

Infoday of the Belgian ESPON Contact Point SMEs & regional airports in Belgium

Liège, 19th June 2017 – The project manager of the [ESPON Targeted Analysis on 'Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in European Regions and Cities'](#), **Bernd Schuh**, and head of SEO Aviation Economics, **Guillaume Burghouwt**, share their expertise on research and policies in support and for the development of Belgian SMEs and regional airports.

The programme is scheduled as such:

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| 13:30-14:00 | Reception |
| 14:00-14:30 | Presentation of Bernd Schuh |
| 14:30-15:00 | Discussion |
| 15:00-15:30 | Presentation/workshop of ESPON tools and databases focused on SMEs and regional airports

Or: Skype session with Sara Favargiotti on the findings of the ESPON Targeted Analysis on 'Airports as Drivers of Economic Success in Peripheral Regions' |
| 15:30-16:00 | Pause |
| 16:00-16:30 | Presentation on 'Regional airports: trends, opportunities and challenges' by Guillaume Burghouwt |
| 16:30-17:00 | Discussion |
| 17:00-17:30 | Presentation of ESPON and URBACT activities |
| (17:30-18:30 | Drink) |

Registration to this event is mandatory (due to the limited number of seats). For registering, please send an email to the BECP (chloe.walot@ugent.be).

Where? In the Meuse room of the Atrium Vertbois in the building of the agency for development of the province of Liège, located 11 rue du Vertbois, 4000 Liège.

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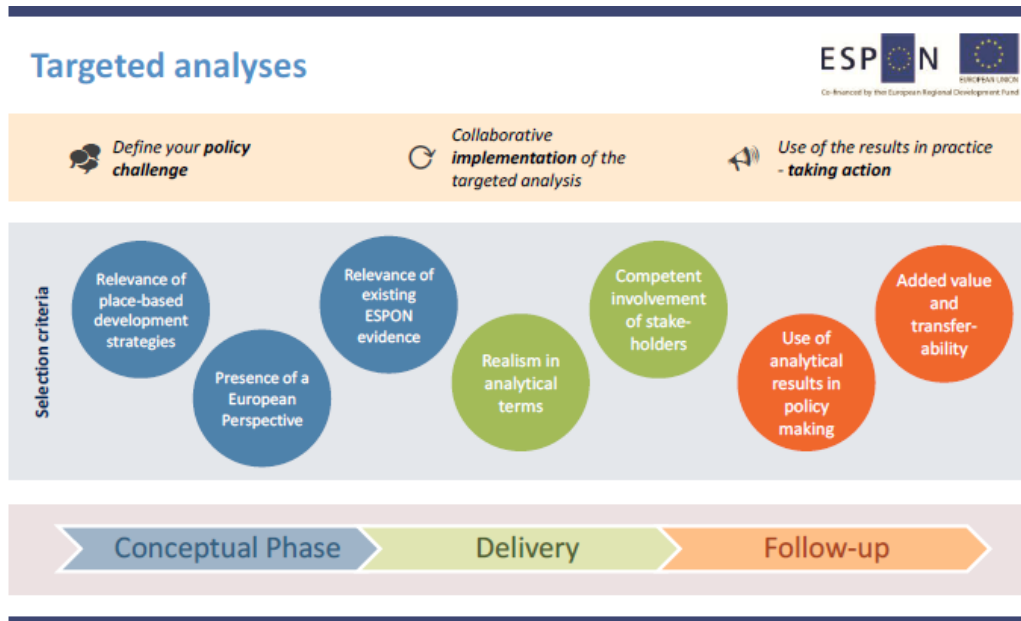
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Proposals for Targeted Analyses

The next cut-off date is 23rd June 2017

Twice a year, stakeholders are given the opportunity of submitting their proposals for Targeted Analyses to the ESPON 2020 programme. Although June 23rd is close, you **can submit your proposal all year long**. Proposals which are not selected can be improved and submitted again.



Who can submit a proposal?

- National, regional and local bodies, European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation in the EU member states and the ESPON partner states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) and other cross-border territorial cooperation bodies having competence or specific tasks in developing and/or implementing policies with a territorial dimension;
- Managing Authorities and joint secretariats in the abovementioned countries, European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation and other cross-border territorial cooperation bodies responsible for implementing EU funded programmes for transnational, cross-border or macro-regional areas.

It is recommended to submit the proposal together with **European partners sharing the same analytical needs**. The stakeholders should also suggest a steering committee of **umbrella (observer) organisations** from different European, national and regional levels (more information is available on the [website](#)).

The BECP can assist you in:

- creating a **network of European partners**;
- answering to **ESPON selection criteria**.

Future calls for tender for Targeted Analyses

If you are not eligible for submitting a Targeted Analysis proposal (i.e. universities, academic experts and private companies) but that you wish to contribute to a selected Targeted Analysis, check out the following future calls for tender (2017):

- **Alps2050 – Common spatial perspectives for the Alpine Space. Towards a common vision**, led by the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Department of European Spatial Development / Territorial Cohesion (Germany)
- **Cross-border Public Services (CPS)**, led by the Region Sonderjylland – Schleswig Joint Secretariat & Infocenter (Denmark)
- **Future Digital Health in the EU**, led by the Ministry of Finance, Regional Development Department (Estonia)
- **Cultural Heritage (CH) as a strategic territorial development resource; mapping impacts through a set of common European socio-economic indicators**, led by the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Norway)

Here again (as well as for the Applied Research, see below), the BECP can help find **scientific partners** in order to form a consortium and tender the call.

Selected Applied Research

Open calls

- **Youth unemployment**, deadline 15 June 2017 at 10:30.
- **Territories with geographical specificities**, deadline 15 June 2017 at 10:00.

Pre-announced calls (2017)

- **European and macro-regional monitoring tools**
 - **Functional urban areas and regions in Europe**
 - **Monitoring real estate prices in European cities**
 - **Territorial evidence supports to EU funded programmes**
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Traineeship at the EGTC ESPON

The EGTC ESPON is looking for two trainees (M/W) (period of 5 months).

Who? This offer stands for students in the final stage of their university studies related to territorial development and planning, geography, regional economics, European studies, political science, financial management and/or other relevant fields.

What? To contribute to the tasks of both EGTC's Units:

- (1) Unit on Evidence and Outreach : the work will include a variety of tasks, among others involvement in the development of Terms of Reference for applied research, targeted analyses activities and tools, the preparation of kick-off meetings with service providers and stakeholders. This will also include financial, administrative and dissemination work related to the newly launched calls for tenders in the ESPON 2020 Programme, as well as supporting the evaluation of submitted tenders and proposals. In addition, the trainees will also be involved in the communication activities, and will support the organisation of events, such as seminars, workshops and conferences, and producing a variety of publications and material.
- (2) Unit on Administration and Management : the work includes a variety of organisational, administrative and financial related tasks related to public procurement processes, administrative checking of submitted tenders and proposals, contracting procedures, preparation of progress reports, and budget management.

Each trainee will be offered an allowance of 1.100 € per month as an indemnity.

The application deadline is 30 June 2017. More information is available [online](#).

Conférence et workshop URBACT

'Urban challenges: Fringe Solutions'

Brussels, 13th June 2017 – In cooperation with EUROCITIES and URBACT III, the cities of Antwerp and Oslo are organising a day for presenting the results of the '[Edge-of-Centre Transformation](#)' project and of the '[sub>urban. Reinventing the fringe](#)' network (in total, 15 cities are involved).

This event's programme is available [online](#), as well as the registration form. **Registration to the conference is mandatory.** You will receive more information on the workshop once you are registered.

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