



European Workshop

**Addressing territorial diversity in Europe:  
Preliminary results of the ESPON TeDi project  
and discussion on related policy issues**

5<sup>th</sup> of November 2009, Euromontana headquarters, Brussels  
**2.30 to 6.00 pm**

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**Objectives:**

*ESPON Territorial diversity is a ESPON priority 2 targeted analysis that aims to address diversity of European territories with specific geographic characteristics especially mountain areas, islands, sparsely populated and outermost regions and very densely populated islands. The analysis is focused notably on characterizing the key opportunities and constraints to innovation and competitiveness of these territories. The project has been launched on 16 February 2009 and will deliver its final results in April 2010.*



The main goal of the workshop is to present the preliminary results of the project to a selected number of high-profile experts from the European institutions, some permanent representations and regional offices in order to get their feedback on the results themselves and to start discussing the political implications.

The project is part of the follow-up of the Territorial Agenda of the EU.

**Provisional agenda:**

***Session 1: Provisional results of the ESPON Territorial Diversity project***

2.30 – 3.00 : Presentation of ESPON Territorial Diversity main provisional results  
by Eric Gloersen – NORDREGIO

3.00 – 3.20: Comments by Nicola De Michelis , European Commission DG REGIO

3.20 – 3.40: Open discussion with the audience on the presented results

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*Coffee break*

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#### ***4.00 – 5.50 Session 2: How to address territorial diversity in European policy making?***

##### **Statements by stakeholders in the ESPON TeDi project:**

- **Phaedon Enotiades**, *Ministry of the Interior's Department of Town Planning and Housing, Cyprus*
- **Lars Haukvik**, *Executive secretary of the North Sea Commission*

Followed by open discussion with the audience.

##### **Key questions for debate:**

- How should we measure performance, in order to design policies that would help to turn territorial diversity into strength?
- What should be the respective roles of local, regional, national and European levels of governance when dealing with the issue of territorial diversity at the different scales?
- What would a differentiated approach mean for sustainable development strategies for territories with geographic specificities?

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5.50 – 6.00 – **Concluding remarks** – Odd Godal, Royal Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Norway

*The workshop will be followed by a cocktail.*

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The stakeholders of the project come from ministries or state agencies in Malta, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Switzerland, Romania and Norway which are responsible for spatial and regional development. In addition, Euromontana and the North Sea Commission are actively involved. NORDREGIO is the lead partner of the trans-national project group.

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##### **Practical information:**

**Venue:** Euromontana headquarters - Regione Lombardia Meeting Room  
2, place du champ de Mars  
1050 Brussels

##### **Registration :**

Please register before November 3<sup>rd</sup> on-line [www.euromontana.org](http://www.euromontana.org)

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