

Inspire policy making by territorial evidence



**ESPON 2013 Programme
Internal Seminar**

**Territorial Evidence for
Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and
Territorial Agenda 2020**

4 and 5 December 2013
Vilnius, Lithuania

Venue

Artis Centrum Hotel
Liejykos g. 11/23
01120 Vilnius

Programme

Scope

This year's internal seminar in Vilnius will discuss the outputs delivered by ESPON 2013, and explore long-term perspectives and demands for future European territorial evidence in the light of the recent proposals to improve EU Cohesion Policy in the period 2014-2020 as well as in relation to the Territorial Agenda 2020.

The current reform foresees the concentration of investments on key themes and priorities to support the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and thereby help return growth and competitiveness to cities and regions across Europe.

The purpose of the event is to stimulate an open dialogue between members of the ESPON Monitoring Committee, representatives of the ECP network, stakeholders from Targeted Analyses, researchers and experts involved in applied territorial research and analyses. The internal seminar provides a unique opportunity to strengthen networking and generates an equally important opportunity for an in-depth discussion on options for using the ESPON knowledge base to support territories, regions and cities in the implementation of future cohesion policy.

Purpose

The internal seminar will address recent ESPON territorial evidence of relevance for regions and cities across Europe, and in particular reflect on territorial evidence needs during 2014-2020 in order to make the next ESPON Programme as relevant and useful as possible for policy makers and practitioners.

The purpose of the internal seminar is two-fold:

- Demonstrate and discuss the findings and usefulness of ESPON deliveries by past and current projects related to policy orientations set out for the new EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and in the TA 2020.
- Involve the multitude of actors within ESPON in reflections on (1) stimuli from territorial evidence to further uptake of a territorial dimension by policy and decision makers at different administrative levels, (2) possible closer links between projects and tools, and (3) proposals on actions within the next ESPON Programme.

Flow

The opening plenary, kicking off the dialogue on the first day, will focus on recent migration trends in Europe, which is of high interest to the Lithuanian EU Presidency. The key note speech, partially based on an ESPON Evidence Brief on migration, will be followed by a panel discussion among national and regional policy makers about the effects of migration processes on European regions and cities.

The subsequent session will offer a thorough presentation of European progress on economic, social and territorial cohesion and the content of the future Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. The focus of European funds is on key investment priorities to effectively assist the development of cities and regions, hit by the recession or not. This approach will play an essential role in ensuring investment towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. National policy makers will add up to the latter presentation with statements based on the Territorial Agenda 2020 concerning their needs for evidence by the ESPON post 2013 Programme. This session will ensure that participants have a common basis for the dialogue during the seminar.

In two consecutive parallel workshop sessions, participants will address the latest results from ESPON applied research projects, targeted analyses and scientific platform projects. Here the important focus will be on key messages useful for policy makers in the context of Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and in policy development promoting policy orientations of the Territorial Agenda 2020.

The first day will end with a presentation of new ESPON tools related to cartography and mapping.

The second day will start off with a slot dedicated to all ESPON projects related to territorial monitoring and benchmarking. The subsequent plenary session will address the various outreach activities by the ESPON Contact Point Network. Finally, the ESPON ET 2050 project on “Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe” will invite for reactions on their progress on the long-term future of the European territory. Hereafter, information on the progress in renewing ESPON for 2014-2020 will be given with a possibility for feedback from participants, also taking up observations from the seminar proceedings.

The seminar will close with the presentation of the intentions of the upcoming Greek EU Presidency before the farewell by the current Lithuanian EU Presidency.

Audience

A warm welcome is extended to ESPON policy makers, stakeholders, practitioners, scientists and experts, who want to take part in the tailoring of ESPON territorial evidence and who want to influence the further progress of the ESPON Programme 2014-2020 and the use of European territorial evidence for policy development and implementation of future ESIF programmes.

Tuesday 3 December 2013

20:00

Welcome Reception

Niño, Tapas Bar & Lounge, Šv. Ignoto g. 16, 01120 Vilnius

Wednesday 4 December 2013

08:30

Registration of participants

09:00

Welcome and opening

Chair of the day: Aleksandras Gordevičius, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Lithuania

Welcome statements

- Marius Narmontas, Ministry of the Environment, Lithuania
- Artūras Blotnys, Development Department of the City of Vilnius, Lithuania
- Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority, Luxembourg

09:30

PLENARY SESSION

Impacts of the economic crisis on migration in Europe

The opening plenary session will address the drivers and directions of migration processes resulting from the global economic crisis, and explore the implications at different scales for the economy, society, and public services across European cities, regions, and larger territories. A key note speaker will present the latest available information on migration trends. The presentation will be followed by statements from and a discussion between policy makers, involving participants in the seminar.

Key note speaker and moderator: Antonio Russo, University 'Rovira i Virgili', Spain

Panel discussion:

- Aleksandras Gordevičius, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Lithuania
- Mathilde Konstantopoulou, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Greece
- Daniel de Groot, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Netherlands
- Teofil Gherca, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Romania (tbc)
- Wilfried Köhler, Ministry for Regional Development and Transport of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany and Lead Stakeholder in SEMIGRA

11:00

Networking with coffee and tea

11:30

PLENARY SESSION

Investments in territories supported by Cohesion Policy

Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 shall support investment in growth and jobs around Europe. The potentials and challenges of regions and cities are diverse and the crisis has hit asymmetrically. Focus on a few thematic priorities is key, and new tools such as Integrated Territorial Investment will be available. First, a representative from DG Regional and Urban Policy will present the key findings of the eighth progress report on economic, social, and territorial cohesion and an outlook on the future. This will be followed by short statements of ESPON Monitoring Committee members focusing on needs for territorial evidence stemming from the TA 2020 context and in relation to Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. This will open for a short debate in the plenary.

Facilitator: Peter Schön, ESPON Contact Point Germany

- Eric von Breska, European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Didier Michal, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, France
- Chris Poulton, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, UK
- Blanka Bartol, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Slovenia
- Maria José Festas, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Portugal

12:30 **Group photo**

12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **WORKSHOP SESSION**

Territorial evidence relevant for regions, cities and ETC programmes

This session will focus on key findings from ongoing projects and their usefulness in supporting policy makers in developing and implementing policies/strategies in the context of Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and the Territorial Agenda 2020. Against this backdrop, the six workshops are structured along the six territorial priorities as laid down in the Territorial Agenda 2020. The two workshop sessions will encourage a broad dialogue with the purpose of mutual learning. The individual workshops will be moderated by MC members and facilitated by ECP members.

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
<p>Polycentric and balanced territorial development</p> <p>Chair: Chris Poulton, MC UK Facilitator: Agnieszka Olechnicka, ECP PL Coordinator: Marjan van Herwijnen, ESPON CU</p> <p>Input from ESPON projects: Ioan Ianos, GROSEE Loris Servillo, TOWN Andreu Ulied, ET2050</p>	<p>Integrated development in cities, rural and specific regions</p> <p>Chair: Odd Godal, MC NO Facilitator: David Evers, ECP NL Coordinator: Michaela Gensheimer, ESPON CU</p> <p>Input from ESPON projects: Petri Kahila, TIPSE Efrain Larrea, ETMS Lisa Van Well, TANGO</p>	<p>Territorial integration in cross-border and transnational functional regions</p> <p>Chair: Milada Hronkova, MC CZ Facilitator: Gretar Thor Eythorsson, ECP IS Coordinator: Peter Billing, ESPON CU</p> <p>Input from ESPON projects: Gunnar Lindberg, BSR-TeMo Pierre Beckouche, ITAN Jürgen Pucher, TerrEvi Lynne McGowan, North Sea STAR</p>
Room: Carmen	Room: Tosca	Room: Aida I/II

15:00 **Networking with coffee and tea**

15:30

WORKSHOP SESSION

Territorial evidence relevant for regions, cities and ETC programmes - continued

Workshop 4	Workshop 5	Workshop 6
<p>Global competitiveness of regions based on strong local economies</p> <p>Chair: Kristine Rasina, MC LV Facilitator: Elena Christofidou-Petraki, ECP CY Coordinator: Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON CU</p> <p>Input from ESPON projects: Eduardo Dias, CityBench Lukas Smas, DeTeC Adrian Healy, ECR2 Carlos Tapia, GREECO</p>	<p>Territorial connectivity for individuals, communities and enterprises</p> <p>Chair: Juha Nurmi, MC FI Facilitator: Amel Feredj, ECP FR Coordinator: Ann-Gritt Neuse, ESPON CU</p> <p>Input from ESPON projects: Klaus Spiekermann, TRACC Alois Humer, SeGI Efrain Larrea, ITAN</p>	<p>Managing and connecting ecological, landscape and cultural values of regions</p> <p>Chair: Daniel de Groot, MC NL Facilitator: Marija Burinskiene, ECP LT Coordinator: Sara Ferrara, ESPON CU</p> <p>Input from ESPON projects: Matti Wirth, LP3LP Efren Feliu, LIVELAND Andreu Ulied, ET2050</p>
Room: Aida I/II	Room: Carmen	Room: Tosca

17:00

PLENARY SESSION

Cartographic translation of territorial evidence

ESPON is developing new tools and applications for analytical purposes that should on the one hand offer an innovative approach to graphic representation of territorial structures, trends, and perspectives; on the other hand help to visualise and analyse ESPON data and indicators in maps and diagrams. This slot will give the floor to recent and ongoing projects to present their results and get feedback from members of the ESPON Monitoring Committee as well as fellow scientists and experts. Presentations will be followed by plenary discussion.

- Timothée Giraud, Cartographic Language
- Volker Schmidt-Seiwert, ESPON ATLAS
- Sergio Muñoz, RIMAP

18:00

Introduction to Day 2

19:00

Seminar Dinner

Charles De Vim's Mill, Belmontas Entertainment and Recreation Centre, Belmonto g. 17, 11300 Vilnius. Free shuttle bus service to and from the dinner venue will be provided by the Lithuanian EU Presidency.

Thursday 5 December 2013

Chair of the day: Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

9:00

PLENARY SESSION

Monitoring and benchmarking the European territory

The aim of this session is to present different ESPON 2013 projects that contribute to a territorial monitoring system for Europe. The inter-linkage of the different tools will be the focus in exploring their usefulness for stakeholders across Europe. The relation to the territorial monitoring system presented for the Baltic Sea Region will be discussed as a possible proto-type for territorial monitoring in macro-regions. In particular, the discussion following the project presentations should focus on what can be learned from these projects for the future activities within ESPON post 2013, which aims inter alia at establishing a regular European monitoring and offering custom-made macro-regional and transnational monitoring systems. Presentations will be followed by plenary discussion.

Facilitator: Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON Coordination Unit

- Efrain Larrea, ETMS
- Claude Grasland, M4D
- Gunnar Lindberg, BSR-TeMo
- Eduardo Dias, CityBench

Statements from Policy Makers:

- Graeme Purves, Lead stakeholder KITCASP
- Odd Godal, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Norway and involved in BSR-TeMo
- Anneloes van Noordt, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Belgium (Flanders)

10:30

Networking coffee and tea

11:00

PLENARY SESSION

Capitalisation activities of the ECP network: Development and perspectives

The ECP network has developed a number of creative methods, tools, guidance and approaches to support policy makers and practitioners at transnational and sub-national level to access and make use of ESPON results. In total five ECP transnational networking activities have been carried out and two projects will continue into 2014 and further strengthen this important contribution to the capitalisation of ESPON.

This session will provide a concrete and stimulating insight into the activities of the ECP network and their experiences made. It will bring ECP representatives from the projects to the stage to engage in an inter-active dialogue and demonstration of the multiple ways of achieving capitalisation of ESPON results in the transnational and national context. The discussion will also address possible improvements that could contribute to a wider outreach and use of ESPON territorial evidence in ESPON post 2013. Reflection statements will be followed by plenary discussion.

Facilitator: Cliff Hague, ESPON Contact Point UK

- Katarzyna Wojnar, ESPON Contact Point Poland, INTERSTRAT
- Volker Schmidt-Seiwert, ESPON Contact Point Germany, SCALES
- Gretar Thor Eythorsson, ESPON Contact Point Iceland, NORBA
- David Evers, ESPON Contact Point Netherlands, CaDEC

- Stella Kyvelou-Chiotini, ESPON Contact Point Greece, ESPONTrain
- Marija Burinskiene, ESPON Contact Point Lithuania, ENECON
- Estelle Evrard, ESPON Contact Point Luxembourg, USESPON

12.30

Lunch

13:30

PLENARY SESSION

Territorial Vision for Europe 2050

The final session of the day will give an opportunity to the ET2050 team to present their Territorial Scenarios and draft Territorial Vision for Europe in 2050. An interactive discussion should generate feedback from the participants of the seminar for their further work on the project.

- Andreu Ulied and Carlo Sessa supported by Valérie Biot, Roberto Camagni, Klaus Spiekermann, and Jacek Szlachta, all ET2050

14:30

PLENARY SESSION

ESPON in 2014 and beyond

The ESPON 2013 Programme is moving towards the end and a new programme for ESPON 2014-2020 will take over. The final activities in 2014 of the current programme will be presented together with the latest details on the next renewed ESPON Programme. After that, the floor will be open for further discussion.

- Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit
- Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

15:30

PLENARY SESSION

Concluding remarks

This session will provide a glimpse of the intentions of the Greek EU Presidency. The session ends with a farewell message from the Lithuanian EU Presidency.

- Mathilde Konstantopoulou, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Greece
- Aleksandras Gordevičius, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Lithuania

16:00

Farewell coffee and tea

MAP OF INTERNAL SEMINAR VENUE



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More information

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 for Spatial Planning and Development of Luxembourg.

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