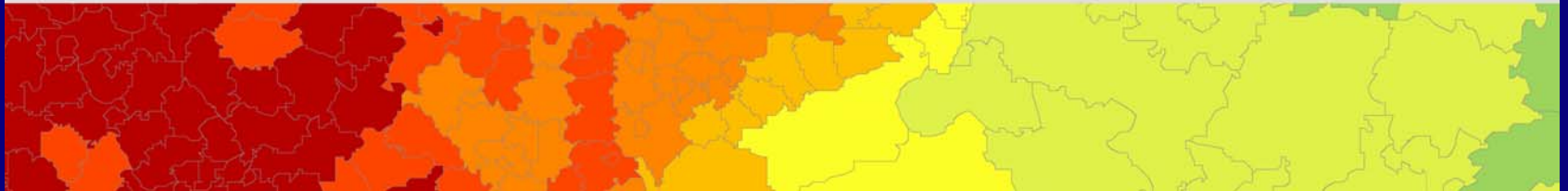




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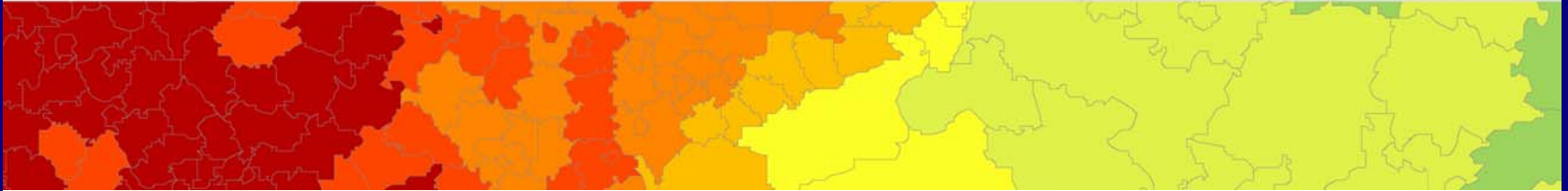
- Challenges with territorial impact
 - Accelerating globalisation and emerging new economies
 - Climate change
 - Energy paradigm change
 - Demography and migration
 - Geographical concentration forces in society
- A European (even global) perspective becomes inevitable for regional policy development
 - Responding to global challenges
 - Territorial context for development is enlarging calling for comparisons of regions, their stronger and weaker points, and revealing options for territorial cooperation

Regions and new challenges with territorial impact

- New/updated policy orientations for the European territory responding to major challenges
 - The Territorial Agenda for Europe
- Potential is a key word for regional development
 - ESPON comparative evidence at regional level provides support related to territorial cohesion, competitiveness and cooperation
- Scenarios are important for policy development
 - Contrasting policy orientations favouring either competitiveness or cohesion influence the spatial structure of Europe differently
- ESPON 2013 Programme shall support the use of evidence and results
 - Targeted analysis together with groups of regions and cities?



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ESPON 2013 Programme: New partnerships with groups of regions

- Priorities of the new ESPON programme
 - Applied research
 - Targeted analysis
 - Scientific platform and indicators
 - Capitalisation and use
 - Technical assistance and analytical support
 - Budget of 47 mill. Euro

ESPON 2013 Programme: New partnerships with groups of regions

- Aim
 - Targeted analysis with groups of regions and cities “sharing an interest in support of ESPON analysis in gaining European experience and/or knowledge on common challenges related to their territorial and/or urban development”
 - Bringing together the European dimension and regional/local perspectives
 - Contribute to informed policy decisions through new understanding of future development potentials and challenges
- Objectives
 - Provide evidence and knowledge as well as analytical support
 - Improve the usefulness of ESPON results

ESPON 2013 Programme: New projects in partnerships with groups of regions

- Focus of targeted analysis
 - Trend studies
 - Visions, perspectives and scenarios
 - Impact assessments
 - Innovative and experimental studies
 - Technical/methodological support
- Analytical approach
 - Integrated, cross-thematic analysis
 - Individual themes, analysis of sector or phenomena or type of regions/cities
 - Include/be based on case studies (including partner areas)

ESPON 2013 Programme: New projects in partnerships with groups of regions

- Selection criteria
 - European dimension in analysis
 - Transferability to other regions and cities
 - Regions or cities from 3 countries members of the ESPON 2013 Programme
- Partnership model
 - Cooperation and direct involvement in the project implementation
- Finance
 - ESPON finances the transnational analytical team
 - Stakeholders involved cover personnel and travel costs

ESPON 2013 Programme: New projects in partnerships with groups of regions

- Process of defining and setting up the projects
 - Screening for interest and project ideas (autumn 2007)
 - Selection of most promising ideas
 - Project formulation and specification in cooperation with regions/cities
 - Call for proposal among scientists and consultants
 - Selection and contracting of transnational project team by the ESPON Monitoring Committee
 - Project implementation in partnership with regions, using an adequate organisational setting

Further information

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