ESPON Seminar

Territory matters:
Keeping Europe and its regions competitive

16 – 17 June 2016

Venue:
Marine Etablissement Amsterdam
Kattenburgerstraat 7
1018 JA Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Programme
Overview

Purpose and flow of the event

The territorial dimension of the European regional competitiveness and the use of territorial evidence in relation to policy development are more and more important for regions and cities. The current Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU highlights the importance of focusing on growth and jobs.

The seminar programme consists of a mix of high profile keynote presentations, themed sessions, panel discussions and a brainstorm. In this context the following themes will be taken up:

- **Competitiveness of European regions**: European regions plan a major role in economic development and the competitiveness of Europe, both in terms of private and public activities and investments. But how competitive are European regions? And what is important for a region to be competitive?

- **Impact of EU policy on national spatial planning**: EU policies have very often impacts on the ground and on the way societies operate which influences national territories, their regions and cities. What exactly is the impact of EU policy on national territorial development?

- **Policy focus on European territorial and urban development**: What is Europe discussing at the moment? And what new territorial evidence and data is needed to support this?

- **Urban Agenda for the EU**: A possibility to create a new form of multilevel and multi-stakeholder cooperation with the aim of strengthening the urban dimension in EU policy. How can the Urban Agenda contribute to the growth and jobs agenda?

- **Polycentric development at different scales**: Polycentricity is necessary to spread development opportunities across European cities and regions. But how and to what extent does polycentric development contribute to the competitiveness of European regions?

- **Cross border co-operation**: Cooperation across borders represents a possibility to create added value and integration by unleashing potentials on both sides of the border. But what are the obstacles that hinder cross border co-operation? And how can the obstacles be solved so that cross border co-operation can contribute more to competitiveness?

- **Bottom-up planning**: Planning processes are innovating in several Member States. The activation of civic society and the people on the ground is being implemented in order to give residents influence on their living conditions.

- **Territorial specificities**: Territories with geographical specificities are special. What is their current and possible future situation in relation to recent European policy developments?

- **Get INSPIREd - innovation in data and tooling**: Geospatial data is a fundamental ingredient in almost all ESPON research initiatives. The INSPIRE infrastructure covers 34 themes that could be very useful in analysis on (trans)national and regional development policies. How can the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme make use of INSPIRE?

The Managing Authority will give some insight in the progress of the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme and the new ESPON activities will be presented clarifying their key policy questions and explaining how they will be addressed.

To round off, the ESPON EGTC will inform about the details of the implementation of the ESPON 2020 Single Operation. The Dutch EU Presidency will reflect upon the outcome of its term and the future two EU presidency countries will give an outlook on their ambitions.

Audience

A warm welcome is extended to policy makers, stakeholders, practitioners, scientists and experts, who are interested in the topics addressed at the seminar and who want to influence the further European policy processes on territorial issues and support the use of European territorial evidence for policy development and ESIF programmes’ implementation.
Wednesday 15 June 2016
17:00 – 19:00  *Welcome drink*
At the seminar venue in combination with registration and collecting badges

Thursday 16 June 2016
Chair of the day: Daniël de Groot

08:45 – 09:15  Registration (continued)

Room Rijn

09:15 – 09:45  *Welcome and Opening*
*Welcome statements*
- Daniël de Groot, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, NL
- Hans Tijl, Responsible director on spatial development of Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, NL
- Peter Mehlbye, Director (*outgoing*) ESPON EGTC
- Ilona Raugze, Director (*incoming*) ESPON EGTC

09:45 – 10:45  *Competitiveness of European regions*
*Presentations and discussion*
- European Regional Competitiveness – Otto Raspe, PBL NL

*Panel discussion*
- Eric von Breska, European Commission
- Andrea Forti, Committee of the Regions
- Adrian Healy (ECR2), Cardiff University UK

10:45 – 11:15  *Networking with coffee and tea*
### Competitiveness of different types of European territories

**Workshops**

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<td>How can the Urban Agenda contribute to growth and jobs and how can the benefits be spread outside the urban areas?</td>
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12:45 – 14:15 **Lunch**
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Room Rijn

14:15 – 15:30 **Impact of EU policy on national spatial planning**

*Presentations and discussion*

- Territorial implications of Better Regulation for Europe – Klaus Spiekermann, S&W, DE
- Europeanisation of Dutch Spatial Planning – David Evers, PBL, NL

*Panel discussion*

- Giancarlo Cotella, Politecnico di Torino, IT
- Stephen Blair, MC IE
- Peter Schön, BBSR, DE

15:30 – 16:15 **Policy focus in European territorial and urban development**

*Moderator: Ilona Raugze, ESPON EGTC*

*Brainstorm session in smaller groups with coffee and tea*

Room Donau

16:15 – 17:00 **Fishbowl session with key-interventions from:**

- Andrea Mairate, European Commission
- Piotr Żuber, PL
- Thiemo Eser, ESPON MA
- Marie-Lorraine Dangeard, MC, FR
- Wouter van der Heijde, City of Amsterdam

17:00 – 17:30 **ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme**

*Presentation*

- Thiemo Eser, ESPON MA

19:00-22:00 **ESPON Networking dinner**

*Restaurant-Café De IJ-kantine at the NDSM*
Friday 17 June 2016

09:00 – 10:30  **Instruments, evidence and data**

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<td><strong>Bottom-up planning</strong></td>
<td>What are current and possible future situations of territories with geographical specificities including recent European policy developments?</td>
<td>Environmental conditions have their effect on economic development, planning and on health. The INSPIRE directive makes available many environmental spatial datasets. In this workshop we introduce this directive, share inspiration on geodesign in land use planning and invite to share needs and offers for (environmental) spatial data.</td>
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10:30 – 11:00  **Networking with coffee and tea**
Room Rijn

Chair of the day: Daniël de Groot

11:00 – 12:20  **New ESPON activities**

*Presentations*

- Update on the implementation of the ESPON 2020 Single Operation
  Peter Mehlbye, ESPON EGTC
- The Geography of New Employment Dynamics in Europe
  Gavin Daly, ESPON EGTC and Manuela Sara Samek Lodovici, IRS
- Comparative Analysis of Territorial Governance and Spatial Planning Systems in Europe
  Gavin Daly, ESPON EGTC and Dominic Stead, TU Delft
- The World in Europe, global FDI flows towards Europe
  Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON EGTC and Eva Rytter Sunesen, Copenhagen Economics
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in European Regions and Cities
  Peter Billing, ESPON EGTC and Bernd Schuh, OÎR
- Territories and low-carbon economy
  Michaela Gensheimer, ESPON EGTC and Christoph Schremmer, OÎR
- Inner Peripheries: national territories facing challenges of access to basic services of general interest
  Marjan van Herwijnen, ESPON EGTC and Joan Noguera, University de Valencia
- Possible European Territorial Futures
  Marjan van Herwijnen, ESPON EGTC and Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight

12:20 – 12:50  **ESPON moving forwards**

*Presentations*

- Ilona Raugze, ESPON EGTC – plan for 2017
- Jana Ondrejmišková, MC SK – themes of the Slovakian EU-presidency
- Alexia Vella, MC MT – themes of the Maltese EU-presidency
- Daniël de Groot, MC NL – Closure of the meeting
- Cis Apeldoorn, City of Amsterdam – Word of welcome from the City of Amsterdam and introduction to the site visits

12:50 – 13:45  **Lunch**

13:45 – 17:00  **Site visit(s)**

*Optional site visit in Amsterdam:*

1. Compact city, attractive city
2. Introductory program for EU Migrants
3. Amsterdam Smart City
4. National Environmental Plan

The site visits will end at the seminar venue
Seminar venue

*Marine Etablissement Amsterdam, Kattenburgerstraat 7, 1018 JA Amsterdam*

Boat transfers will run from Amsterdam Central Station to the seminar venue (Europe Building).

Boats will depart from Amsterdam Central Station on:

- 16 June 08:30 and 08:45
- 17 June 08:30 only

**ESPON 2020 - More information**

The ESPON EGTC is the Single Beneficiary of the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme.

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