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ESPON opens new funding opportunities

The ESPON Programme will launch new Calls for Proposals on 24 August 2010. Scientists and Experts from universities, research institutes and companies are invited to become involved in new ESPON projects.

The Calls for Proposals will provide opportunities for submitting proposals on 2 themes on Targeted Analyses and on the next phase of the ESPON Database Project. The application deadline for the Calls is 19 October 2010. The available budget for the Calls is EUR 1.950.000.

The Call for Targeted Analyses includes the themes ADES/Airports as Drivers of Economic Success in Peripheral Regions and AMCER/Advanced Monitoring and Coordination of EU R&D Policies at Regional Level.

ESPON invites interested potential beneficiaries to become informed on the new funding opportunities and to meet potential project partners at the Info Day on 8 September 2010 in Brussels where New Calls will be presented and a Partner Café arranged. At this event the European Commission and the Belgian EU Presidency will present the policy demand for further ESPON results.

All documentation related to the calls, including the procedure for applying, eligibility rules, evaluation criteria and submission material will be made available by 24 August 2010 at the ESPON Website, www.espon.eu.

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

More information:

Pre- announcement of the Calls:

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Calls/Menu_Calls/Menu_Pre-Announcement/

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_infoday100908.html

Overview of potential partners

http://www.espon.eu/main/Menu_Projects/Menu_ESPONPartnerCafe/index.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.

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

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