ESPON 2013 Programme
Open Seminar
Territorial Co-operation for growth and jobs

Programme
13 and 14 June 2013

Venue:
Dublin Castle
Dublin, Ireland
Overview

Context
This ESPON Open Seminar in Dublin will address the main policy concerns in 2013, in particular the contribution of Territorial Co-operation towards recovery from the economic crisis as well as the development of Operational Programmes for the 2014-2020 period which is currently in a key moment.

The Seminar is organised in cooperation with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union within the framework of the ESPON 2013 Programme.

These Open Seminars are a key element of the capitalisation strategy of the ESPON 2013 Operational Programme which aims are to support policy development as well as to widen and to consolidate the ownership of ESPON evidence and knowledge.

Purpose
The purpose of this ESPON seminar is two-fold:

• Allow policy-makers, practitioners and researchers to share concrete experiences, discuss the use of territorial evidence and to identify options relevant to the Seminar theme;

• Demonstrate the usefulness and capability of the ESPON knowledge base at this critical juncture between programming periods.

Storyline
The first day aims at stimulating a thorough discussion of recovery and resilience concerning the economic crisis on the basis of territorial trends and supporting evidence from ESPON projects. The seminar will begin by examining the territorial outlook in the short and long term and new approaches from policy-makers for recovery and resilience. This plenary is complemented by the parallel workshop sessions in which ESPON projects reflect on the impact of the last crisis and the patterns, challenges and opportunities emerging across different types of territories.

The second day is structured within the scope of territorial co-operation and the envisioned thematic objectives of the Common Strategic Framework. This opening session will highlight the experiences of Territorial Co-operation programmes in responding to the effects of the economic crisis. A parallel workshop session will provide evidence that can be used to identify opportunities and potentials to assist with operational programming processes for Territorial Co-operation programmes but also for European Structural and Investment Funds and public investment generally.

The seminar will close with an informal roundtable of the Seminar facilitators with plenary dialogue. It will examine the general lessons from the seminar concerning recovery and resilience and implications for the role of Territorial Co-operation programmes and the demands for territorial evidence from the ESPON Programme.

In addition, the Open Seminar will offer a toolbox session which will give insight on the tools, indicators and data made available by ESPON.

Audience
A warm welcome is extended to all policy makers, practitioners, scientists and experts, who want to know more about the ESPON evidence or who are already involved in defining, producing and using the results of ESPON.

We hope you will enjoy the ESPON Open Seminar!
Thursday 13 June

8:00  Doors open

9:00  Welcome and Opening
Chair of the day: Stephen Blair, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Ireland

Welcome statements
Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU
• Jan O’Sullivan, TD, Minister of State with special responsibility for Housing and Planning (Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government)

Dublin City Council
• Jim Keogan, Executive Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, Dublin City Council

Aims of the Open Seminar
• Thiemo Eser, ESPON Managing Authority

New European Evidence for Territorial Development
• Peter Mehlbye, Director, ESPON Coordination Unit

09:45  Networking with Coffee and Tea, ESPON family photograph

10:15  Plenary Session 1:
Territorial outlook and new approaches for recovery and resilience
Introduction to topic and facilitator: Adrian Healy, University of Cardiff
This plenary session will present the territorial outlook and experiences from regional policy to foster recovery and resilience to future potential economic crises.

The impact of the crisis on cities and regions
• Lewis Dijkstra, EC DG Regional and Urban Policy and Michael Parkinson, European Institute for Urban Affairs

Europe in 2030: The crisis aftermath
• Andreu Ulied, ESPON Scenarios and Visions project

Territorial development strategies towards recovery
• Niall Cussen, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government
• Giuseppe Creanza, Regional Agency for Technology and Innovation, Puglia, Italy

12:00  Lunch
13:30 Parallel Workshop Session 1:

**Reflections on territorial resilience in different types of territories**

The themes addressed in the opening speeches and the plenary session will be discussed in-depth in parallel workshops, where key ESPON projects will present and highlight territorial evidence which can support and further deepening the understanding of the relevant dynamics and trends.

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Networking with Coffee and Tea

16:00 Plenary Session 2:

**The usefulness of the ESPON Toolbox for stakeholders**

Facilitator: Juha Nurmi, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Finland

This session will interactively demonstrate the ESPON Toolbox, which is built on the work of several ESPON projects. The ESPON projects will illustrate concrete examples of how the Toolbox can meet the practical needs of policy-makers and practitioners.

- ESPON Database & Hyperatlas, Claude Grassland
- DataNavigator, Efrain Larrea
- RIMAP, Sergio Muñoz
- Online MapFinder, Nuno Madeira
- ESPONTrain, Stella Kyvelou

Reactions from policy and practitioner panel:

- Wiktoria Palion, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Poland
- Adrian O’Donoghue, Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly, Ireland
- Ruut Louwers, Director, North West Europe Programme
17:15 Special Plenary Session:
**Insight into Territorial Co-operation - reconciling communities towards shared societies and spaces**

Various policy processes are pushing strongly for all programmes to contribute to the growth and jobs agenda. Day 2 will focus on the potential of Territorial Co-operation programmes to contribute to this agenda. This last session aims to bridge both days in a thoughtful and stimulating way concerning the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (PEACE III).

- Pat Colgan, Chief Executive, Special EU Programmes Body

17:45 Introduction to Day 2

20:00 **Seminar Dinner at Dublin City Hall, Dame St, Dublin 2, Ireland (see map at the end)**

- Welcome from Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Clare Byrne

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**Friday 14 June**

8:00 *Doors open*

9:00 **Territorial Co-operation for cohesion 2014-2020**

The second day focuses on the role of Territorial Co-operation in stimulating recovery and resilience. In a parallel workshop session organised around the envisaged thematic objectives of the “Common Strategic Framework” (CSF), the partners from ESPON projects will present territorial evidence that can support policy-makers and stakeholders in integrating their actions towards recovery and resilience.

Chair of the day: Gerry Finn, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Ireland

**Plenary Session 3:**

**Territorial Co-operation as a stimulator of recovery and resilience**

Facilitator: Maria José Festas, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Portugal

This opening session will highlight the experiences of Territorial Co-operation programmes in responding to the crisis in the current programming period, approaches adopted so far and potential pathways in fostering recovery and resilience.

Speakers:

- Tomasz Petrykowski, Coordinator INTERACT Point Viborg
- Ole Damsgaard, Director, Northern Periphery Programme
- Gerry Finn, Director, BMW Regional Assembly and Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Atlantic Area Programme
- Ivan Curzolo, Director, South East Europe Programme

10:30 *Networking coffee and tea*
11:00 Parallel Workshop Session 2:
Developing an integrated territorial approach to recovery and resilience

This session will provide territorial evidence that can be used to identify opportunities and potentials in operational programming processes for Territorial Co-operation programmes but also in general for European Structural and Investment Funds and public investment.

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12.00 **Lunch**

13:30 Parallel Workshop Session 2 continues

15:00 **Networking coffee and tea**
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**Plenary Session 4:**

**Lessons learned**
Facilitator: Gerry Finn, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Ireland

The final session of the day will be an informal roundtable of the Seminar facilitators and ESPON Monitoring Committee Members with plenary dialogue. It will examine the general lessons from the seminar concerning recovery and resilience and implications for the role of Territorial Co-operation programmes and the demands for territorial evidence from the ESPON Programme.

Roundtable participants:
- Maria José Festas, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Portugal
- Adrian Healy, University of Cardiff
- Juha Nurmi, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Finland
- Lewis Dijkstra, EC DG Regional and Urban Policy
- Ole Damsgaard, Director, Northern Periphery Programme
- Peter Mehlbye, Director, ESPON Coordination Unit

16:30  
**Concluding Remarks**
- Last steps of ESPON 2013 and ESPON post 2013, Peter Mehlbye, Director, ESPON Coordination Unit
- Intentions of Lithuania, Aleksandras Gordevicius, Monitoring Committee Member Lithuania
- Farewell by Ireland, Gerry Finn, ESPON Monitoring Committee Member, Ireland

**Map of venues for seminar and dinner**
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More information
The ESPON 2013 Programme is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the EU Member States and the Partner States Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

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.

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