

ESPON 2030 Programme

Monitoring Committee meeting

Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning
(4, place de l'Europe L-1499 Luxembourg)

Decision note (for publication)

1. Agreement on the Agenda

The Chair, the representative of the CZ Presidency as well as the Managing Authority (MA) welcomed the participants of the first ESPON 2030 Monitoring Committee meeting.

No additional agenda points were requested by the members.

2. General Provisions for the ESPON 2030 Programme

1. Status of nomination of Monitoring Committee members (MC) and ESPON Contact Points (ECPs) for the ESPON 2030 Programme

The MA informed about having received all nominations for the Monitoring Committee and approximately two third of the ESPON Contact Points members.

2. Formal establishment of the ESPON 2030 Monitoring Committee

With the agreement of the representatives of nominated Member and Partner States the MA declared the Monitoring Committee established.

The MA informed about the new regulatory requirements to inform the public about the decisions of the Monitoring Committee.

The Monitoring Committee agreed to publish a decision note to inform the general public online about the proceedings of the Monitoring Committee

3. Formal confirmation of decision taken under the ESPON 2030 Programme (document and decision)

The MA informed that according to the regulation the decisions taken under the programme prior the formal approval by the European Commission shall be reconfirmed by the formally established Monitoring Committee.

The MA then presented the document with list of decisions with the referring dates which have been taken and asked the formally established Monitoring Committee to confirm the agreement on these listed decisions.

The Monitoring Committee agreed that the decisions on all the documents listed were confirmed.

3. State of affairs after the last JWG meeting and next steps of the Programme (ppt and information) including

- ***Member and Partner State Agreement on the ESPON 2030***

The MA informed the MC that so far 10 Agreements have been submitted by the Member and Partner States.

- ***Transfer of contributions***

As for the contributions, the MA has received so far around 3M EUR. Three Member States paid in full their contributions for the entire programming period.

- ***Programme Management and Control System Description (MCSD)***

The MA informed about the steps to be taken and the documents and procedures to be prepared and/or to set-up in order to compile the MCSD of the ESPON 2030 Programme.

The final draft version of the MCSD is foreseen to be presented for discussion and approval to the MC at its meeting of December in Prague.

- ***Evaluation strategy***

The MA presented a proposal for the elaboration of the Evaluation Plan of the ESPON 2030.

The Monitoring Committee appreciated positively the strategy presented by the MA and asked the MA to elaborate an Evaluation Plan for the following MC meeting taking into account the remarks and comments made.

- ***Audit strategy***

The MA provided information about the support it is giving to the Audit Authority of the programme in relation to the preparation for the audit work for the ESPON 2030 Programme.

- ***Communication Strategy (document and decision)***

The MA presented the Communication Strategy underlining that all the elements that have been included were already been approved by the Members of the Monitoring Committee as included in the ESPON 2030 Programme document and as well by the European Commission .

The Monitoring Committee approved the Communication Strategy under the understanding that the minor comments provided will be incorporated in the final version.

Sessions with the ESPON EGTC

4. Thematic Action Plans (TAPs) one by one and related scoping notes (documents, for decision)

The ESPON EGTC made an introductory presentation, by ppt, to inform on the scope and source of revisions made in the description of the four TAPs after the MC meeting in Lille.

The Monitoring Committee approved the four TAPs and the scoping notes for the first activities.

5. Next steps regarding new TAPs and Horizontal Measures (information on ppt and discussion)

The ESPON EGTC introduced next steps in the SO implementation and a work plan for next months within the specific processes (First evidence production activities in the four TAPs, First potential knowledge development activities, First Horizontal Measures, Setting up the ESPON Knowledge Platform, Preparation of new TAPs).

The Monitoring Committee asked the EGTC to provide a timetable for the different activities and referring information packs.-

6. Role and contracting of ESPON Contact Points (ppt, information and discussion)

The ESPON EGTC presented information on the role and contracting of ECPs for information.

7. Timetable (document and decision)

The MC approved the timetable.

8. AOB

No AOBs raised.

Additional information can be requested contacting the ESPON Managing Authority at espon-programme@espon.mat.etat.lu
