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Over 280 Potential Partners interested in ESPON

Latest Call for Proposals and Expression of Interest for using ESPON attracted 53 applications from 29 countries involving 285 potential project partners/stakeholders. The available funds, up to € 5.493.000 will allow to develop further the European territorial knowledge base, and support policy makers with user-friendly analyses.

The continued and growing interest in ESPON Calls has been confirmed by the outputs of the last Call: 24 proposals on 5 applied research projects and 29 expressions of interest by groups of stakeholders for receiving targeted analyses were submitted in total.

Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit, said: *“This result is very positive. It shows the growing interest in understanding dynamics from a territorial perspective following the new aim of territorial cohesion in the European process. It is especially welcome that regions and cities are interested in comparing and positioning themselves in the European context. With ESPON evidence, every region and city can detect and unveil new opportunities for development“.*

The 5 new projects soon to be selected cover the following themes:

- 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
- EU Territorial Monitoring and Reporting System

The 29 expressions of Interest for receiving targeted analyses based on ESPON results include integrated studies and thematic analyses, knowledge support to innovative and experimental actions as well as joint actions with other Structural Funds programmes.

Out of the 285 potential partners and stakeholders, 234 are public institutions and 31 private bodies.

The applications received will be evaluated during April - May and the ESPON Monitoring Committee will decide on the best applications at its meeting in June 2011.

Researchers and experts from 31 countries will be given the opportunity to apply for additional funding in August 2011 when the last Call under the current ESPON Programme will be launched.

More Information

Outputs of the Call Jan / March 2011

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Calls/Menu_Calls/Menu_PreviousCalls/Call24Jan2011/Call24Jan11.html

Examples of funded projects http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/

Future funding opportunities http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Calls/Menu_Calls/Overview.html

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.

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