



## ESPON 2013 Programme/**Press Release No 01/2011**

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### **ESPON opens new funding opportunities**

**The ESPON Programme launches today new Calls for Proposals and Expression of Interest. Scientists, Experts and Public Authorities are invited to become involved in new ESPON projects. Up to 5.493.000,00 is available for this call.**

The Calls include the following:

- Proposals on Applied Research projects (Priority 1 of the ESPON Programme)
- Expression of Interests by Stakeholders for Targeted Analyses (Priority 2)
- Proposals on project within the ESPON Scientific Platform (Priority 3)

The themes of the Applied Research are:

- European Regions: Potential Contribution to the EU 2020 Strategy
- Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe
- Territorial Potentials for a Greener Economy
- Territorial Governance – Best Practices for New Perspectives

The theme of the project within the ESPON Scientific Platform is:

- EU Territorial Monitoring and Reporting System

The application deadline is 21 March 2011.

ESPON invites all interested potential beneficiaries to become informed on the new funding opportunities at the Info Day on 10 February 2011 in Brussels.

Here the calls will be presented. The European Commission and the Hungarian EU Presidency will present the latest policy demand for further ESPON results.

An opportunity to meet potential project partners at a Partner Café will be arranged.

All documentation related to the calls, including the procedure for applying is available at the ESPON Website, [www.espon.eu](http://www.espon.eu).

Potential beneficiaries looking for other partners to prepare a proposal for projects under the Calls can consult the overview of potential partners available at the ESPON Website.

### **Interested in ESPON?**

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 of Spatial Planning and Development of Luxembourg. More information: [www.espon.eu](http://www.espon.eu)

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