ESPON
Objective and Means
The Work: What and How
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PART 1:
What is the ESPON 2013 Programme? Progress and Operation
The ESPON 2013 Programme

Role in Structural Funds 2007-2013:
- Support EU Cohesion Policy development with pan-European, comparable facts and evidence on Territorial Structures, Trends, Perspectives and Policy Impacts, focusing on European Regions and Cities, and revealing territorial capital, potentials and challenges.

Budget 2007-13:
- 47 mill Euro (ERDF € 34 mill., plus € 13 mill. from 31 participating countries)

Policy driven programme:
- Monitoring Committee with 31 countries (deciding role)
- Concertation Committee (troika and EC in preparatory role)
- ESPON Contact Point Network
- Managing, Certifying and Audit Authorities
- ESPON Coordination Unit
Programme Priorities and Delivery

Programme Priorities:
- P 1: Applied Research defined by policy makers
- P 2: Targeted Analyses based on Stakeholder interest
- P 3: Scientific Platform and Tools
- P 4: Capitalisation

Programme Implementation:
- 25 Applied Research projects
  - 21 projects on-going or final, last 4 are just starting
- 23 Targeted Analyses (defined by stakeholder demand)
  - 18 on-going or closing, 4 are just starting, 1 in next call
- 11 larger projects under Scientific Platform and Tools
  - 8 larger projects on-going, final or just starting, 3 in next call
- 7 Transnational Networking Activities
  - 6 projects on-going of which 1 is just starting, 1 in next call
Last Calls for Proposals

Last Calls open from 18 April 2012 to 13 June 2012:

Priority 2: Targeted Analysis:
- North Sea - Spreading Transnational Results (budget €340.000)

Priority 3: Scientific Platform and Tools:
- European Territorial Monitoring System (budget €598.000)
- Detecting Territorial Potential and Challenges (budget €350.000)
- European Urban Benchmarking Web Tool (budget €200.000)

Priority 4: Transnational Networking Activities:
- Capitalisation at transnational level, dedicated exclusively to the institutions confirmed as national ESPON Contact Points (remaining budget).
## Themes of ESPON Applied Research

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25 Project themes final, ongoing, starting:

- Cities and Urban Agglomerations/Functionality and development opportunities for European competitiveness and cohesion/FOCI
- Development Opportunities in different types of Rural Areas/EDORA
- Demography and Migratory Flows affecting European regions and cities/DEMIFER
- Effects of Rising Energy Prices on Regional Competitiveness/RERISK
- Territorial Impact Assessment of Policies/TIP TAP
- Climate Change and Territorial Effects on regions and local economies/CLIMATE
Themes of Applied Research (2)

- Attractiveness of European regions and cities for residents and visitors/ATTREG
- European patterns of land use/EU-LUPA
- Territorial cooperation in transnational areas and across internal/external borders/TERCO
- Accessibility at regional/local scale and patterns in Europe/TRACC
- Secondary growth poles in territorial development/SGPTD
- European perspective on specific types of territories/GEOSPECS
- Territorial dimension of innovation and knowledge economy/KIT
- Continental territorial structures and flows (globalisation)/TIGER
Themes of Applied Research (3)

- Territorial and Regional sensitivity of EU Directives/ARTS
- Services of General Interest/SEGI
- European Seas in Territorial Development/EsatDOR
- Territorial Contribution to Europe 2020/SIESTA
- Territorial Scenarios and Visions for Europe/ET2050
- Territorial Potentials for Greener Economy/GREECO
- Territorial Governance – Practices and Perspectives/TANGO
- European Neighbour Regions
- Small and Medium sized Towns in their Functional Territorial Context
- The territorial dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe
- Economic Crises: Resilience of Regions
Themes of Targeted Analyses (1)

23 projects ongoing/closing/starting using ESPON results:

- The Case for Agglomeration Economies in Europe/CAEE
- The Development of the Islands – European Islands and Cohesion Policy/EUROISLANDS
- Cross-Border Polycentric Metropolitan Regions/MetroBorder
- Success for Convergence Regions’ Economies/SURE
- Spatial Scenarios: New Tools for Local-Regional Territories/SS-LR
- Territorial Diversity/TeDi
- Potential of Rural Regions/PURR
- Transnational Support Method for European Cooperation/TranSMEC
- ESPON and TIA/EATIA
Themes of Targeted Analyses (2)

- Yardsticks for Cross-border Spatial Development/ULYSSES
- Regional Integrated Strategies/RISE
- Polycentric Metropolisation in Central Europe/POLYCE
- Territorial Performance Monitoring/TPM
- Development conditions for Paris, Berlin, Warsaw/BEST METROPOLISES
- Migration and Gender balance in Rural Regions/SEMIGRA
- Smart Institutions for Territorial Development/SMART-IST
- Airports as Drivers in Peripheral Regions/ADES
- Advanced Monitoring of regional R&D/AMCER
- Growth Poles in South-East Europe/GROSEE
- Key Indicators for Territorial Cohesion/Spatial Planning/KITCASp
- Landscape Policy for 3 Countries Park/LP3LP
- Liveable Landscapes/LIVELAND
- Spreading Transnational Results/North Sea STAR
Themes in Scientific Platform and Tools

11 larger projects ongoing/final/starting:
- ESPON Database (phase I)
- ESPON 2013 Database (phase II)
- Territorial Indicators/INTERCO
- Typology Compilation
- European Territorial Monitoring and Reporting
- Territorial Monitoring in MacroRegion – Baltic Sea Region
- Detecting Territorial Potentials
- Territorial Evidence Packs for Structural Funds Programmes
- ESPON Atlas 2014
- On-line Mapping Tool
- European Urban Benchmarking Web Tool
Thank you for your attention on Part 1.

Any questions or comments?

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