



Message from the ESPON Coordination Unit:

New territorial evidence in support of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

ESPON has just before the summer released several new reports providing territorial evidence for policy reflection and development.

An ESPON Atlas on the Territorial Dimension of the Europe 2020 Strategy is meant to support countries, regions and cities in contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. In addition, it offers managing authorities of programmes funded by European Structural Investment Funds evidence and tools for the development of their new operational programmes.

The ESPON 2020 Atlas deepens the different components of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth by mapping the key indicators related to Europe 2020 targets across European countries and regions. Hereby, it enables public authorities to benchmark and compare their country or region with other European territories. This can be done on the various themes and indicators included in the Europe 2020 Strategy providing information such as the distance to the Europe2020 national target on employment rate or the regional potential for electricity production from wind power.

Another new major report is the Second ESPON Synthesis Report, which connects territorial evidence from ESPON to the eleven key themes for investment of the ESIF. This report brings many key messages concerning the recent territorial dynamics on the European territory that constitute important territorial framework conditions for an efficient and effective use of the ESIF for investment and for achieving the objectives of Europe 2020.

ESPON will during the next 18 month continue providing a wealth of new territorial evidence that can nourish policy development with a territorial dimension and territorial cohesion considerations in general. Many projects of applied research and analyses are heading towards final results which makes knowledge transfer to the policy arena a key effort.

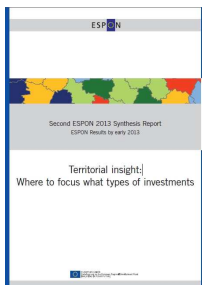
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Second ESPON Synthesis Report - Territorial insight: Where to focus what types of investments



The ESPON Synthesis Report connects territorial evidence from ESPON to the eleven key themes for investment of the ESIF. In doing so, it reveals important territorial differences and framework conditions that need to be considered for an efficient and effective use of the investment through ESIF and for achieving the objectives of Europe 2020.

Different types of cities and regions need different types and mixes of investments.

The applied research carried out by ESPON projects can assist policy makers to better target their policy development and enhance the performance of their regional economies.

The new ESPON territorial evidence will also help to strengthen a place-based approach for the development of future ESIF programmes, as well as the selection and delivery of projects to be funded.

The Second ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report is available at the ESPON Website

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_SynthesisReports/SecondESPON2013SR.html

ESPON ATLAS - Territorial Dimensions of the Europe 2020 Strategy



ESPON has published an atlas focusing on the territorial dimension of the Europe 2020 Strategy and presenting the regional and, where possible, urban dimension of Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.

The ESPON 2020 ATLAS delivers territorial evidence and maps that illustrate the diversity of trends, potentials and challenges facing regions and cities in their efforts contributing to the Europe 2020 Strategy. It allows policy makers comparing and benchmarking their territories towards the targets related to the Strategy.

The Atlas clearly demonstrates that pan-European territorial evidence in support of the Europe 2020 is pertinent.

With the Atlas users can identify: (1) which types of regions have what opportunities with regard to exploiting their territorial potentials in support of smart, sustainable and inclusive territories in Europe, and (2) which types of regions can be perceived as key drivers for development and growth at various scales.

The ESPON ATLAS is available at the ESPON Website

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_ATLAS2020/index.html

Territorial Dynamics in Europe: Natural Hazards and Climate Change in European Regions



The seventh volume of ESPON Territorial Observations focuses on Natural Hazards and Climate Change.

Observing impacts of natural hazards and climate change is of relevance on two accounts: (1) there is a need to become aware of challenges that might affect development negatively and even pose risk for the economy as well as

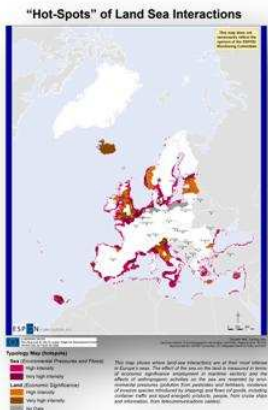
for people; (2) there are future development opportunities and dynamics that could become new potentials for growth.

The publication identifies territorially differentiated policy options linked to urban and regional development in order to tackle climate change and natural hazard related risks.

ESPON Territorial Observation No. 7 on Territorial Dynamics in Europe - Natural Hazards and Climate Change in European Regions, including maps and figures, is now available at the ESPON Website.

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_TerritorialObservations/TO7_June2013.html

ESPON Map of the Month - "Hot Spots" of land-sea interactions



This month ESPON presents a map on Land – Sea interactions across Europe from the ESPON Applied Research ESaTDOR. The map shows where the land-sea interactions are at their most intense, and thereby it reveals where integrated management is most needed.

Points for Policy consideration

Maritime spatial planning support and promotion is necessary both at EU and national level to ensure an efficient exploitation of the Blue Growth opportunities in a way that is consistent with the ambitions of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

At a European scale, there should be greater recognition of the importance of marine space within EU activities and greater sectoral integration. Thereby, in the political arena, it would be desirable to establish a closer collaboration between DGs Environment, Mare, Move, Energy and Regio (for example) within the European Commission.

In addition, it would be beneficial to address trans-boundary maritime planning issues at different spatial scales as well as to strengthen efforts to develop more effective transnational governance arrangements tailored to particular maritime contexts.

At a national level, public authorities should develop integrated maritime planning arrangements that ensure consistent planning across the land sea continuum in both national and transnational space that takes account of the strength of land-sea interactions.

The EU should develop a common framework for the collection of maritime data to facilitate harmonisation across maritime regions. There is also a need for a thematic expansion and improvement of maritime data accessibility, in order to develop a more comprehensive understanding of land-sea interactions.

Ultimately, both the classification of maritime regions proposed through ESaTDOR and the 10x10 grid square framework used as a territorial unit for the sea could be applied to the development of maps, reports and maritime scenarios, especially within the framework of transnational programmes such as Interreg.

More reading at the ESPON Website:

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Publications/Menu_MapsOfTheMonth/map1302.html

ESPON published 8 whiteboard videos introducing ESPON Tools



To address today's policy development, territorial diversity and cohesion challenges, ESPON provides a number of tools with valuable information and data for countries, regions, cities, and citizens.

Tools like the **Database, Hyper Atlas, Data Navigator, Online Map Finder, Typologies** and **Territorial Impact Assessment**.

ESPON helps policy makers and stakeholders to better understand and adapt to today's fast changing conditions for development, to manage the impact of these changes and to make informed decisions.

Watch the Videos at the ESPON Website: http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Press/Menu_Videos/

If tools catches your interest more information is available on the ESPON website/tools.

Future Events

(1) Supporting Lead and Project Partners: ESPON Financial Managers Seminar



London, 19 July 2013 - ESPON invited Lead and Project Partners to the 9th Financial Managers Seminar which is organised in cooperation with the Central Approbation Body of the United Kingdom, Department for Communities and Local Government.

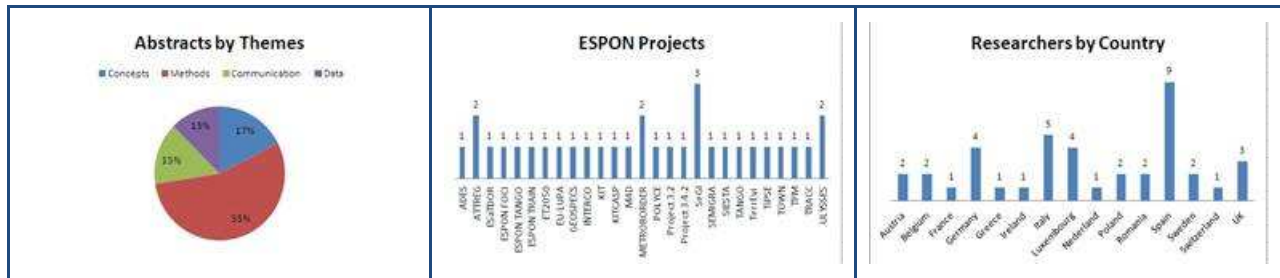
The Coordination Unit will provide targeted assistance in the form of pre-checking of the reporting documents and support with the finalization of progress reports.

Further information: contact the ESPON Coordination Unit at info@espon.eu.

(2) ESPON Scientific Conference in Luxembourg, 12-13 September 2013

Call for Papers: 40 abstract submitted by ESPON Lead and Project Partners and Representatives of AESOP, ECTP-CEU, ERSA, EUGEO, RSA

Researchers from 15 countries submitted 40 abstracts by the deadline of the call. The abstracts cover the themes “Concepts”, “Methods”, “Communication” and “Data”; 55% of the submitted abstracts cover the theme “Methods”, followed by “Concepts” (18%).



Researchers will have the possibility to present a paper at the ESPON Scientific Conference on 12 – 13 September 2013 in Luxembourg. The paper should explain, among others, how the research contributed to improving the understanding of European territorial development and cohesion, its relevance for policy making and to what extent it is innovative. The papers will be published in the Second ESPON 2013 Scientific Report by the end of 2013.

Next steps

- End July 2013: publication of the conference programme
- 12-13 September 2013: ESPON Scientific Conference in Luxembourg

Past Event

ESPON Open Seminar “Territorial Cooperation for growth and jobs”



Dublin 13-14 June 2013 - ESPON organised a two day Open Seminar on “Territorial Cooperation for growth and jobs” in cooperation with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

225 people, including policy makers, practitioners, scientists and experts were welcomed by Jan O’Sullivan (Irish Minister of State) and representatives of

Dublin City Council.

The Seminar addressed the contribution of Territorial Cooperation towards recovery from the economic crisis, the usefulness of ESPON tools as well as territorial evidence in the development of Operational Programmes 2014-2020. Its purpose was two-fold:

- Allow policy makers, practitioners and researchers to share concrete experiences, discuss the use of territorial evidence and to identify options relevant to the Seminar theme;
- Demonstrate the usefulness and capability of the ESPON knowledge base at this critical juncture between programming periods.

Presentations are online at the ESPON Website

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Events/Menu_OpenSeminars/openseminar13061314_after.html

New Reports

Final

1. **Airports:** ADES - Airports as Drivers of Economic Success in Peripheral Regions
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/ades.html
2. **R&D:** AMCER- Advanced Monitoring and Coordination of EU R&D Policies at Regional Level
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/amcer.html
3. **Rural migration:** SEMIGRA - Selective Migration and Unbalanced Sex Ratio in Rural Regions
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/semigra.html
4. **Metropolitan Regions:** BEST METROPOLISES - Best Development Conditions in European Metropolises: Paris, Berlin and Warsaw
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/bestmetropolises.html

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5. **Territorial governance:** SMART-IST - Smart Institutions for Territorial Development
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/smart-ist.html
6. **Services of general interest:** SeGI - Indicators and Perspectives for Services of General Interest in Territorial Cohesion and Development
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/SeGI.html

Interim

7. **Economic Crisis:** ECR2 - Economic Crisis: Resilience of Regions
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/ECR2.html
8. **Growth Poles:** GROSEE - Growth Poles in South-East Europe
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/grosee.html
9. **Scenarios:** (Second Interim Report) ET2050 - Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_AppliedResearch/ET2050.html
10. **Landscape:** LP3LP - Landscape Policy for the 3 Countries Park
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/LP3LP.html

Inception

11. **Energy:** NSS - NORTH SEA STAR, North Sea - Spreading Transnational Results
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_TargetedAnalyses/NSS.html

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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.

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