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**ESPON 2013 Programme**

**Workshop**

# **Territorial Vision for Europe towards 2050**

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8h30 – 16h00

## **Venue**

Committee of the Regions  
Bâtiment Jacques Delors  
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## Workshop background and objectives

Policymakers in the field of territorial development and cohesion have demanded a future oriented and integrated vision on the development of the European territory.

In a period of economic and political turbulence and uncertainty, existing long-term perceptions guiding policy development are challenged. Previous forecasts and policy ideas may have become obsolete. The speed of change is often faster than our capacity to adapt our previous expectations and new forecasts risk to be easily discredited.

These dynamics also have a territorial dimension that influences cohesion in Europe, the balances and structures on the European territory, and have an impact on long-term growth opportunities and challenges for European regions and cities.

In this context, a long-term framework for policy thinking and decisions, which is informed by evidence and related to the development of the European territory, is considered helpful for policy makers.

ESPON has been asked by the 31 countries behind the programme to elaborate a Territorial Vision for Europe in 2050. The vision is meant to guide policy debate on territorial development and provide a coherent European framework for policy initiatives at different decision-making levels. The ESPON project ET2050 has the challenging task to support this territorial vision-building process and use a participatory process involving relevant stakeholders at European, national and regional level.

The ET2050 project has so far been exploring different possible future scenarios for Europe. All scenarios find their basis in the Europe 2020 Strategy and are to support a strategic policy debate up to 2030 and further towards a Vision for the European Territory in 2050.

A very important objective of the workshop is to raise awareness among all relevant stakeholders on the work that is done and to involve stakeholders in dialogue and cooperation on the development of a Territorial Vision for Europe towards 2050.

It is important that policy makers and stakeholders related to territorial development influence the elaboration of a Territorial Vision 2050 for Europe. At the workshop opinions on a Territorial Vision in general and on the first draft will be welcomed. This input will be used to continue the process of building a vision that is supported by a large group of stakeholders.

### Aim and Structure

The workshop starts presenting scenarios and striking results for Europe in 2030 and 2050. Several prospective documents at European and global level as well as inputs from stakeholders already received, will add to the evidence base for a first version of a Territorial Vision for Europe towards 2050. This draft vision will be presented for discussion. Parallel workshop sessions in different groups of stakeholders will nourish the discussion of the draft Territorial Vision 2050 and gather input from all attendees for its further elaboration.

### Target Groups

The three groups of stakeholders invited to express their views, expectations and dreams are:

- 1) Policy makers, including representatives of European Institutions;
- 2) Practitioners, including representatives from European Territorial Cooperation Programmes;
- 3) Interest organisations active at EU level in the field of territorial development and cohesion.

08.30-09.00 *Registration*

### **Introduction**

09.00-09.15 Welcome and setting the scene: purpose of developing a long term Territorial Vision for Europe

- Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordination Unit

### **Territorial Scenarios**

09.15-10.45 Territorial scenarios and striking modelling results

- Andreu Ulied, MCRIT S.L. – ET2050 project
- Roberto Camagni, Politecnico di Milano – ET2050 project
- Michael Wegener, Spiekermann & Wegener – ET2050 project

Questions and discussion

10.45-11.00 *Tea/Coffee break*

### **Territorial Vision**

11.00-11.45 Presentation of the first draft Territorial Vision for Europe 2050

- Philippe Doucet, Gephyres/IGEAT-Université Libre de Bruxelles – ET2050 project
- Jean-Francois Drevet, Gephyres/IGEAT-Université Libre de Bruxelles – ET2050 project

Questions and discussion

11.45-12.00 Introduction to Parallel Working Sessions involving 3 groups of European stakeholders:

- 1) Policy makers, including European Institutions such as EP, EC, CoR and EESC,
- 2) Practitioners, including representatives from European Territorial Cooperation programmes, and
- 3) Interest organisations at EU level in the area of territorial development and cohesion

- Valerie Biot, IGEAT-Université Libre de Bruxelles – ET2050 project

### **Parallel Working Sessions**

12.00-13.00 First Parallel Working Sessions on the draft Territorial Vision

Discussion on the first draft on the Territorial Vision for Europe 2050:  
What do you consider is positive? And what should change?

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

### **Parallel Working Sessions**

14.00-15.00 Second Parallel Working Sessions on the draft Territorial Vision

Discussion supporting a second draft on the Territorial Vision for Europe 2050:  
What should be added? What should be kept? And what steps could be supportive?

### **Closing Plenary**

15.00-16.00 Follow-up and conclusions

- Preliminary synthesis from parallel working sessions;
- Questions and discussion;
- Next steps in the Territorial Vision design process;
- Further involvement of stakeholders in the Vision process.

16.00 *Closure of the Workshop*

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**More information**

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