

ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme Launch seminar

3-4 June, 2015

Venue: Hotel Jūrmala SPA, Jomas 47/49, LV-2015 Jūrmala, Latvia

2 June evening

Welcome drink by Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

3 June

Chair of the day: Ingūna Urtāne, Director of Spatial Planning Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia

- 9:30-9:45 Welcome by Latvia and the ESPON Managing Authority
- Ilona Raugze, Deputy State secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia
 - Gatis Truksnis, Mayor, City of Jūrmala
 - Thiemo W. Eser, ESPON Managing Authority
- 9:45-10:30 The approved ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme
- *How is the third ESPON programme generation supposed to contribute to Cohesion Policy and Territorial Cohesion?*
 - *What are the main elements in the renewed ESPON programme setting?*
- Introductory presentation by Thiemo W. Eser from the ESPON 2020 Managing Authority:
- Contribution envisaged to the EU2020 Strategy and Cohesion Policy
 - Evaluations pointing at renewal and leaner implementation provisions
 - Programme Strategy, Mission and Specific Objectives
 - Target Groups
 - Priority Axes
 - Geography
 - Budget
- Q and A with participants
- 10:30-11:00 *Networking coffee and tea*

11:00-13:00

Policy Arena around the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme

- *What should ESPON 2020 deliver to different policy processes at all levels?*
- *How could territorial evidence contribute to the implementation of ESIF programmes and the Juncker Plan?*
- *What activities should be considered to fulfil the mission and specific objectives of ESPON 2020?*

Plenary presentations on:

- Prospects for the review of the EU 2020 Strategy, the Juncker Plan and Cohesion Policy after 2020
 - Philippe Monfort, European Commission, DG Regio/Urban
- An European Urban Agenda
 - Pedro Campos Ponce, the Netherlands
- Regional and local stakeholders interest in European territorial dynamics
 - Representative of CEMR, tbc
- Use of ESPON evidence across borders in programmes and EU macro-regions
 - Adriana May, Regione Lombardia presenting Alpine Space
- European research challenges for ESPON 2020
 - Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Nordregio

Interactive dialogue promoting feedback from all participants of a variety of different ESPON stakeholders on their views, expectations and wishes.

- Moderator: Kai Boehme

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:00

Progress on European territorial evidence by ESPON

- *What territorial knowledge base has ESPON 2013 provided?*
- *What has been achieved so far that can function as base for ESPON 2020?*

Presentations in plenary by the ESPON Coordination Unit:

- Applied research results, Gavin Daly
- Targeted Analyses, Michaela Gensheimer
- Monitoring, Tools and Capitalisation, Peter Billing

Plenary debate on lessons learned and introduction to fish bowls session

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

15:30-18:00 Concrete stakeholder use of ESPON territorial evidence

- *How has ESPON territorial evidence supported policy development?*
- *Was ESPON support in targeted analyses and workshops a positive contribution?*
- *Did analytical ESPON tools make a difference?*

3 Parallel Workshops for interactive discussion in 3 Fish bowls

Workshop 1

Uptake in European policy development, in relation to Cohesion Policy and Territorial Impact Assessment

Moderator: Kai Boehme

Speakers:

Philippe Monfort, EC DG Regio

Slaven Klobucar, CoR

Fish bowl 1 - Dialogue

Possible use of evidence today and tomorrow at European level

2 starting chairs:

Stephen Blair, MC Ireland

Peter Schön, BBSR Germany (tbc)

Workshop 2

Uptake by EU Presidencies on the policy priorities of Small and Medium Sized Urban Areas and Territorial Vision and Scenarios

Moderator: Ilona Raugze

Speakers:

Ilona Raugze, Latvian EU Presidency

Frederick-Cristoph Richters, incoming Luxembourg EU Presidency

Fish bowl 2 - Dialogue

Possible use of evidence today and tomorrow by EU Presidencies

2 starting chairs:

Sverker Lindblad, MC Sweden (tbc)

David Evers, PBL Netherlands

Workshop 3

Outreach to national, regional and local authorities related to Cross-border Metropolitan Development and Urban development

Moderator: Daniel de Groot

Speakers:

Daniel de Groot, MC Netherlands

Mathilde Konstantopoulou, MC Greece for ESPON and UrbAct

Fish bowl 3 - Dialogue

Possible use of evidence today and tomorrow at national, regional and local level

2 starting chairs:

Sabine Stölb, MC Luxembourg (tbc)

Carsten Jahn Hansen, Aalborg University Denmark (tbc)

20:00

Dinner hosted by mayor of City of Jūrmala

4 June

Chair of the day: Ingūna Urtāne, Director of Spatial Planning Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia

9:00-10:00

The renewed implementation logic of ESPON 2020

- *How will the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme be implemented?*
- *What is different to ESPON 2013 in the administrative set-up?*
- *How will stakeholders, researchers and experts be involved?*

Presentation of the implementation provisions by Thiemo Eser:

- a. *The new set up with Single Beneficiary, the ESPON EGTC*
- b. *Multi-Annual Work Programme and Annual Work Plans*
- c. *Contracting of services by the ESPON EGTC*
- d. *The ESPON 2020 Contact Point network*

Q and A related to participation as service providers in implementation activities.

10:00-10:30

Networking coffee and tea

10:30-12:45

The renewed ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme in detail

- *What type of actions and activities will ESPON 2020 carry through?*
- *How to participate in the ESPON 2020 programme and how to benefit from the programme?*
- *What knowledge transfer and outreach activities are foreseen?*

- *What is the envisaged timing for calls?*

Presentation by Peter Mehlbye:

- Enhanced production of Territorial evidence through applied research and analyses.*
- Upgraded knowledge transfer and analytical user support*
- Improved territorial observation and tools for territorial analyses.*
- Wider outreach and uptake of territorial evidence*

Q and A with all participants

12:45-13:00

Themes of incoming Presidencies of the Council of European Union

- *Frederick-Christoph Richters, incoming EU Presidency Luxembourg*
- *Daniel de Groot, The Netherlands*
- *Tibor Németh, Slovakia*

13.00

Closure