
- ...

Operational results

- Easy to digest (not so abstract)
 - Readable for different target groups
 - Short (max 50 pages)
 - Language issue
- Type of results
 - Case studies / localised studies
 - Guidelines
 - Experimental actions (assistance for strategies /visions)
 - Scenarios and visions
 - Dissemination of spatial data to the lower level
 - Training also on methodologies
- Data approaches
 - Watch out for data availability
 - Approaches to new data

Thank you very much

**for your attention and
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