

ESPON 2030 – Key Results from 2022/2023

The main ESPON activities during 2022/2023 were building on the achievements of the ESPON 2020 Programme and focussing on setting up the ESPON 2030 Programme in the following way:

- Approval of 8 [Thematic Action Plans](#) (4 in 2022 and 4 in 2023) – setting a scene for bundles of evidence production and knowledge transfer activities organised under the coherent strategic narrative.
- Organisation of 3 [ESPON seminars](#) dedicated to territorial cohesion priorities of the respective EU Council Presidencies (Czechia, Sweden and Spain).
- Launch of 6 [European research projects](#), which provide a pan-European perspective of territorial development trends and patterns, and advice on how to cope with them through place-based policies:
 - Under the TAP on Places resilient to crises - **TERRES** (*Territorialising Resilience: Transforming Europe for an Age of Crisis*);
 - Under the TAP on Climate neutral territories - **CoBren** (*Territorial cooperation for blue renewable energy*) and **TANDEM** (*Territorial Analysis of Decentralised Energy Markets*);
 - Under the TAP on Governance of new geographies - **NoStageo** (*Territorial governance of non-standard geographies*);
 - Under the TAP on Perspective for all people and places - **OVERLAP** (*Overlapping crises (re)shaping the future of regional labour markets*), and **HouseForAll** (*Access to affordable and quality housing for all people*).
- Preparation and/or launching of 8 [targeted analyses](#) responding to specific policy support needs raised by stakeholders in the EU member states and partner countries:
 - Under the TAP on Places resilient to crises - **CHANEBO** (Challenges at EU's North-East external borders); **VREPO** (Vulnerability, REsilience and REcovery POLicies of the physical living environment); and **ResilIance** (Improving Local Intermediate Authorities' crises preparedness and territorial Resilience);
 - Under the TAP on Climate neutral territories: **CleanEnergy4CE** (Putting clean energy transition policies into practice in central Europe);
 - Under the TAP on Governance of new geographies - **InTerAlp** (Interface Territories across the Alpine region); **KARPAT** (Determinants and opportunities for the socio-economic and spatial development of the Carpathian region); and **AtlanticMRS** (Orientations for the development of an Atlantic Macro-Region);
 - Under the TAP on Perspective for all people and places - **RURALPLAN** (Innovative planning in shrinking societies).
- Implementation of an [on-demand territorial study](#) for Slovenia on the “[Quality of Life in the Alpine Convention space](#)” under the TAP on Perspective for all people and places.
- Publication of 2 ESPON policy papers prepared together with the EU Council Presidencies:
 - “[Territorial perspective of green industrialisation](#)” (Sweden);

- [“Small and medium-sized towns and cities: policies strengthening their role in achieving active, inclusive, and functional territories”](#) (Spain).
- Organisation of a growing number of **national knowledge transfer [events](#)** arranged by ESPON Contact Points to discuss results of ESPON projects in national policy contexts.
- Launch of **LORDIMAS** - a [self-assessment tool](#) allowing communities, cities and regions measure their digital maturity against the peers.
- Launch of a **performance review of the Territorial Agenda 2030**;
- Support to the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) in implementing 3 **territorial impact assessments** on EU legislative proposals.
- Organisation of a [conference](#) celebrating the **20 years of ESPON** and its innovative support to territorial policymaking.
- Organisation of the **launch event of the ESPON 2030 programme** "[From ESPON 2020 to ESPON 2030 - Building on 20 years of innovative support for territorial policy-making](#)".