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## **FINAL PROGRAMME**

### **ESPON SEMINAR 5-6 May 2003 Monitoring Committee, ESPON Contact Points and Transnational Project Groups**

**Venue: Hotel Iberostar Crete Panorama, Panorno, Crete, Greece**

The aim of the seminar is to create a common platform for the ESPON projects that can lead to coherent ESPON results in stead of mere individual project results. A number of common understandings and joint use of concepts, indicators, typologies, methodologies, indicators, data and map design can support this aim. In addition, synergy and added value benefiting the TPG in carrying through their projects can only be ensured by an open exchange of views and results between the projects.

The political agenda is making the Interim Reports for August a major milestone. The preliminary results envisaged should therefore be carefully assessed and the efforts of TPG's towards the delivery in August fine tuned according to progress made in policy discussions on territorial cohesion. The Monitoring Committee including the European Commission are in the best position to interact and give valuable input to the TPG's that can support a process towards the most relevant preliminary results. The seminar will seek to establish the best possible relation between scientific results and policy demand.

The ESPON Contact Points are foreseen to play a strengthened role in the ESPON process. Therefore ECP will participate actively in the seminar in a double role: in supporting the necessary coordination as partners of the majority of TPG, and in providing assistance to members of the Monitoring Committee from their respective country.

As at the first ESPON seminar in Luxembourg a presentation of interesting developments outside the ESPON will be part of the programme. This time the OECD Territorial Service has been invited to present their work focusing on policy as well as relevant scientific matters.

## **Programme:**

*5. May 2003*

8.00 -9.00 Registration

### **SETTING THE SCENE**

*Chair: Zacharias Demathas, Chair of the ESPON Monitoring Committee*

#### **9.00: Opening**

Welcome by Mr. Zacharias Demathas representing the Greek EU Presidency  
Welcome by Mr. Anthanasios Karountzos, Secretary General of the Region of Crete  
Aims of seminar by Mrs Maryse Scholtes, ESPON Managing Authority:  
“A common platform for useful ESPON results”

#### **9.30: Potential policy orientations for Third Cohesion Report :**

Current orientations on territorial cohesion in policy development  
Peter Schmeitz, the Netherlands  
Patrick Salez, European Commission

#### **10.00: Preliminary ESPON results envisaged by the TPG**

Preliminary ESPON results, indicators and maps in August 2003  
Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU

**10.30: Coffee break and exchange of views** (discussion tables will be arranged)

### **DEFINING A COMMON PLATFORM**

*Chair: Flemming Thornæs, MC member Denmark*

#### **11.30: Moving towards coherent ESPON results**

Presentation of Second Interim Report by Lead Partner of project 3.1  
-Progress on harmonised approaches and common definitions  
-Main challenges and outstanding questions in defining a common platform for results  
Peter Schön, Lead Partner of project 3.1

**Clarifying comments and general questions** on progress towards a common platform

**12.30: Lunch break**

#### **14.00: Common definition of core concepts**

Introduction: Philippe de Boe (Project 3.1)

Opening statements (5 minutes each) by Maria Festas (MC member Portugal), Michael Wegener (project 2.1.1) and Roberto Camagni (ECP-Italy).

#### **Discussion:**

- Definition of core concepts in projects and the relation to polycentrism
- Policy demand in relation to concepts
- Potential territorial indicators and spatial criteria

#### **15.00: Coffee break and exchange of views** (discussion tables will be arranged)

#### **15.30: Common indicators and use of typologies**

Introductions: Kai Böhme (project 3.1) and Janne Antikainen (project 1.1.1) and Mark Shucksmith (project 2.1.3)

Opening statements (max. 5 minutes each) by Zacharias Demathas (Greek MC-chairman).

#### **Discussion:**

- Typologies to be used in multiple projects
- Typology for functional urban areas
- Policy demand in relation to indicators and typologies

#### **17.00: Common understanding of methodologies**

Introduction: Fritz Schindegger (project 3.1)

Opening statements (max. 5 minutes each) by Begonia Vilaplana (UK MC member) and Adrian Healy (project 2.1.2 and 2.2.3).

#### **Discussion:**

- Policy demand to TIA of EU policies
- Methods for Territorial Impact Assessment at policy level
- Minimum requirements for results from TIA

#### **18.00: European studies and research of interest for ESPON**

“Policy recommendations and scientific platform for Territorial Studies by the OECD”

Presentation by Mario Pezzini, OECD followed by discussion

#### **20.00: Dinner**

**6 May 2003**

**Chair: Thiemo Eser, MC member Italy**

**9.00: Opening the second day:**

Achievements from first day of the seminar.  
Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU.

- First interim conclusions on concepts, methodologies and typologies

**9.10: Common understanding of methodologies, continued**

Introductions: Claude Grasland (project 3.1) and Christian Muschwitz (project 3.1)  
Opening statement: Jim Walsh (ECP-Ireland)

**Discussion:**

- Development of a European SWOT analyses
- Policy demand in relation to innovative spatial analyses and SWOT
- Methods for innovative spatial analysis

**10.30: Coffee break**

**11.00: Territorial indicators and a common ESPON data base and cartography**

Introductions: Volker Schmidt-Seiwert and Panagiotis Gemitis (project 3.1)  
Opening statements (max. 5 minutes each) by Hugo Poelman (European Commission) and Marco Kellenberger (Swiss ECP).

**Discussion:**

- Common territorial indicators
- Data base building (demands for data and standards for data collection)
- Map-making and cartographic design (from working maps to schematic cartography)
- Structure of an ESPON database and GIS
- Assistance from ESPON partners and EU on data gaps and problems
- Spatial modelling and grid approaches
- Policy demands related to data and maps

**12.30: Lunch**

## **ESPON RESULTS IN AUGUST 2003**

*Chair: Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority*

### **14.00: Conclusions on the Common Platform for ESPON projects**

- Proposal for a Common ESPON platform for all projects, Peter Schön, project 3.1
- Feed back from plenum
- Conclusions on common definitions, harmonised concepts, typologies, data etc. Peter Mehlbye (ESPON CU)

### **15.00: Operational deliveries in August 2003**

#### **Expectations from the political level on concrete results**

Opening statements (max. 5 minutes each) by Jean Peyrony (MC member France), Jan Edoy (MC member Norway, to be confirmed) and Patrick Salez (European Commission).

#### **Contribution by the ECP network**

Gregory Hamèz (ECP France)

#### **Roundtable of Lead Partners of the TPG:**

##### **Targeting preliminary ESPON results in August 2003 to policy demand**

Opening statement (max. 3 minutes and 1 overhead each) by each Lead Partner on the implementation of the common platform in their projects and on eventual adjustments in the preliminary results envisaged for August 2003 due to expectation from policy development.

#### **Discussion**

- Preliminary results with high priority
- Envisaged preliminary results for August eventually to be postponed until a later report

### **16.30-17.00: Coffee Break**

#### **Conclusion on preliminary results for August 2003**

Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU

#### **Process and planned coordination activities**

Peter Schön (project 3.1) and Peter Mehlbye (ESPON CU)

- Validation of common platform and preliminary results (to be discussed at the MC meeting on 7-8 May 2003)

- Timing and dead lines, including
  - o Second Lead Partner meeting on 16 June 2003
  - o Third ESPON Seminar on 6-7 October 2003
- Guidelines for Interim Reports in August 2003 (second and third)
- Guidelines for common design of maps and tables
- Networking initiatives between TPG and project 3.1
- Support from the ECP network

**17.45: Closure**

Closing remarks by Maryse Scholtes (ESPON Managing Authority) and Zacharias Demathas, Greek Chairman of the ESPON Monitoring Committee.

**18.00: Closing reception**