



Inspire Policy Making with Territorial Evidence

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Your country (mandatory)

Your response: Germany

Your organisation is of the following type

Your response: A regional authority (region, Land, federated state, NUTS1 and NUTS2 level or equivalent)

Please indicate your function within the organisation (not mandatory)

Your response:

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1. Territorial challenges ESPON intends to develop territorial evidence and knowledge, with a strong territorial functional and place-based perspective, to help identify policy responses that strengthen the recovery and resilience of EU territories from the crises by achieving a green transition to climate-neutral economies ensuring at the same time just living conditions for all people in all places. ESPON identified the following main territorial challenges, which often are intertwined: Environmental transition (mitigation and adaptation to climate change, scarcer resources); Social pressure and inequalities (migration, healthcare and ageing); Economic transformation and resilience (innovation ecosystems, industrial transformation); Technological change (digital society, post-carbon, and circular economy); and Governance and multi-level cooperation (public participation, soft cooperation; place-based development) With regards to your territory and/or European territories, are the challenges, which we will face in the coming years, well captured in the ones mentioned above? If not, please indicate which other territorial challenges/policy are prevailing from your point of view?

Your response: All main challenges are mentioned above. Nevertheless from our point of view some sub-challenges are missing and can be added. Environmental transition: land consumption and space, biodiversity Social pressure and inequalities: skills shortage, culture Economic transition and resilience: sustainable clean energy supply, mobility and transport Governance and multi-level cooperation: 1.It is a challenge that there is so little knowledge about or acceptance of the existence of well-established government or governance institutions for functional regions. (This is manifest already at the beginning of this questionnaire with the mandatory question "your organisation is one of the following type" where the existence of bodies for functional regions is ignored.) 2. "spatial development/spatial planning" as another sub-challenge should be added under "governance and multi-level cooperation. As another crosscutting challenge Covid -19 and its consequences for territories should be mentioned.

2. Evidence production – specific topics On which specific or concrete topics ESPON should produce evidence to support your work as policy-maker and practitioner in the coming years? (E.g. impact of green deal on mobility; governance of cross-border areas; low carbon energy supplies; impact of COVID crises to the tourism sector.)

Your response: Governance in multifunctional areas that are going beyond the not always fitting NUTS-classification; Climate change in peri-urban areas; Showcase of existing examples how governance is working. How does Covid-19 affect the territories? Are there specific patterns of territories facing common challenges?

3. Evidence production – types of evidence Which type of evidence do you find more useful for your work? (E.g. maps, scenarios, short focused analyses, in-depth studies on specific topics, data, etc.)

Your response: maps; short focused analyses;

4. Knowledge development – how to acquire and use ESPON evidence? ESPON is planning to develop a series of activities to increase the use of the territorial evidence produced for policy-makers in order to support their knowledge development: Standard outreach activities, such as publications, dissemination events, position papers, learning platforms, etc. Active awareness raising activities, such as policy prototyping, territorial science boot camps, peer-to-peer workshops, etc. Accompanying measures to support ongoing policy processes, such as impact assessments, task forces, etc. Is there any particular activity, of those listed or additional ones, that could support you to better understand and use ESPON evidence?

Your response: a) Clear texts and clear executive summaries. Maps with a message (not only depicting the whole of Europe on one A4 sheet). b) Depending on topic and subject: Possibly involve representatives from study regions, but don't use them mainly as empirical database. Allow for review of draft findings in early stages.

5. Additional feedback, insight or recommendation you would like to give to ESPON

Your response: