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New ESPON Calls for Proposals

The ESPON Programme has pre-announced the launch of the new Calls for Proposals. Scientists, experts, representatives of universities, research institutes and companies from 31 European countries are invited to become involved new ESPON projects. A budget of 5.900.000 Euro is allocated. The Call will open on 3 May 2010.

"The call will provide opportunities for proposals on 2 themes of Applied Research projects, on 8 themes on Targeted Analyses as well as on Transnational Networking Activities of the ESPON Contact Point Network", Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit, said.

ESPON invites potential beneficiaries to get information on the new funding opportunities and to meet potential project partners at the Info Day on New Calls and Partner Café on 18 May 2010 in Brussels. At the event the European Commission and the Spanish EU Presidency will present the policy demand behind the need for further ESPON results.

Call for Proposals for Applied Research: 2 themes, 1.800.000 Euro

Applied Research Projects are thematically defined by the demand of policy makers. Projects shall support policy development by creating European wide, comparable information and evidence on territorial dynamics, potentials and challenges focusing on development opportunities for regions and cities.

The Call includes the following 2 themes:

1. European seas in territorial development
2. Indicators and perspectives for services of general interest in territorial cohesion and development

Call for Proposals for Targeted Analyses: 8 themes, 2.800.000 Euro

Targeted Analyses are defined by stakeholders who will participate in the project implementation. It is a new type of projects supporting the use of existing ESPON results in partnership with different groups of stakeholders. The expertise needed to carry through the analyses is found by Calls for Proposals based on Project Specification developed by the involved stakeholders and ESPON in close collaboration.

The projects shall address the following targeted themes:

1. EITA – ESPON and TIA - Territorial Impact Assessments
2. ULYSSES – Using Applied Results from ESPON as a Yardstick for Cross-Border Spatial Planning and Development
3. RISE – Identifying and Exchanging Best Practice in Developing Regional Integrated Strategies in Europe
4. POLYCE – Metropolisation and Polycentric Development in Central Europe: Evidence Based Strategic Options
5. TPM – Territorial Performance Monitoring
6. BEST – METROPOLIS – Best Development Conditions in European Metropolis: Paris, Berlin, Warsaw
7. SEMIGRA – Selective Migration and Unbalanced Sex Ratio in Rural Regions
8. SMART-IST – Smart Institutions for Territorial Developments

Call for Proposals for Transnational Networking Activities by the ESPON Contact Point network: 1.300.000 Euro.

The Transnational Networking Activities shall provide targeted transnational capitalisation, awareness rising and dissemination of ESPON results with the specific objectives of (1) involving policy makers, practitioners, scientists and young academics and (2) promote the European perspective of territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion.

The application deadline for the Call is **28 June 2010**.

For more information:

- Announcement of the Call:
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_HowToApply/Menu_Calls/Menu_OpenCalls/Call3May2010/
- Preliminary programme of the Info Day and Partner Café: http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Events/
- Registration form for the Info Day and Partner Café:
http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Events/Menu_InfoDays/form_infoday100518.html, deadline for registration is **6 May 2010 at 15h00**.

Future funding opportunities foreseen:

1. Call for Proposals: 24 August 2010 – 19 October 2010; Info Day and Partner Café in Brussels on 8 September 2010 (Targeted Analyses, Scientific Platform – ESPON 2013 Database II)
2. Call for Proposals and Expression of Interests: January 2011 – March 2011; Info Day and Partner Café in Brussels on February 2011 (Applied Research projects, Expression of Interests for the Knowledge Support System, Expression of Interest for Targeted Analyses, Scientific Platform – Territorial Indicators and Monitoring)
3. Call for Proposals: September 2011 – November 2011; Info Day and Partner Café in Brussels on September 2011 (Applied Research projects, Targeted Analyses, Transnational Networking Activities by the ESPON Contact Point network)

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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