

The activities under the Luxembourgish Presidency on Territorial Cohesion and Urban Policy

ESPON 2020 Launch Seminar

Jūrmala, 6 May 2015



- **Action 1** – Assessing the implementation of the Territorial Cohesion objective and the Territorial Agenda 2020
- **Action 2** - Territorial Scenarios and Visions of Europe for 2050
- **Action 3** - Specific legal provisions for border areas
- **Action 4** - Systematic and structured political debate on Cohesion (General Affairs Council)
- **Action 5** - Small and medium cities: cross-border polycentric regions

Territorial Scenarios and Visions of Europe for 2050

➤ *Actions during LU Presidency:*

- Exploring the potential of a political debate on European territorial scenarios and visions with a perspective of 2050.
- Critically assessing the available material/approaches.
- Creating the common political understanding of the added value of debating a policy-oriented scenario and visioning process.

Workshop 23 April 2015

The need for specific legal provisions for border regions

➤ *Actions during LU Presidency:*

- Voluntarily applicable specific legal provisions in border regions.
- Investigating the feasibility of and the necessary conditions for such an approach.
- Building a case by collecting examples of issues and rules hampering cross-border cooperation.

Workshop 19 May 2015

Cross-border polycentric regions

➤ *Actions during LU Presidency:*

- Exploring the umbrella theme of small and medium cities with specific reference to cross-border polycentric regions (CBPRs).
- Challenges of how to reach the critical mass of a metropolitan region.
- Analysing success factors and identifying best practices with regards to governance, ESI funding, and common development strategies.

Workshop 30 June 2015 (registration is open!)

15-16 September (lunch to lunch)

- Responsible: *LU Presidency, European Commission, INTERACT*
- 500 participants (**registration is still open!**)

➤ History of INTERREG

- *Screening of “Le dessous des cartes - Interreg”*

➤ The Role of INTERREG

- *Panels: Labour market & demographic change, Environment*

➤ Thinking out of the box

- *The Behavioural Dimension of International Cooperation*
- *Diffusion of innovation*

➤ Taking a global view (*Africa, Latin America*)

➤ Building on 25 years

- *Panel discussion: Visions for your region / Europe in 2040*
- *What would it take to get there?*
- *What would be the role of INTERREG?*



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In the second semester of 2015, Luxembourg will assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In this section, the Département de l'Aménagement du Territoire (Ministère du Développement Durable et des Infrastructures) will present its programme and priorities for the Presidency and inform about upcoming events.

Events

In this sub-section, you will find information (including programmes, practical information, and links to online registration) about our upcoming events.

- [Workshop "What European territory do we want?" on Territorial Scenarios and Visions of Europe for 2050 \(23rd April 2015, Luxembourg-City\)](#)
- [Workshop "The need for specific legal provisions to boost cross-border cooperation" \(19 May 2015, Luxembourg-City\)](#)
- [Workshop "The potential of small and medium cities in cross-border polycentric metropolitan regions" \(30 June 2015, Luxembourg-City\)](#)

NTCCP/UDG	9-10 September
URBACT MC	11 September
Conference “25 years of Interreg”	15-16 September
Interreg Europe MC	17 September
GAC Cohesion Policy	13 October
Open Days Workshops	14-15 October
DG Meeting (Terr. & Urb.)	20-21 October
Informal Ministerial Meeting (Terr. & Urb.)	26-27 November
Interreg Europe MC	1-2 December

Last, but never least!

➤ ***ESPON Week*** ***7-10 December 2015***

Merci fir är Opmierksamkeet!

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- *Thiemo W. Eser*
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- *Marie-Josée Vidal*
- *Frederick Richters*
- *Jennifer Ries*

