

ESPON DeTeC Policy Seminar



An interactive ESPON handbook for regions

How a European perspective could help
detecting territorial potentials and challenges

Tuesday 11 February 2014, 12.30-16.00

Venue

Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU
Square de Meeûs 30, 1000 Brussels/Belgium

Programme

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A **European perspective** opens up new possibilities for utilising new and underused territorial potentials for the development of regions, cities and places. Understanding the position of one's region or city in a larger territorial context and including a European perspective in strategy building and policy making is of major importance in developing new regional policy approaches, and a corner stone of the ESPON 2013 Programme.

The **ESPON 2013 Programme**, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion, shall inspire policy making by territorial evidence. The programme is being implemented through different types of priority projects, which in various ways contribute to an European knowledge base on territorial development and cohesion, including data, indicators, typologies, models and maps. For more information see <http://www.espon.eu>.

Detecting Territorial Potentials and Challenges (DeTeC) is an ESPON scientific platform project that strives to support local and regional practitioners and policy makers. The project has developed an interactive handbook that provides hands-on guidance to knowledge and findings coming from ESPON projects.. The handbook includes analytical approaches and methods that could help detecting territorial potentials and challenges in regions and cities. It is a source of inspiration for both practitioners and policy makers working with regional policy issues at different territorial levels and focuses on how to integrate a larger European perspective in practice and policy making. For more information see <http://www.nordregio.se/DeTeC>.

The policy seminar...

- Focuses on how **ESPON knowledge** can help regions detecting territorial potentials and challenges,
- By demonstrating how the **interactive handbook** can make the ESPON knowledge more accessible and applicable,
- And by providing insights into ESPON knowledge from **European, national and regional perspectives**.

We especially aims at **local and regional actors** (policy makers, strategic planners etc.) to participate in the seminar and learn more about ESPON.

Please register by email at nordregio@nordregio.se.

The number of participants is limited, so please register by **3 February 2014**.

For more information please contact stefanie.lange@nordregio.se.

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12.30-13.00 Registration and networking

The use of ESPON knowledge from different territorial perspectives

13.00-13.05 Welcome and introduction, *Stefanie Lange Scherbenske (Nordregio)*

13.05-13.20 The ESPON perspective, *Peter Billing (ESPON Coordination Unit)*

13.20-13.40 The National perspective, *Cliff Hague (Royal Planning Institute, UK ECP)*

13.40-14.00 The Regional perspective, *Nathalie Noupadja (Council of European Municipalities and Regions)*

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14.00-14.15 Presentation of interactive handbook, *Christian Fredricsson (Nordregio)*

14.15-14.30 Reflections from a Polish partner perspective, *Michał Konopski (PAN)*

14.30-14.45 Reflections from an Austrian partner perspective, *Jiannis Kaucic (ÖIR)*

14.45-15.00 Reflections from a Swedish partner perspective, *Lukas Smas (Nordregio)*

Future potentials and challenges of ESPON and European regions

15.00-15.30 Discussion

15.30-16.00 Mingle with snacks and drinks

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