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## ESPON Publications

### (1) “Territorial Impact Assessment of Policies and EU Directives. A practical guidance for policymakers and practitioners based on contributions from ESPON projects and the European Commission”



It has long been recognised that sector policies have territorial impacts. Such territorial impacts, positive and negative, are often unintended or even unknown. There is a long standing demand, from policymakers and practitioners involved in territorial development to run quick, easy-to-use processes to provide a first indication of territorial impacts. This can support efforts to minimise negative policy outcomes and maximise territorial potentials.

Better availability of data and tools now makes such an approach possible. Two tried-and-tested tools for assessing territorial impacts from the ESPON Programme and operational guidance from the European Commission are ready to meet this demand and are included in this booklet:

- **A national and sub-national level ‘Framework for Assessing Territorial Impacts of European Directives’** providing national governments with an ex-ante procedure to assess the territorial impacts of EU directives.
- **Operational guidance on to how to assess regional and local impacts within the European Commission’s Impact Assessment System** presented from the Commission Staff Working Document, partly inspired by ESPON results.
- **A European level TIA ‘Quick check’** tool aimed at European-level policymakers and practitioners which ex-ante analyses the impact of EU policies and directives.

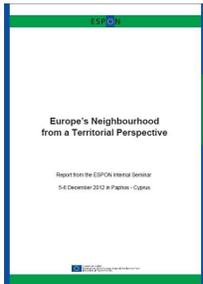
The ESPON Programme has continually strived to bridge the gap between scientific theory and evidence and the pressures of practical policy application. In June 2012, an ESPON workshop on assessing territorial impacts in Brussels collected the views of policy makers and practitioners. The workshop included representatives from the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions. The general conclusion was that substantial progress has been achieved in assessing territorial impacts by different stakeholders at all administrative levels. This has allowed a better integration of territorial concerns into policy-making to secure effective and efficient outcomes. The crisis has only reinforced the need for efficiency.

ESPON projects **ARTS** and **EATIA** made important contributions to the progress of territorial impact assessments. They successfully bridged the gap between science and policy practice to provide useful tools for assessing territorial impacts.

ESPON Territorial Impact Assessment of Policies and EU Directives is at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Publications/Menu\\_TerritorialImpactAssessment/](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_TerritorialImpactAssessment/)

## **(2) “Europe’s Neighbourhood from a Territorial Perspective”**



Report from the ESPON Internal Seminar on 5-6 December 2012 in Paphos - Cyprus

To further explore the neighbourhood dimension of European territorial development, ESPON organised a seminar in cooperation with the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union. At the event policy makers and scientists explored ESPON knowledge for better understanding the role, position and influence of European regions, cities and its neighbourhood in the global economy.

The report presents some of the main ESPON findings in the field and the main topics discussed at the seminar and in its various workshops. Each chapter ends with a text box highlighting some statements and questions raised by participants during the event.

The Report is now available at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Publications/Menu\\_SeminarsReports/index.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_SeminarsReports/index.html).

## **(3) ESPON Project Overview – Final Version**



The final version of the Project Overview presents a brief portrait with key facts of the contracted projects under the ESPON 2013 Programme:

- 25 Applied Research projects (Priority 1) on a variety of cross-thematic and thematic issues that together provide a substantial amount of new evidence on European territorial trends, perspectives and policy impacts.
- 23 Targeted Analysis projects (Priority 2) using ESPON evidence in analyses meeting demand from national, regional and local stakeholders in understanding better the European perspective and position of their territories.
- 10 larger projects related to the Scientific Platform and Tools (Priority 3) for territorial analyses which contribute to the access and use of the ESPON knowledge base and provide new tools and evidence for other Programmes on European Territorial Cooperation as well as regional and urban actors.
- 7 Transnational Networking Activities projects (Priority 4) that in different ways implement capitalisation and awareness-raising of ESPON results at the transnational level.

Moreover, the implementation of the ESPON 2013 Programme is supported by several projects under Priority 3 and 4, where the ESPON Managing Authority is taking the lead.

A special thank you is due to policy makers, experts, scientists and stakeholders that have been and are working on different types of ESPON projects. Without them a successful implementation of the ESPON 2013 Programme would not be possible.

Find out more and download the digital version of the Project Overview at the ESPON Website:  
[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/)

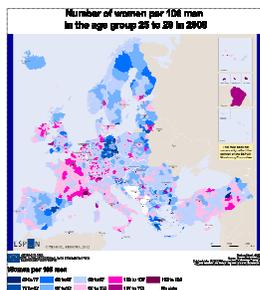
## ESPON Database meets users' needs



With more than 500 indicators on European regions searchable via themes, keywords, policy categories and ESPON projects, the new version of the ESPON Database is more user-friendly to policy makers but also tailored to scientists' needs.

Access the new version of the ESPON Database here:  
<http://database.espon.eu/db2/>

## Map of the Month "Gender Imbalances in European Regions"



*The Territorial Agenda 2020 highlights that Europe faces challenges with regard to aging and depopulation in several regions including rural and peripheral ones. The Europe 2020 objective of inclusive growth is asking at the same time for the implementation of policies to promote gender equality and to increase labour force participation. Hence, gender imbalances are not only an issue for gender politics. They are both an effect of territorial developments and structures, and a condition for future growth of regions having an impact on social and territorial cohesion.*

This month ESPON presents a map on gender imbalances (number of women per 100 men in the age group 25 to 29) in European regions from the ESPON Targeted Analysis SEMIGRA.

### Points for policy consideration:

(a) The mobility of young women needs to be understood as an important feature for local economic development. **Age- and gender selective out-migration from rural regions works against the overall aim of territorial cohesion** and balanced regional development.

(b) In most cases there is a very high awareness of the loss of young people in rural regions. On the contrary, the shortage of young women is not equally noticed locally and often not considered as a key challenge. **Population sustainability within communities is however not just a question of out- and in-migration but also of a balanced population structure.** Monitoring these changes, within the local population, is crucial.

(c) Actions to **improve the knowledge of young people about the current professional opportunities** in their region are of importance as well as learning mobility. People leaving the region can be considered as potential economic partners and ambassadors for the home region.

(d) Return and in-migration can bring new ideas, enthusiasm and changes to depopulating rural regions. In this sense, **discouraging school leavers to leave, to get an education and to improve their human capital could be detrimental to rural areas.**

Read more and download the map at the ESPON Website:  
[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Publications/Menu\\_MapsOfTheMonth/map1301.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_MapsOfTheMonth/map1301.html)

## Events

### (1) ESPON Financial Managers Seminar in Athens, 7 March 2013



ESPON invited Lead and Project Partners, representatives of Central Approbation Bodies and First Level Controllers, to the 8<sup>th</sup> Financial Managers Seminar which is organised in cooperation with the Greek ESPON Contact Point, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences of Athens.

The purpose of the event is to inform and assist Financial Managers on the management and administration of projects. At the event special attention will be given to the procedures related to the financial closure and winding-up of projects.

The seminars is also open to representatives of Central Approbation Bodies and First Level Controllers willing to acquire additional information about ESPON 2013 reporting procedure and minimum requirements for the certification of expenditure.

Further information: contact the ESPON Coordination Unit at [info@espon.eu](mailto:info@espon.eu)

## **(2) ESPON TANGO Project Workshop in Brussels, 20 March 2013**

The ESPON TANGO team invites decision-makers, practitioners and policy-makers involved in territorial development to the workshop "Towards Better Territorial Governance".

Specific objectives of the event are:

- To identify and discuss the characteristics of good territorial governance and ways to transfer them based on 12 case studies from across Europe.
- To select good territorial governance practices for achieving smart, inclusive and sustainable growth.
- To help participants detect channels and mechanisms from which to learn.
- To receive suggestions for a relevant and user-friendly Handbook on good Territorial Governance.

Deadline for registration is 1 March. For further information [http://www.espon.eu/export/sites/default/Documents/Projects/AppliedResearch/TANGO/Final\\_TANGO\\_programme\\_11213.pdf](http://www.espon.eu/export/sites/default/Documents/Projects/AppliedResearch/TANGO/Final_TANGO_programme_11213.pdf)

## **(3) ESPON Workshop "Stepping into the sea - New evidence on territorial development and the opportunities and risks for European seas and maritime regions" in Brussels, 15 May 2013**

Policy-making community representatives and practitioners are invited to attend this workshop which aims at providing information on land-sea interactions within Europe's six regional seas.

New evidence on the development opportunities and challenges of Europe's seas, which can be used by stakeholders for the elaboration of both future Structural Funds programmes but also other development strategies, will be presented while also taking into account coastal and maritime governance arrangements. Place-based policy approaches for Europe's seas will be discussed which will be of high relevance for future EU funding possibilities.

The workshop will take place on 15 May 2013 at the Norwegian Mission to the EU in Brussels. A maximum of 50 participants can be hosted; therefore seats are available on a first come first served basis.

The registration for the Workshop is now open. Registration deadline: **29 April 2013 at 14h00**.

More information at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Events/Menu\\_Workshops/workshop130515.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Events/Menu_Workshops/workshop130515.html)

### **New Projects**

#### **(1) Territorial Potential: DeTeC - Detecting Territorial Potentials and Challenges**

Regions in Europe are no longer isolated entities but are linked to a larger territorial context that opens up possibilities for utilising new and underused territorial potential for the development of regions and cities. Understanding the position of one's region or city in the larger territorial context and searching for potentials and comparative advantages is a necessity in the accelerating globalisation and competition.

Awareness and openness for including a European dimension in strategy building and policy making is therefore of major importance in developing new regional policy approaches.

This project is expected to meet the demand for analytical methods and approaches and to support local and regional practitioners and policy makers looking for ways to detect territorial potential involving a European perspective and to turn challenges into potential. More reading at the ESPON website: [http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_ScientificPlatform/DeTeC.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_ScientificPlatform/DeTeC.html)

#### **(2) Territorial Monitoring: ETMS - EU Territorial Monitoring System**

The stronger political focus on a territorial dimension in policy highlights the need to create a European Territorial Monitoring System (ETMS) that on a regular basis can provide and promote territorial information and evidence to main target groups on key trends in European regions, specific type of territories, metropolitan regions, cities and towns in relation to the policy aims and priorities of European policy orientations and objectives.

This ESPON project is aimed at providing a practical and operational European Territorial Monitoring System (ETMS), which builds mainly on existing statistical information, data and tools developed (database, mapping tools) within the ESPON Programme, and which can be the base for a continued monitoring of European

territorial trends. More reading at the ESPON Website:  
[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_ScientificPlatform/etms.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_ScientificPlatform/etms.html)

#### **New Reports**

##### **(1) Specific types of territories: GEOSPECS - Geographic Specificities and Development Potentials in Europe**

Final Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_AppliedResearch/geospecs.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/geospecs.html)

##### **(2) Territorial Performance: TPM - Territorial Performance Monitoring**

Final Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/TPM.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/TPM.html)

##### **(3) Globalisation: TIGER - Territorial Impact of Globalization for Europe and its Regions**

Final Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_AppliedResearch/tiger.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/tiger.html)

##### **(4) Transnational Perspectives: NORBA - Nordic-Baltic dialogues on Transnational Perspectives in Spatial Planning**

Final report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TransnationalNetworkingActivities/norba.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TransnationalNetworkingActivities/norba.html)

##### **(5) Rural Regions: PURR Potential of Rural Regions**

The targeted analysis PURR - Potential of Rural Regions - focuses on how rural regions can utilise their assets in a more effective way for their development and eventually become more competitive.

This project has elaborated a benchmarking methodology for assessing territorial potentials that might be applicable in all types of (rural) regions in Europe. Taken into account the stakeholders' perspective, the project team has also assessed the potentials of the 5 stakeholders regions (Notodden Municipality-NO, Cesis District Council-LV, North Yorkshire County Council-UK, Welsh Assembly Government-UK, Dumfries and Galloway Council-UK).

The proposed methodology combines a Top-Down approach based on typologies of rural regions and national/regional data with a Bottom-Up approach based on stakeholder inputs.

Read the PURR Final Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/purr.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/purr.html)

##### **(6) EU 2020 Strategy: SIESTA - Spatial indicators for a Europe 2020 Strategy Territorial Analysis**

Draft Final Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_AppliedResearch/siesta.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/siesta.html)

##### **(7) Airports: ADES - Airports as Drivers of Economic Success in Peripheral Regions**

Draft Final Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/ades.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/ades.html)

##### **(8) Poverty and Exclusion: TIPSE - Territorial Dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe**

Interim Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_AppliedResearch/tipse.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/tipse.html)

##### **(9) Indicators for Territorial Cohesion: KITCASP - Key Indicators for Territorial Cohesion and Spatial Planning**

Interim Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_TargetedAnalyses/kitcasp.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/kitcasp.html)

##### **(10) Territorial Monitoring: BSR-TeMo - Territorial Monitoring for the Baltic Sea Region**

Interim Report at the ESPON Website:

[http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu\\_Projects/Menu\\_ScientificPlatform/bsr-temo.html](http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_ScientificPlatform/bsr-temo.html)

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#### **More information**

The ESPON 2013 Programme is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the EU Member States and the Partner States Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

It shall support policy development in relation to the aim of territorial cohesion and a harmonious development of the European territory. ESPON shall support Cohesion Policy development with European wide, comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on framework conditions for the development of regions, cities and larger territories. In doing so, it shall facilitate the mobilisation of territorial capital and development opportunities, contributing to improving European competitiveness, to the widening and deepening of European territorial cooperation and to a sustainable and balanced development.

The Managing Authority responsible for the ESPON 2013 Programme is the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Department for Spatial Planning and Development of Luxembourg. More information: [www.espon.eu](http://www.espon.eu)

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