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Pre-announcement ESPON Calls for Proposals (18/04/12 – 13/06/12)



Calls for Proposals for Targeted Analysis, Scientific Platform/Tools Projects and Transnational Networking Activities will open on **18 April 2012**.

The theme of the Call on Priority 2 - **Targeted Analysis** is "North Sea - Spreading Transnational Results". The total available budget amounts to 340.000,00 €. One single proposal will be selected for the theme indicated.

The Call on Priority 3 - **Scientific Platform/Tools** includes the following themes:

1. European Territorial Monitoring System (budget 598.000,00 €)
2. Detecting Territorial Potential and Challenges (budget 350.000,00 €)
3. European Urban Benchmarking Web Tool (budget 200.000,00 €)

The total available budget for this call amounts to 1.148.000,00 € which is distributed on projects as indicated above. One single proposal will be selected for each of the 3 themes indicated.

The Call on Priority 4 - **Transnational Networking Activities** is dedicated exclusively to the institutions confirmed as national ESPON Contact Points. The total available budget will be announced at the opening of the call on 18 April 2012. [More reading](#)

ESPON Info Day on New Calls and Partner Café. Brussels, 10 May 2012



In the framework of the upcoming [Calls for Proposals](#), ESPON invites for an Info Day and Partner Café in Brussels on 10 May 2012. The purpose of the event is to inform and assist potential beneficiaries in preparing proposals for the upcoming Calls. The event will focus on the content specifications and the procedures for applying. The Info Day and Partner Café will also give participants the chance to network, to find partners for their projects and get feedback.

The event is open for all potential beneficiaries interested in learning more about this opportunity to take part in ESPON projects and to apply for funds to the ESPON 2013 Programme. Deadline for registration is 26 April 2012 at 15h00.

Reserve your place now! Find out more: [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#)

ESPON releases six new videos



Why does Europe need ESPON? How to use ESPON? What is the importance of climate change, innovation and knowledge economy, accessibility, metropolitan areas for the successful development of territories, regions and cities? The answers to these questions can be found in the six new videos from ESPON.

By interviewing politicians, policy makers, stakeholders and researchers, the

videos translate complex themes into practical information. The videos highlight how these testimonials use ESPON and benefit from its pan-European evidence and data related to territorial dynamics. Watch the videos at the [ESPON Website](#).

Use of ESPON/ Report “Unlocking growth in cities”

Recent report of UK government acknowledges the ESPON applied research project [SGPTD](#) (Secondary Growth Poles and Territorial Development in Europe) to make a new policy for UK secondary cities. [More](#)

How to use ESPON / Report “ESPONin anti arvioitavana” (*Reflections on ESPON results*)



The Ministry of Employment and Economy and the Ministry of Environment from Finland recently published a report which examines ESPON research projects and findings from a Finnish perspective.

The report includes, among others, the following topics: urbanization, cities, rural development, islands, territorial effects of the EU legislation. [Online edition](#).

ESPON in your country/ Polish version of the First ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report

The ESPON Contact Point in Poland has published the Polish version of the First ESPON 2013 Synthesis Report. The publication initially prepared by the ESPON Programme has been supplemented with evidence regarding the Polish territory. Based on selected ESPON reports from applied research projects and targeted analysis as well as synthetic studies of a series of thematic ESPON Territorial Observations, many policy-relevant conclusions have been highlighted. [LINK](#)

ESPON in your country / ESPON-INTERSTRAT Conference “Positioning urban Scotland in its European context – What can we learn about benchmarking?”, Edinburgh 30 March 2012

The UK ESPON Contact Point invites to a one-day conference. The event will focus on emergent Scottish urban development and planning in the context of findings about cities in general, and Scottish urban regions in particular, from the ESPON 2013 Programme. The recent announcement of the Agenda for Cities and the inclusion of a new urban dimension to the Cohesion Funds from 2014-2020 make this a very timely opportunity to connect Scotland and ESPON. [More](#)

News from INTERACT

INTERACT has published two vacancy announcements for the positions of [Capitalisation Manager](#) and [Programme & Financial Manager](#).

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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. More information: www.espon.eu

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