

Inspire policy making by territorial evidence



**ESPON 2013 Programme
Internal Seminar**

**Territorial Evidence Serving
Cohesion Policy 2014-2020**

4-5 December 2013
Vilnius, Lithuania

Venue

Artis Centrum Hotels
Liejykos g. 11/23
01120 Vilnius

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Scope

This year's internal seminar in Vilnius will discuss the outputs delivered by ESPON 2013, and explore long-term perspectives and demands for future European territorial evidence in the light of the recent proposals to improve EU Cohesion Policy in the period 2014-2020.

The current reform foresees the concentration of investments on key themes and priorities to support the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and thereby help return growth and competitiveness to cities and regions across Europe.

The purpose of the event is to stimulate an open dialogue between members of the ESPON Monitoring Committee, representatives of the ECP network, stakeholders from Targeted Analyses, researchers and experts involved in applied territorial research and analyses. The internal seminar provides a unique opportunity to strengthen networking and generates an equally important opportunity for an in-depth discussion on options for using the ESPON knowledge base to support territories, regions and cities in the implementation of future cohesion policy.

Purpose

The internal seminar will address recent ESPON territorial evidence of relevance for regions and cities across Europe, and in particular reflect on territorial evidence needs during 2014-2020 in order to make the next ESPON Programme as relevant and useful as possible for policy makers and practitioners.

The purpose of the internal seminar is two-fold:

- Demonstrate and discuss the findings and usefulness of ESPON deliveries by past and current projects in relation to the intentions set out for the new EU Cohesion Policy during 2014-2020.
- Involve the multitude of actors within ESPON in reflections on (1) stimuli from territorial evidence to further uptake of a territorial dimension by policy and decision makers at different administrative levels, (2) possible closer links between projects and tools, and (3) proposals on actions within the next ESPON Programme.

Storyline

An opening plenary focusing on recent migration trends in Europe, which is of high interest for the Lithuanian EU Presidency, will start the dialogue on the first day.

Then a session will follow giving a thorough presentation on European progress on economic, social and territorial cohesion and the content of the future of Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. The focus of European funds is on key priorities to effectively assist the development of cities and regions, whether hit by the recession or not. This approach will play an essential role in ensuring investment towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. This session will give all participants a common platform for the dialogue during the seminar.

In two consecutive parallel workshop sessions, participants will address both the latest final results as well as ongoing result from applied research projects. Here the important focus will be on key messages that could be usefulness for programmes under Cohesion Policy 2014-2020.

The first day will end with a presentation of the ESPON Territorial Monitoring System for the Baltic Sea Region.

The second day will focus on ESPON tool development, outreach activities by the ESPON Contact Point Network and on “the future”. First a session including workshops will address the different tools of ESPON. This will be followed by a session discussing different types of ESPON capitalisation in the transnational context. Here the projects run by the ESPON Contact Point Network will be presented.

The future will be addressed first by the project on a Territorial Vision for Europe 2050 where a mix of plenary and workshops are foreseen. Hereafter, information on the progress in renewing ESPON for 2014-2020 will be given with a possibility for feedback from participants, also taking up observations from the seminar proceedings.

The seminar will close with the intentions in relation to ESPON of the upcoming EU Presidency of Greece before the farewell by the current Lithuanian EU Presidency.

Audience

A warm welcome is extended to ESPON policy makers, stakeholders, practitioners, scientists and experts, who want to take part in the tailoring of ESPON territorial evidence and who want to influence the further progress of the ESPON Programme 2014-2020 and the use of European territorial evidence for policy development and implementation of future ESIF programmes.

Tuesday 3 December 2013

20:00 **Welcome Reception**
Niño, Tapas Bar & Lounge, Šv. Ignoto g. 16, 01120 Vilnius

Wednesday 4 December 2013

08:30 **Registration of participants**

09:00 **Welcome and opening**

Chair of the day: ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Lithuania

Welcome statements

Lithuanian EU Presidency (tbc)

Vilnius City Municipality (tbc)

ESPON Managing Authority

09:30 **Plenary Session 1**

Impacts of the economic crisis on migration in Europe

The opening plenary session will address the nature and drivers of migration processes resulting from the global economic crisis, and explore the implications for the economy, society, and public services across European cities, regions, and larger territories. A key note speaker will present the latest available information on migration trends.

Plenary feedback

10:30-11.00 **Networking with coffee and tea**

11:00-12:30 **Plenary Session 2**

Investments in territories supported by Cohesion Policy

Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 shall support investment in growth and jobs around Europe. The potentials and challenges of regions and cities are diverse and the crisis has hit asymmetric. Focus on a few thematic priorities is key, and new tools such as Integrated Territorial Investment will be available. A representative from DG Regional and Urban Policy will present the key findings of the eighth progress report on economic, social, and territorial cohesion and an outlook on the future.

Plenary feedback

12:30 **Group photo**

12:30-13:30 **Lunch at Artis Centrum Hotel**

13:30- 15:00 **Parallel Workshop Session 1**

Territorial evidence relevant for regions, cities and ETC programmes

This session will focus on key findings from finalised projects and their usefulness to serve the needs of policy makers and practitioners at different administrative levels and in ETC programmes. This parallel session, like the previous, will encourage a broad dialogue with the purpose of mutual learning. The individual workshops will be moderated by MC members.

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Input on final ESPON results and discussion	Input on final ESPON results and discussion	Input on final ESPON results and discussion

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

15:30-17:00 **Parallel Workshop Session 2**

Upcoming new ESPON results

This session will focus on key findings from on-going projects and their capability to meet the needs of practitioners and policy makers. The parallel session will encourage dialogue between participants and stimulate interest in new insight on territories in support of investment and development. The individual workshops will be moderated by MC members.

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Input from on-going ESPON projects and discussion	Input from on-going ESPON projects and discussion	Input from on-going ESPON projects and discussion

17:00-17:30 **Plenary session 3**

Territorial Monitoring System for the Baltic Sea Region

The transnational project group behind this new ESPON tool for a macro-region will present monitoring system for the Baltic Sea Region.

Plenary feedback

17:30 **Introduction to Day 2**

19:00 **Seminar Dinner**

Charles De Vim's Mill, Belmontas Entertainment and Recreation Centre, Belmonto g. 17, 11300 Vilnius

Thursday 5 December 2013

Chair of the day: ESPON Monitoring Committee Member

9:00-10:30

Plenary and Parallel Workshop Session 1

Fostering use of ESPON tools by stakeholders

The aim of this session is to present the ESPON toolbox for the participants and explore their usefulness for stakeholders across Europe. A secondary and equally important focus is on ensuring that such tools are widely used. The different tools will be presented and discussed in detail in parallel workshops.

10:30

Networking coffee and tea

11:00

Plenary Session 4

Capitalisation through the ECP network to engage and spread results of ESPON 2013: Developments and perspectives

This plenary session will address the bringing role of the ECP network to engage and spread results of ESPON 2013 to policy makers at transnational and national level. In this respect, the session will highlight the contribution of Transnational Networking Activities in providing outreach to policy makers. The session shall also discuss improvements required to ensure a wider outreach and use of ESPON territorial evidence in the next ESPON Programme.

Plenary feedback

12.30

Lunch at Artis Centrum Hotel

13:30

Plenary and Parallel Workshop Session 2

Territorial Vision for Europe 2050

The final session of the day will be an informal roundtable of the seminar facilitators with plenary dialogue. It will bring together the lessons from the workshops and plenary sessions concerning the policy relevance of the outputs delivered by ESPON 2013, but also expectations from target groups towards the next programme.

Parallel workshops and plenary feedback

14:30

Networking coffee and tea

15:00

Plenary Session 5

ESPON after 2013

The ESPON 2013 Programme is moving towards the end and a new programme for ESPON 2014-2020 will take over. The final activities in 2014 of the current programme will be presented together with the latest details on the next renewed ESPON Programme.

Plenary feedback

16:00

Concluding remarks

Intentions of the Greece EU Presidency

ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Greece

Farewell by the Lithuania EU Presidency

ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Lithuania

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More information

The ESPON 2013 Programme is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the EU Member States and the Partner States Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

It shall support policy development in relation to the aim of territorial cohesion and a harmonious development of the European territory. ESPON shall support Cohesion Policy development with European wide, comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on framework conditions for the development of regions, cities and larger territories. In doing so, it shall facilitate the mobilisation of territorial capital and development opportunities, contributing to improving European competitiveness, to the widening and deepening of European territorial cooperation and to a sustainable and balanced development.

The Managing Authority responsible for the ESPON 2013 Programme is the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Department for Spatial Planning and Development of Luxembourg.

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