



What European territory do we want?

Workshop preparing a political debate on Territorial Scenarios and Visions of Europe for 2050

- ***Making the future European territory visible***
- ***Understanding the future territory of Europe***
- ***Finding appropriate answers today for the challenges of tomorrow***

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The workshop is addressed at

experts from ***all sectors*** at the ***European, transnational, national, and regional level***
motivated to discuss the future of the European Territory

- Policymakers;
- Academics and consultants;
- Representatives of administrations;
- NGOs and stakeholders;

This workshop is part of the Luxembourg Presidency Programme.

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Wednesday 22 April 2015 – Informal Reception

19:00 *Welcome drink*

Thursday 23 April 2015 – Workshop

8:30 *Registration and welcome coffee*

Chair of the day: Thiemo W. Eser, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

1. Opening

9:00 **Welcome**

- Frank Vansteenkiste, Director-General, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

9:15 **Setting the scene**

Why should Europe discuss the future of territorial development – is Europe ready for such a discussion on scenarios and visions?

- Thiemo W. Eser, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

2. Territorial Scenarios

9:30 **Evidence: Which inputs do we have for a discussion of European territorial scenarios?**

Chair: Ilona Raugze, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

Presentations

- ESPON ET 2050: Andreu Ulied, MCRIT, Barcelona
- European Commission initiative on territorial scenarios: Martijn de Bruijn, DG Regio, European Commission
- Example of Netherlands: Liisa Kok, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands

Factual questions

10:30 *Coffee Break*

11:00 **Impulse statements**

What evidence do we have? What issue do they address? What is politically relevant? Where is the choice to make? What is the result of discussing scenarios? What are experiences from other/previous processes?

- Andrea Ricci, FLAGSHIP Project and Institute of Studies for the Integration of Systems (ISIS), Rome

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- Rafael Popper, University of Manchester and Futures Diamond
- Alessandro Balducci, Politecnico di Milano
- Bert Kuby, Committee of the Regions
- Hallgeir Aalbu, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Norway
- Roland Arbter, Federal Chancellery, Austria

Plenary discussion

12:30 *Lunch*

3. Territorial Visioning

13:45 **Evidence: What inputs do we have for a discussion of European territorial visions?**

Chair: Katharina Erdmenger, Federal Ministry for Transport, Germany

Presentations

- ESPON ET 2050: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit
- Example of VASAB: Tālis Linkaits, VASAB Secretariat
- Example of Central and Eastern Europe: Martin Ferry, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde

Factual questions

14:45 **Impulse statements**

Is Europe ready for a discussion of a vision? To whom shall a vision be addressed? For which policy fields could visions be relevant? Which policymakers could be addressed? What are experiences from other/previous processes?

- Iain Begg, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Jacek Szlachta, Warsaw School of Economics
- Martijn de Bruijn, DG Regio, European Commission
- Diána Haase, DG for Internal Policies, European Parliament
- Didier Michal, General Commissariat for the Equality of Territories, France
- Horst Sauer, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany

Plenary discussion

4. Conclusions and closure

16:00 **From territorial scenarios to visions of Europe – Access points for a political debate**

- Thiemo W. Eser, Department of Spatial Planning and Development, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

16:30 *Farewell Coffee*