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**ESPON SEMINAR  
21-22 November 2002  
Monitoring Committee,  
ESPON Contact Points and Project Partners**

**Venue: Domaine Thermal de Mondorf-les-Bains, Salle de Fetes,  
Avenue des Bains, L-5601 Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg**

**Final Programme:**

***21. November 2002***

8.30 -9.30 Registration

*Chair: Maryse Scholtes, ESPON Managing Authority*

**SETTING THE SCENE**

**9.30 Opening**

Welcome by Minister Michel Wolter, Minister of the Interior, Luxembourg  
Welcome by Mr Jean-Pierre Klein, President of the "Syvicol" (Syndicat intercommunal des villes et communes luxembourgeoises)

**10.00 The ESPON programme**

Ambitions for the ESPON programme: Flemming Thornæs, Chair of the Monitoring Committee  
ESPON in relation to future Structural Funds: Jacky Marteau, European Commission  
Progress on starting the programme and projects: Peter Mehlbye, Coordination Unit  
First results from first round of ESPON projects: Peter Schön, Lead Partner of Project 3.1

**11.00 Coffee break**

**11.30 European research of interest for ESPON**

Activities of the JRC relevant for the assessment of spatial developments in Europe:  
Carlo Lavalle, Joint Research Centre  
Development of Terrestrial Environment Indicators at the EEA: Jean-Louis Weber,  
European Environmental Agency  
New developments on European regional data: Albrecht Wirthmann, Eurostat  
Territorial studies of the OECD: Mario Pezzini, OECD (to be confirmed)

**12.30 Lunch break**

## **PROGRESS ON ESPON PROJECTS**

*Chair: Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority*

### **14.00 Presentation of First Interim Reports by Lead Partners of ESPON projects**

First round: Projects 1.1.1., 1.1.2., 1.2.1 and 1.2.2. (10 min presentation each)

All projects report on

- Methodology and data
- Emerging hypotheses

Questions: 15 minutes

### **15.00 Coffee break**

### **15.30: Presentation of First Interim Reports by Lead Partners of ESPON projects (continued)**

Second round: Projects 2.1.1., 2.1.2., 2.1.3 and 2.2.3.

All projects report on

- Methodology and data
- Emerging hypotheses

Questions: 15 minutes

### **16.30: Presentation of draft Interim Report by Lead Partner of project 3.1**

- Presentation of project 3.1 and the Data Navigator
- First impression of the First Interim Reports
- Challenges towards consensus on methodology and data

### **17.00 Plenary discussion:**

#### **Expectations for next phase of the ESPON projects**

Start up interventions:

Jean Peyrony, Roland Arbter, Jacky Marteau and Peter Mehlbye

### **18.00 Mondorf-les-Bains on your own**

### **20.00 Dinner at the Orangerie**

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## **NETWORKING AND COORDINATION**

*Chair: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit*

### **9.00 New and relevant studies outside the ESPON Programme**

Construction of a polycentric and balanced development model for the European territory  
Presentation by Philippe Cichowlaz and Rui Azevedo, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

### **9.30 Parallel working groups on methodological questions**

a) Projects under Priority 1:

(moderator Claude Grasland, reporter Volker Schmidt-Seiwert)

Methodological questions to be addressed include:

- Methods for the analysis of spatial development trends in Europe
- Territorial indicators and typologies
- Comparing development trends with goals and concepts (e.g. polycentrism)
- Data access and demands
- Map-making and support of Web sites
- Inclusion of partners from candidate countries, Norway and Switzerland
- Second interim report and expected results

b) Projects under Priority 2:

(moderator Fritz Schindegger, reporter Philippe de Boe)

Methodological questions to be addressed include:

- Methods for the analysis of territorial effects of EU policies
- Territorial indicators and typologies
- Territorial Impact Assessment
- Data access and demands
- Map-making and support of Web sites
- Inclusion of partners from candidate countries, Norway and Switzerland
- Second interim report and intended results

### **10.30 Coffee break**

### **11.00 Parallel working groups on topics**

a) Projects 1.2.1. and 2.1.1. (moderator Andreu Uljed, reporter Lars Porsche)

b) Projects 1.2.2. and 2.1.2. (moderator Claude Grasland, reporter Christian Muschwitz)

c) Projects 1.1.1. and 2.2.3. (moderator Peter Schön, reporter Gabriele Tatzberger)

d) Projects 1.1.2. and 2.1.3. (moderator Stella Kyvelou, reporter Frederic Santamaria)

Topics to be addressed includes:

- Common approach to indicators and typologies
- Data access and demands
- Map-making and cartography
- Inclusion of partners from candidate countries, Norway and Switzerland
- Cooperation towards Second interim report

### **12.30 Lunch**

## **NEXT PHASE OF THE ESPON PROJECTS AND PROGRAMME**

*Chair: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit*

### **14.00 Conclusions based on the First Interim Reports**

Reports on conclusions of Working Groups (by the six reporters of the morning session, 5 minutes each)

Preliminary summary: Peter Schön

- Common approach to methods of analysis (spatial trends and policy impacts)
- Common standards for data collection
- Structure of an ESPON database and GIS
- Consensus on indicators and data needs
- Initiatives in support of networking

Discussion

### **15.30 Towards the second interim report in March 2003**

Requirements of operational results and timing

- Forthcoming interim reports and future seminars
- Structure of second Interim Report
- Role of ECP and integration of partners from new countries
- Code of conduct for use of web sites

Expectations to results from the next phase:

Closing remarks from European Commission and Member States

Discussion

### **16.30 Closure**