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ESPON 2013 Programme
Open Seminar
3-4 June 2009 in Prague, Czech Republic
Venue: Top Hotel Praha

***Territorial Development Opportunities
in the Global Economic Recession***

Preliminary Programme

Tuesday 2 June 2009

20h00-22h00: Welcome reception with Prague Mayor Mr. Pavel Bém (tbc) at Convent of St. Agnes, U Milosrdných 17, Prague

Wednesday 3 June 2009

8h30-9h30: Registration & Welcome Coffee/Tea

SETTING THE SCENE

9h30-10h00: Opening and welcome address

- Welcome by Emil Horčíčka, the Czech EU Presidency
- Aim of the Seminar, Romain Diederich (tbc), ESPON MA

SESSION 1: GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS AND DIVERSITY OF IMPACTS ON EUROPEAN REGIONS

10h00-12h00: Plenary session

Chair: Petr Horký, journalist (tbc)

Where is the crisis expected to hit the most? Will the disparities between European regions deepen? Will particular regions and/or parts of Europe get over the crisis easier than others? Can Metropolitan urban regions be expected to overcome the negative impacts easier than less urbanised areas with a more specialised economy? What opportunities for the European regions can be identified?



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- Introductory speech - Cyril Svoboda (tbc), Minister for Regional Development, Czech Republic– Global crisis, performance in regions, policy tools, planning
- Commissioner Danuta Hübner/General Director Dirk Ahner (tbc), European Commission
- Deputy Director Mario Pezzini, OECD
- NN, European Parliament (tbc)
- NN, Committee of the Regions (tbc)

Plenary debate.

Introduction to workshops in the afternoon: Looking for targeted development opportunities in different types of European regions, Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU

12h00-12h30 – Press conference (for speakers of the first session)

12h00-14h00: Lunch

SESSION 2: NEW DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TIMES OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION

14h00-16h00: Interactive Parallel Workshops - discussion of ESPON results

Workshop A – Northern Europe: regional responses to demographic and energy challenges

Introduction and facilitator: André Mueller, ESPON CU

Opening statement: Odd Godal, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Lead stakeholder TD Project

Discussants:

- Oihana Blanco Mendizabal, INNOBASQUE, Spain, ReRisk Project
- Andries de Jong, NIDI, The Netherlands, Demifer Project

Reporter: Sverker Lindblad, MC Sweden

Workshop B – Southern Europe: economic growth factors and tools in support of regional policies

Introduction and facilitator: Sara Ferrara, ESPON CU

Opening statements:

- Carmela Cotrone, Campania Region, Italy, Lead stakeholder SURE Project
- Ramon Ruiz, Barcelona Provincial Council, Spain, Lead Stakeholder SS-LR Project

Discussants:

- Victoria Primhak, University of Napoli, “Frederico II”, Italy, SURE Project
- Roberto Camagni, Politecnico di Milano, Italy, SS-LR Project

Reporter: Phaedon Enotiades (tbc), MC member Cyprus

Workshop C – Central and Eastern Europe: cross-border regions in relation to polycentric development

Introduction and facilitator: René van der Lecq, ESPON CU

Opening statement: Silvia Jost, Federal Office for Spatial Development, ARE, Switzerland, Lead stakeholder Metroborder

Discussants:

- Tobias Chilla, University of Luxembourg, Metroborder Project
- Josef Postránecký and Pavel Novotný, Polycentric development with urban-rural relationships, Czech Republic

Reporter: Tamas Dömötör, MC Hungary

Workshop D – Western Europe: agglomeration economies in city-regions and possible spill over effects to the wider regional economy

Introduction and facilitator: Pierina Petruzzi, ESPON CU

Opening statement: Rupert Greenhalgh (tbc), Manchester Enterprises Ltd, Lead stakeholder CAEE

Discussants:

- Alan Harding (tbc), University of Manchester, UK, CAEE Project
- Simon Evans (tbc), Creative Clusters, UK

Reporter: Didier Michal (tbc), MC France

16h00-16h30: Coffee and Tea

16h30-17h45: Plenary Session: Aiming at conclusions

Chair: Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU

- *The view of the private sector: Škoda investment projects in Europe*, Radek Špícar (tbc), External Affairs Director Škoda
- *Key messages from the workshops*, feedback from the workshops by 4 reporters
- *Conclusive statement*, Lewis Dijkstra (tbc), DG Regio, European Commission

20h00-23h00: Evening event – boat trip on the Vltava River with dinner offered by Czech EU Presidency

Thursday 4 June 2009

SESSION 3: TERRITORIAL STRATEGIES SUPPORTING TERRITORIAL COMPETITIVENESS AND COHESION

9h00-10h30: Plenary session

Chair: Christabel Myers (tbc), MC UK

- *Baltic Sea Territorial Strategy*, Sverker Lindblad, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, MC member Sweden
- *NW Europe*, Ruut Louwers, NWE Programme
- *The Common Spatial Development Document for V4+2 Countries*, Martin Tunka, Czech Republic
- *National Spatial Strategy*, NN, Hungary
- *European border and cross-border regions*, Jens Gabbe, Cross border, Association of European Border Region (AEBR)

10h30-11h00: Coffee and Tea

SESSION 4: TERRITORIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: HOW?

11h00-12h30: Plenary session

Chair: Thiemo Eser, MC Luxembourg

- Henriette Davelaar/ Anke Willemstein (tbc), VROM, The Netherlands
- First results on TIA from ESPON: CAP and Transport Policy, Guy Garrod (tbc), University of Newcastle upon Tyne and Andreu Ulied, Mcrit Spain
- The regional sensitivity element in TIA and introduction to the parallel workshops, Roberto Camagni, Politecnico di Milano

(Presentations and plenary questions)

12h00-14h00: Lunch

Interactive Workshops looking at TIA in specific types of territories

14h00-15h30: Parallel Workshops

(The workshops will be reported to all participants after the seminar)

Workshop A – Rural regions

Chair: Brendan Bartley, ECP Ireland

Stimulus statement:

- Maria José Festas (tbc), MC Portugal

Discussants:

- Andrew Copus, UHI Millenium Institute, UK, EDORA Project
- Guy Garrod (tbc), University of Newcastle upon Tyne, TIPTAP Project

Reporters: Isidro Lopez (tbc), ECP Spain and Michaela Gensheimer, ESPON CU

Workshop B – Urban regions

Chair: Peter Schön, ECP Germany

Stimulus statement:

- Manfred Sinz, MC Germany

Discussants:

- Roberto Camagni, Politecnico di Milano, TIPTAP Project
- Moritz Lennert, IGEAT, Belgium, FOCI Project

Reporters: David Evers, ECP The Netherlands and Marjan van Herwijnen, ESPON CU

Workshop C – Peripheral regions

Chair: Elodie Manceau (tbc), ECP France

Stimulus statement:

- Mathilde Konstantopoulou (tbc), MC Greece

Discussants:

- Ioannis Spilanis, University of the Aegean, Greece, Euroislands Project
- Erik Gløersen, Nordregio, Sweden, Territorial Diversity Project
- Andreu Ulied, Merit, Spain

Reporters: Jenny Crawford ECP UK and Sandra Di Biaggio, ESPON CU

15h30-16h00: Coffee and Tea

SESSION 5: PERSPECTIVES ON FURTHER ANALYSIS AND INDICATORS BY ESPON

16h00-17h30: Plenary session

Chair: Flemming Thornaes (tbc), MC Denmark

- ESPON Typology Compilation, Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight GmbH
- ESPON Database Project, Claude Grasland, UMS RIATE
- ESPON Project on Climate Change and Territorial Effects on Regions and Local Economies, Philipp Schmidt-Thomé, Geological Survey of Finland (GTK)

Closing remarks:

- Next steps of ESPON Applied Research, Targeted Analysis and Scientific Progress, Peter Mehlbye, ESPON CU
- Farewell address, Emil Horčíčka, Czech Presidency

EXHIBITION/POSTERS NEARBY THE PLENARY ROOM

- ESPON Maps on accessibility and demographic patterns
- Research results from AESOP, ERSA, ECTP, RSA and EUGEO
- Posters from Interreg IV Programmes
- DG Regio: “Regions 2020”
- Czech Republic Territorial Development Policy
- Territorial Analysis in Czech Republic