New Danish Contact Point under the ESPON 2013 Programme

Dear Mr. Romain Diederich

Referring to Your letters dated March, 15, 2011 and July, 1, 2010, I am happy to inform you that the Agency of Nature, Ministry of Environment, Denmark, has selected a new Danish Contact Point (ECP) under the ESPON 2013 Programme.

The Danish Contact Point is:

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I include information concerning the appointed institution for the confirmation of the Danish ECP.

Yours sincerely

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Copy to Mr. Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU, L-4221 Esch-sur-Alzette.
1. Presentation of the institution selected as ECP

NYKOM - Centre for new local development, strategy and planning - is an institution under University of Aalborg

NYKOM has more than 20 researchers dealing with

- Trends and issues related to development of cities, regions and rural areas
- Spatial planning methods, policies, cultures and ideas
- Local government's visions and strategies management, networks and planning
- Land use and land use regulations in relation to all different planning levels
- Digitalisation of planned land use and IT based administration in general.

2. The choice of the selected ECP and compliance with national rules

The choice of NYKOM for ECP is based on NYKOM's high academic standard and skills and on NYKOM's documented expertise in relation to regional, spatial and territorial themes. It has been considered very unlikely to receive other offers, which in any way would be preferable in comparison to NYKOM. No other candidates have shown up in the almost one and a half year, Denmark has been without an ESPON ECP. The choice of NYKOM has been made in compliance with Danish rules of selection.

3. The administrative, financial and technical capabilities of the selected ECP

NYKOM is administratively, financially and technically backed by several institutes at Aalborg University. NYKOM thus has sufficient administrative, financial and technical capabilities to fulfil the conditions concerning services to be delivered as an ECP.

4. Justification of no-conflict of interest

NYKOM is part of a public university with its own and independent management, and financed by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. The Danish ESPON MC is under the Nature Agency, a body in the Ministry of Environment. Thus there is no conflict of interests.