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ESPON SEMINAR

PROGRAMME

6-7 October 2003

**ESPON Monitoring Committee,
ESPON Contact Points and Transnational Project Groups**

Venue: Palazzo Lanfranchi, Sala Carlo Levi, City of Matera, Italy

The aims of the third ESPON seminar are to present, assess and discuss the preliminary results accomplished by the Transnational Project Groups as well as their first ideas for policy recommendations.

The Interim Reports delivered end August 2003 are a major milestone for the ESPON Programme as the policy discussions on territorial cohesion develops. For the ESPON Programme it is important that the new knowledge provided on trends and policy impact on the enlarged European territory are solid in a scientific sense and operational in a political context.

The preliminary results and policy recommendations included in the Interim Reports is the main focus of the seminar. Each Lead Partner is invited to present the work of the TPG concentrating on the main findings, key choices made, use of the common platform and challenges for the next phase of the project. Following each presentation the seminar programme makes room for discussion.

A special slot will focus on the first policy recommendations coming out of the Interim Reports, which will give the participants of the seminar, and in particular the ESPON Monitoring Committee, an opportunity for a direct dialogue with the TPG.

At the end of the first day parallel workshops are envisaged to focus on progress made on ESPON mapping tools, experiences in the process from goals and concepts to policy recommendations and on indicators, typologies and cross-thematic analysis.

Programme

5. October 2003

WELCOME RECEPTION

(more information will be provided in your hotel room)

18.00 Visit to art exhibition by sculptor Miriam Mafai

Chiesa Rupestre S. Nicola dei Greci

20.00 Cocktail

6. October 2003

SETTING OF THE SCENE

Chairman: Fabio Croccolo, chair of the ESPON Monitoring Committee

Aims of the Matera seminar

9.00 Welcome addresses

Mr. Michele Porcari, Mayor of Matera,

Mr. Filippo Bubbico, President of Regione Basilicata

9.30 Latest development at political level (short statements)

- Progress on Third Cohesion Report, Patrick Salez (the Commission)
- Progress in the SUD committee and the paper "Territorial dimension of EU policies after enlargement", Peter Schmeitz (the Netherlands)

9.45 Progress made since the Crete Seminar (short statements)

- Implementation of the common platform and Crete guidance paper, Peter Schön (project 3.1)
- First impression on the Interim Report delivered end August 2003, Peter Mehlbye (ESPON CU)

10.15 Coffee break

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Chair: Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

10.45 Presentation of Third Interim Reports by Lead Partners of ESPON Projects of 1st Round

Projects 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.1.3 and 2.2.3.

(15 min. presentations followed by 15 min. discussion)

Focus on

- Main preliminary results of the research undertaken
- First policy recommendations (one slide only)
- Key choices made in the work
- Main challenges for the next phase

12.45 Lunch

14.15 Presentation of Third Interim Reports, continued

Projects 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 2.1.1 and 2.2.2

(15 min. presentations followed by 15 min. discussion)

Focus on

- Main preliminary results of the research undertaken
- First policy recommendations (one slide only)
- Key choices made in the work
- Main challenges for the next phase

16.15 Coffee break

16.45 Parallel workshops

Workshop 1: ESPON mapping tools (Hyper Atlas and web-based GIS)

Chair: Hugo Poelman

Impulse: Claude Grasland, Panagiotis Getimis/Dionysos Kalivas and Andreu Ulied

Workshop 2: Indicators, typologies and ideas for cross-thematic analysis

Chair: Kai Böhme

Impulse: Volker Schmidt-Seiwert

19.00 Visit to the Sassi area of Matera

21.00 Dinner

Complesso Rupustre San Nicola dei Greci.

7. October 2003

Chair: Jean Peyrony, French member of the ESPON Monitoring Committee

9.00 Presentation of Second Interim Reports

Projects 1.1.3, 2.2.1 and 2.2.2.

(15 min presentation and 10 min discussion)

Focus on

- Main preliminary results of the research undertaken
- Possible policy recommendations (one slide only)
- Key choices made in the work
- Main challenges for the next phase

10.15 Coffee break

10.45 Presentation of Second Interim Reports, continued

Projects 1.1.4, 1.3.1, 1.3.2 and 2.1.4.

(15 min presentation and 10 min discussion)

Focus on

- Main preliminary results of the research undertaken
- Possible policy recommendations (one slide only)
- Key choices made in the work
- Main challenges for the next phase

12.30 Lunch break

14.00 Presentation of Third Interim Report from project 3.1

(15 min presentation and 15 min discussion)

Focus on

- Value of and benefits from Common platform
- Process from territorial objectives and analyses to policy recommendations, including progress made on SWOT and TIA
- ESPON database and GIS
- Outlook and main challenges for the next phase

14.30 Feed back from Workshops

Short report from the workshops by the chairmen

15.00 Coffee break

FIRST POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU

15.30 First Policy Recommendations

- Overview on proposed policy recommendations , Peter Schön (project 3.1)
- Plans, structure and ideas for the Third Cohesion Report, Patrick Salez (the Commission)

15.45 From goals and concepts to policy recommendations

- Opening statements by Eva Maria Forsberg, MC-Sweden, and Peter Szalo, MC-Hungary.
- Opening statements by Mark Shucksmith/Ken Thomson, project 2.1.3., and Sabine Zillmer, project 2.2.2.
- Discussion

THE NEXT STEPS

17.30 Towards next IR

- Interim Reports for February 2004 (1.1.4, 1.3.1 and 1.3.2)
- Final Reports August 2004 (all projects from first round)
- Validation of results
- ESPON Intranet solution

18.00 Closure

Closing remarks by Mr. Fabio Croccolo, Italian chairman of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.