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Calls for proposals — ESPON 2013 Programme

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ESPON is the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion. It supports policy development related to EU Cohesion Policy. ESPON is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund under Objective 3 for European Territorial Cooperation and by 31 countries (27 EU Member States and Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland).

In the framework of the ESPON 2013 Programme, Calls for Proposals are now open. Potential beneficiaries are public and private bodies from 31 countries (EU 27 Member States, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). Researchers and research institutions, universities, scientists, experts, academic teams are invited to apply. The Call on Transnational Networking Activities is dedicated to the institutions confirmed as national ESPON Contact Points.

1. Call for Proposals for Applied Research projects:
 - European Neighbour Regions (budget EUR 750 000)
 - Small and Medium sized Towns in their Functional Territorial Context (budget EUR 650 000)
 - The territorial dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe (budget EUR 750 000)
 - Economic Crises: Resilience of Regions (budget EUR 759 153)
2. Call for Proposals on Targeted Analyses based on Expressions of Interest by Stakeholders:
 - Growth Poles in South-East of Europe (budget EUR 360 000)
 - Key Indicators for Territorial Cohesion and Spatial Planning (budget EUR 360 000)
 - Liveable Landscapes for Sustainable Territorial Development (budget EUR 379 796,09)
 - Landscape Policy for the 3 Countries Park (budget EUR 360 000)
 - North Sea — Spreading Transnational Results (budget EUR 340 000)

The themes indicated above for the Targeted Analyses will be included in the call under the condition that an agreement is signed with the stakeholders behind the project ideas. The themes will therefore only be confirmed by the day of launching the call on 24 August 2011. The themes finally included in the call will be made available on the ESPON website: <http://www.espon.eu>

3. Call for Proposals within the ESPON Scientific Platform:

- EU Territorial Monitoring and Reporting (budget EUR 598 000)
- ESPON Atlas on European Territorial Structures and Dynamics (budget EUR 150 000)
- Detecting Territorial Potential and Challenges (budget EUR 350 000)
- Territorial Evidence Packs for ERDF Programmes (budget EUR 500 000)
- ESPON Online Mapping Tool (budget EUR 150 000)
- Territorial Monitoring in a European Macro Region — A test for the Baltic Sea Region (budget EUR 360 000)

4. Call for Proposals for Transnational Networking Activities by the ESPON Contact Point network:

- Capitalisation activities at transnational level by the ESPON Contact Point Network (budget EUR 600 227)

The deadline for submitting proposals is 20 October 2011.

An Info Day and Partner Café for potential beneficiaries will take place on 13 September 2011 in Brussels.

All the documentation related to the Calls, including the procedure for applying, the eligibility rules, the evaluation criteria and the application form, is available at the ESPON website: <http://www.espon.eu>
