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Recovering from the crisis: Evidence-based policy making for growth and jobs

Participants at the ESPON Open Seminar on “Territorial co-operation for growth and jobs”, organised in cooperation with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, will discuss in Dublin on 13 and 14 June 2013 new approaches for recovery and resilience and hear the experiences of Territorial Co-operation Programmes in responding to the effects of the economic crisis.

Evidence from ESPON research indicates that some cities and regions in Europe are faster and more successful in recovering from the current economic crisis than others; this evidence raises the question of what is behind this success.

Findings of ESPON research also show that investments realized within the framework of Territorial Cooperation Programmes enable the mobilization of under-used territorial potentials, contributing to the competitiveness of Europe and to the necessary economic growth and job creation; in particular, they facilitate flows of people, goods and capital, which otherwise would not cross the borders.

To support evidence-based policy making for growth and jobs, ESPON, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion, is organising an Open Seminar entitled “Territorial co-operation for growth and jobs” with the participation of the Irish Minister of State with special responsibility for Housing and Planning Jan O’Sullivan TD, and in cooperation with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 13 and 14 June 2013 in Dublin.

Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit, said: *“In times of strained resources in many countries, regions and cities, an efficient use becomes even more important. In addition, regions and cities in other parts of the world influence stronger than before the development potentials inside Europe.”*

ESPON offers the possibility to include European evidence in policy considerations which opt at recovery from the current crisis. This evidence will be discussed at the Open Seminar with participants from EU and international institutions, policy-makers, practitioners, scientists and experts. The seminar will provide an excellent opportunity to share concrete experiences, debate the use of territorial evidence and demonstrate the usefulness and capability of the ESPON knowledge base.”

The seminar will begin by examining the territorial outlook and new approaches from policymakers for recovery and resilience. In parallel workshop sessions ESPON projects will reflect on the impact of the crisis and the patterns, challenges and opportunities emerging across different types of territories.

The second day is structured within the scope of territorial co-operation and the thematic objectives of the Common Strategic Framework. The opening session will highlight the experiences of Territorial Co-operation Programmes in responding to the effects of the economic crisis. A parallel workshop session will provide evidence that can be used to identify opportunities and potentials to assist with operational programming processes for Territorial Co-operation Programmes but also for European Structural and Investment Funds and public investment generally.

The Open ESPON Seminar will moreover offer insights on the tools, indicators and data made available by ESPON.

More details and programme of the event at the ESPON Website www.espon.eu

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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.

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