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ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme

Launch seminar on 3-4 June 2015

Venue: Hotel Jūrmala SPA, Jomas 47/49, LV-2015 Jūrmala, Latvia

FINAL PROGRAMME

2 June 2015 evening:

Welcome Drink by Latvian EU Presidency

3 June 2015 from 9:30-18:00:

Chair of the day: Ingūna Urtāne, EU Presidency Latvia

9:30-9:45: Welcome by Latvia and the ESPON MA

- Ilona Raugze, Deputy State secretary, Ministry of environmental protection and regional development of Latvia
- Gatis Truksnis, Mayor, City of Jūrmala
- Thiemo W. Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

9:45-10:30: The approved ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme

- How is the third ESPON programme generation supposed to contribute to Cohesion Policy and Territorial Cohesion?
- What are the main elements in the renewed ESPON programme setting?

Introductory presentation by Thiemo W. Eser from the ESPON 2020 Managing Authority:

- a. Contribution envisaged to the EU2020 Strategy and Cohesion Policy
- b. Evaluations pointing at renewal and leaner implementation provisions
- c. Programme Strategy, Mission and Specific Objectives
- d. Target Groups
- e. Priority Axes
- f. Geography
- g. Budget
- Q and A with participants

10:30-11:00: Networking coffee and tea

11:00-13:00: Policy Arena around the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme

- What should ESPON 2020 deliver to different policy processes at all levels?
- How could territorial evidence contribute to the implementation of ESIF programmes and the Juncker Plan?
- What activities should be considered to fulfil the mission and specific objectives of ESPON 2020?

Plenary presentations on:

- Prospects for the review of the EU 2020 Strategy, the Juncker Plan and Cohesion Policy after 2020
 - Philippe Monfort, European Commission, DG Regio/Urban
- An European Urban Agenda
 - Pedro Campos Ponce, the Netherlands
- Use of ESPON evidence across borders in programmes and EU macro-regions
 Adriana May, Regione Lombardia presenting Alpine Space
- European research challenges for ESPON 2020
 - Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Nordregio

Interactive dialogue promoting feedback from all participants of a variety of different ESPON stakeholders on their views, expectations and wishes. Moderator: Kai Boehme

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:00: Progress on European territorial evidence by ESPON

- What territorial knowledge base has ESPON 2013 provided?
- What has been achieved so far that can function as base for ESPON 2020?

Presentations in plenary by the ESPON Coordination Unit:

- a. Applied research results, Gavin Daly
- b. Targeted Analyses, Michaela Gensheimer
- c. Monitoring, Tools and Capitalisation, Peter Billing

Plenary debate on lessons learned and introduction to fish bowls session

15:00-15:30: Networking coffee and tea

15:30-18:00: Concrete stakeholder use of ESPON territorial evidence

- How has ESPON territorial evidence supported policy development?
- Was ESPON support in targeted analyses and workshops a positive contribution?

- Did analytical ESPON tools make a difference?

3 Parallel Workshops for interactive discussion in 3 Fish bowls		
Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Uptake in European policy	Uptake by EU Presidencies	Outreach to national,
development, in relation	on the policy priorities of	regional and local
to Cohesion Policy and	Small and Medium Sized	authorities related to
Territorial Impact	Urban Areas and	Cross-border Metropolitan
Assessment	Territorial Vision and	Development and Urban
	Scenarios	development
Moderator:	Moderator:	Moderator:
Kai Boehme	Ilona Raugze	Daniel de Groot
Speakers:	Speakers:	Speakers:
Philippe Monfort, EC DG	Ilona Raugze, Latvian EU	Daniel de Groot, MC
Regio	Presidency	Netherlands
Slaven Klobucar, CoR	Frederick-Cristoph	Mathilde
	Richters, incoming	Konstantopoulou, MC
	Luxembourg EU	Greece for ESPON and
		UrbAct
Fish bowl 1 - Dialogue	Fish bowl 2 - Dialogue	Fish bowl 3 - Dialogue
Possible use of evidence	Possible use of evidence	Possible use of evidence
today and tomorrow at	today and tomorrow by	today and tomorrow at
European level	EU Presidencies	national, regional and
		local level
2 starting chairs:	2 starting chairs:	2 starting chairs:
Stephen Blair, MC Ireland	Sverker Lindblad, MC	Sabine Stölb, MC
Peter Schön, BBSR	Sweden	Luxembourg
Germany (tbc)	David Evers, PBL	Carsten Jahn Hansen,
	Netherlands	Aalborg University
		Denmark (tbc)
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Plenary reflections of parallel "fish bowls"

- Kai Boehme, Ilona Raugze, Daniel de Groot

20:00: Dinner offered by mayor of City of Jūrmala

4 June from 9-13h:

Chair of the day: Ingūna Urtāne, EU Presidency Latvia

9:00-10:00: The renewed implementation logic of ESPON 2020

- How will the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme be implemented?
- What is different to ESPON 2013 in the administrative set-up?
- How will stakeholders, researchers and experts be involved?

Presentation of the implementation provisions by Thiemo W. Eser:

- a. The new set up with Single Beneficiary, the ESPON EGTC
- b. Multi-Annual Work Programme and Annual Work Plans
- c. Contracting of services by the ESPON EGTC
- d. The ESPON 2020 Contact Point network

Q and A related to participation as service providers in implementation activities.

10:00-10:30: Networking coffee and tea

10:30-12:45: The renewed ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme in detail

- What type of actions and activities will ESPON 2020 carry through?
- How to participate in the ESPON 2020 programme and how to benefit from the programme?
- What knowledge transfer and outreach activities are foreseen?
- What is the envisaged timing for calls?

Presentation by Peter Mehlbye:

- a. Enhanced production of Territorial evidence through applied research and analyses.
- b. Upgraded knowledge transfer and analytical user support
- c. Improved territorial observation and tools for territorial analyses.
- d. Wider outreach and uptake of territorial evidence

Q and A with all participants

12:45-13:00: Themes of incoming EU Presidencies

- Frederick-Christoph Richters, incoming EU Presidency Luxembourg
- Daniel de Groot, The Netherlands
- Tibor Németh, Slovakia

Closure