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Part 3: ESPON post 2013



Policy Demand for ESPON post 2013 (1)

Ministers and the Commissioners priorities:

- Continuity in the observation of territorial dynamics based on policy demand
- Provision of pan-European comparable data and indicators on regions, cities and larger territories
- High quality contributor to policy making
- Support key policy processes enhancing a territorial dimension
- Swifter delivery of facts and evidence for policy, capable of short term analytical deliveries
- Strengthened and easier understandable communication
- A strengthened institutional setting
- Leaner administrative burden

Policy Demand for ESPON post 2013 (2)

Considerations on Institutional and Administrative set-up:

- Monitoring Committee (of 32 countries) remaining the key decisive body
- Reinvented Concertation Committee combining policy advice and scientific quality assurance
- Teams following each applied research project headed by MC member, including interested countries and the Commission
- Strengthened capacity of the core team (ESPON CU)
- Use of service contract logic reducing administrative costs for project partners and participating countries
- Investigating the inclusion of a EGTC
- Investigating a model for budget and liability sharing

Possible Priorities of Operational Programme

Priority Axis 1:

Territorial Observation, Knowledge Support and Capitalisation

- Applied research defined by the Monitoring Committee
- Targeted Analysis defined by Stakeholder demand
- Tools, Database and Indicator development and maintenance
- Monitoring and periodic Reporting
- Analytical Responses and Evidence Support
- Media, Events, Publications and Transnational Capitalisation

Priority Axis 2:

Technical Assistance

Indicative Timing

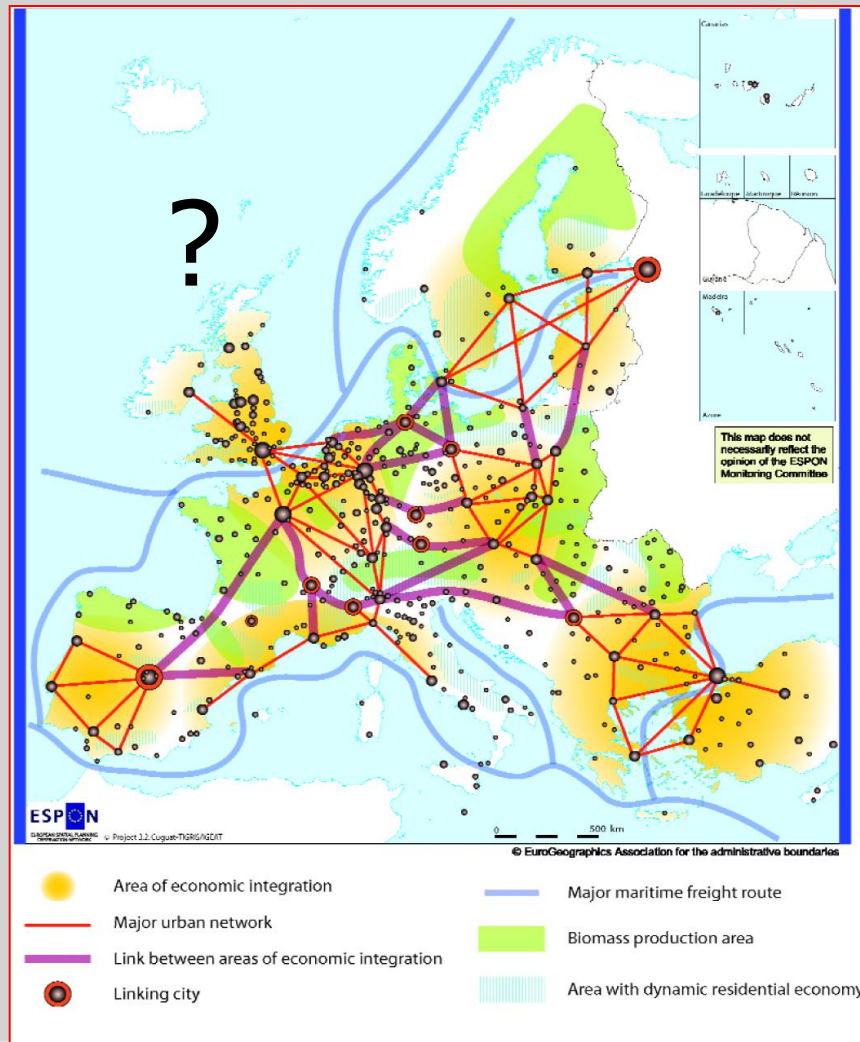
Submission of Operational Programme by mid 2013 for the adoption by the European Commission before 2014

- Strategy and Priority Axes
- Implementation Provisions
- Financing Plan
- Evaluation of ESPON 2013 by the EC
- Ex-ante Evaluation
- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Agreement with participating countries
- An EGTC statute (tbc)

Preparatory process until the start of ESPON post 2013:

- A Joint Working Group (delegate by 30 March 2013)
- All current countries invited plus Croatia

Iceland in proactive images of 2050??



Thank you for your attention

Any question and comment is welcome

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