



## Introduction

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Approaching New Functional Areas  
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## Workshop Scope

### Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion >

Territorial cohesion = place-based policy / given territory  
(internal coherence & functionality to exploit territorial capital)

This workshop is to explore how **different territorial research approaches to new functional areas** can be used to **support policymakers** in setting policy actions for territories with sufficient internal coherence and functionality.

The workshop will take stock of different (European and global) scientific approaches, i.e.:

- functional-morphologically,
- economically and
- institutionally.

## Approaches Taken to Functional Areas

- Maciej Smetkowski  
*Morphological-Functionally: Measuring Metropolitan Macroregions*
- Daniel Sanchez-Serra  
*The Functional Path: Competitive Cities in the Global Economy*
- Göran Lindqvist  
*Economy First: Regional Clusters Crossing Borders*
- Tobias Chilla / Christophe Sohn  
*The Greater Region Case: Functional versus Institutional Integration*

## Research Progress on the Table – Discussion Round I

- Simin Davoudi  
*Summary and Reflection of the Morning*
- How can **coherent functional areas** be defined?  
What makes a given territory functional?  
Which research approaches are in use?
- How can **functionality** within a given territory **be measured**?  
Which indicators can be used?  
Which challenges do exist in measuring?  
Which techniques are most adequate for definition / delineation?  
How can changes in functionality be monitored (dynamics)?  
Which barriers do exist in applied research on functional areas?  
Which uncertainties for policymakers will remain?

## Expectations and Use in Policy – Discussion Round II

- Lewis Dijkstra  
*The European Commission's Point of View*
- Olivier Denert  
*A National Point of View – MOT*
- Monika Meyer  
*A Regional Point of View –  
Cross-Border Cooperation Görlitz-Zgorzelec*

## Expectations and Use in Policy – Discussion Round II

- Which **policy orientations** are important for selecting a functional area and for formulating an integrated set of policy actions?
  - > Potential synergies between sector policies, ..
- Which opportunities and challenges should an **integrated policy for functional areas** address?
  - > Policy topics, priority setting, good examples of policy actions, ..
- **Who** should be involved in preparing and implementing sets of policy actions at the level of a given territory?
  - > Expectations from EC, involving EC Directorates-General, ..
- Which **territorial evidence** is needed to support the development of a common framework for functional areas throughout Europe?
  - > Knowledge base available, support of ESPON Applied Research, ..