

# ESPON Seminar

*"A world without borders - Refugees, cooperation and territories"*

## The ESPON 2020 Programme and its implementation



Inspire policy making by territorial evidence

## Mission

*“ESPON 2020 shall continue the consolidation of a European Territorial Observatory Network and grow the provision and policy use of pan-European, comparable, systematic and reliable territorial evidence”.*

## Renewal, refocus and upgrade of ESPON

- Improvement in the transfer of European territorial evidence
- More effective outreach to more users
- More policy relevant analyses upon demand from policy and also from other Programmes and macro-regions
- Rapid deliveries to ongoing policy processes
- Improved validation of scientific quality and data
- Enhanced in-house capacity related to science, knowledge transfer and communication
- Lower administrative burden by change of contracting logic to service contracts only

Renewed setup with an EGTC as Single Beneficiary

## Cooperation Programme

**Priority Axis 1:** Territorial Evidence, Transfer, Observation, Tools and Outreach

- Budget around 48 mio. Euro

*(The Single Beneficiary – the ESPON EGTC will be contracted to implement this Priority Axis on content)*

**Priority Axis 2:** Technical Assistance (TA)

- Budget around 3 mio. Euro

*(The ESPON Managing Authority, the Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructures in Luxembourg, will implement this Priority Axis)*

Approved by the European Commission on 12 February 2015

## Target Groups

### Primary target groups

- European policymakers (EP, EESC, EC, CoR)
- National policymakers and practitioners
- Authorities implementing EU funded programmes
- Regional and local policymakers and practitioners involved in territorial development and cooperation in larger territories

### Secondary target groups

- Organisations at EU level with regional/urban interests
- University academics (researchers and students)
- The private sector and European citizens

## Objectives

### 5 Specific Objectives

- SO 1: Continued production of territorial evidence.
  - SO 2: Upgraded knowledge transfer and analytical user support.
  - SO 3: Improved territorial observation and tools for territorial analyses.
  - SO 4: Wider outreach and uptake of territorial evidence.
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- SO 5: Leaner, effective and efficient implementation provisions and proficient programme assistance (relevant for both Priority Axes 1 and 2).

## Single Operation

- ESPON EGTC submitted Operation Proposal on 28 July 2015 including
  - Multiannual Work Programme covering 7 year
  - Annual Work Plan for 2015-2016
  - Outreach Strategy
- The MC assessed the OP resulting in an Evaluation report by 28 October 2015 including recommendations, clarifications and conditions for approval of the OP
- The ESPON EGTC re-submitted a revised OP on 6 November 2015 responding to the Evaluation Report

Approved by ESPON MA on 24 November 2015



# Multi-Annual Work Programme

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### Multi-Annual Work Programme\*

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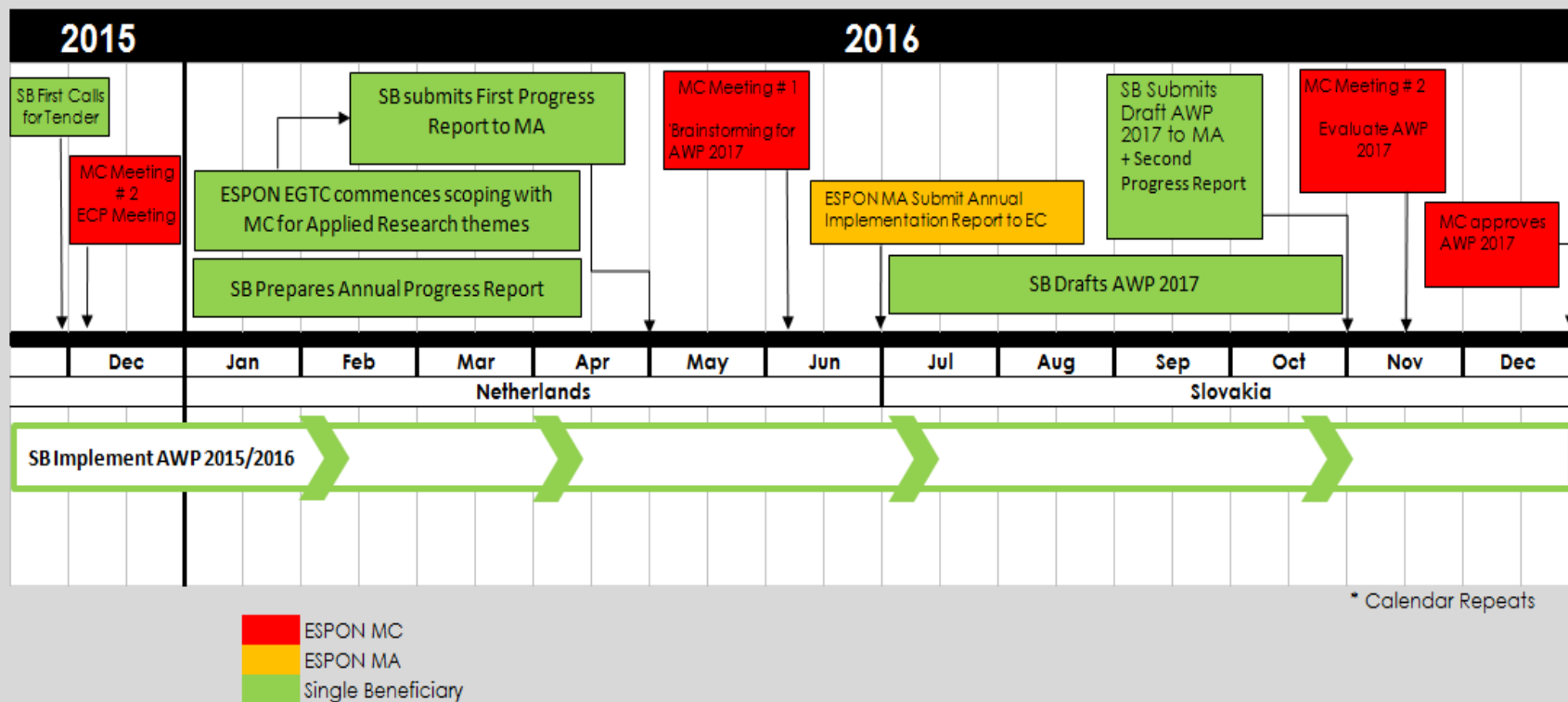
C = Conference  
S = Scientific Seminar  
F = Final Event

\* Indicative Only



# Annual Calendar

## ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme - Annual Calendar



## Specific Objective 1 – SO1

*Continued Production of Territorial Evidence through Applied Research and Analyses.*

- Cross-thematic and thematic on territorial structures and trends
- Prospective visions and scenarios
- Territorial impact studies of EU policies

Target: 22 applied research projects

Calls for tender and service contracts

Implementation time envisaged max. 18 months

Value: c. € 15.6 million

## SO1 – AWP 2015/2016

- The Geography of New Employment Dynamics in Europe
- The world in Europe, global FDI flows towards Europe
- SMEs in European Regions and Cities
- Territories and the low carbon economy approach
- Inner peripheries: National territories facing challenges of access to basic services of general interest
- Possible European Territorial Futures
- Territorial governance and spatial planning systems in Europe

**\*Calls for Tender launched – 4 December 2015\***

**\*Deadline for offers – 9 and 10 February 2016\***

## Specific Objective 2 – SO2

### *Upgraded Knowledge Transfer and Use of Analytical User Support.*

- Targeted Analyses defined by stakeholders at national, regional and local level (interest driven)
- Territorial evidence support to ETC, other EU funded programmes and macro-regions (interest driven)
- Policy briefs/working papers, fast and timely (upon demand)

Target: 25 Targeted Analyses & 45 policy briefs / working papers

Calls for tender on analytical support to Targeted Analyses/Evidence Support and service contracts

Value: € 6.4 million

## SO2 – AWP 2015/2016

- Open Invite for Stakeholder Proposals (December 2015/June 2016) (two cut off dates)
- 6 Calls for tender for Targeted Analyses activities (April 2016/October 2016)
- 7 Policy Briefs/Working Papers further to a screening of demand from relevant stakeholders and policy processes
- Screen the demand among European funding programmes for tailor-made territorial evidence support for programme implementation (e.g. cross-border, transnational and ETC programmes )

**\*Call for Stakeholder Proposals opens end December 2015\***  
**First cut off date – end February 2016**

## Specific Objective 3 – SO3

### *Improved Territorial Observation and Tools for Territorial Analyses.*

- ESPON Database focusing on data update and user-friendliness
- European territorial monitoring system with custom-made macro-regional/transnational territorial monitoring systems (upon demand)
- European monitoring reports for policy development
- A revised ESPON Toolbox
- Promotion, user support related to tools (hotline, TIA, etc.)

Target: 8 tools

Calls for tender and service contracts

Value: c.€ 3.5 million

## SO3 – AWP 2015/2016

- Launch 4 external expertise service contracts related to ESPON database, data updates and the ESPON toolkit.
- In-depth survey of stakeholders on the usefulness of the ESPON toolbox
- Prepare a major review of the European territory (to be published in 2017 to coincide with the Cohesion Report)
- Screen the demand among European Macro-Regions for custom-made territorial monitoring systems (SO 3)
- Deepen the use of ESPON data, indicators, maps and tools through production of guidance documents, technical support and web-based training.

**\* Database Calls for Tender during January 2016\***



## Specific Objective 4 – SO4

### *Wider Outreach and Uptake of Territorial Evidence.*

- Outreach Strategy for European and Transnational outreach
- ESPON events at European level focusing on target groups
- Outreach at transnational and national level in cooperation with national ESPON Contact Points
- Publication of thematic and synthetic report based on research analyses and tools as well as short easy-understandable briefs on themes of particular political interest.
- Web-based communication and media efforts, re-vamped and more digital, including webinars, social media, 'apps', e-learning, interactive e-books, etc.

Target: 60 events and publications

Calls for tender and service contracts

Value: € 4.5 million

## SO4 – AWP 2015/2016

- European Outreach: Organise outreach events and participate in a series of external events, including:
  - ESPON Seminar (Luxembourg)
  - Workshop (during Dutch Presidency under planning)
  - Webinars (ESPON Tools)
  - ESPON Seminar (The Netherlands during 14-17 June 2016)
  - ESPON Seminar (Slovakian Presidency during 5-9 December 2016)
- Transnational Outreach: Launch a three-year external expertise framework contract for a project.

Aim: to fully harness local, regional and national knowledge and to more consistently and effectively promote ESPON territorial evidence and knowledge at transnational, national and sub-national scales

## Final reflections

### Important policy developments/themes to consider

- Input to next EC Cohesion Report in 2017
- Demography is a priority issue for the EC
- Foresight studies seem to be of EC interest
- TIA interest from EC, EP and CoR
- EU Urban Agenda/Pact of Amsterdam
- European Territorial Scenarios and Vision
- Polycentric structures and cooperation
- Definition of Cohesion Policy after 2020 (challenge promoting a territorial dimension)

# ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme

Thank you for your attention

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