

Potential needs from SF Programmes towards ESPON – Network Programmes

- input (data, analysis => baseline studies) to support project preparation phase (6 month preparatory phase) - to draw picture on existing trends on EU-level or partner-city level (URBACT)
- input for the drafting of local action plans and policy recommendations („project to project“-approach; URBACT)
- input (analysis on development potentials of areas) to support project selection process (Interregional Cooperation)
- support production and transfer of knowledge on programme level (URBACT)
- anticipation of urban dimension in OPs (URBACT)

Potential needs from SF Programmes towards ESPON Transnational/CBC Programmes

- Translation of ESPON results into transnational/cbc-area contexts (twofold-process)
- NWE: „Compensation“ for study-projects which were given up in programme (e.g cross-thematic studies)
- Provision of information on neighbouring areas outside EU („20%-rule“)
- Short, targeted analysis (scenarios) feeding into policy processes within cbc-area
- Provide evidence on cbc-effect of measures undertaken
- Provision of indicators to support spatial strategies in cb-regions (e.g. Tisa-Danube Basin)

Towards implementation of ESPON Priority 2

- Further reflection on complementarities and synergies needed for the specification of „demand“ towards ESPON (for „networks“)
- Foresee also a rather flexible mechanism to respond to non-anticipated needs or urgent requests (call for proposals is „heavy“ procedure)
- Need of a pedagogic approach (at EU-level) to make aware SF-Programmes of territorial dimension (their daily work is focused on administrative issues)