

ESPON TANGO Project

Workshop

**Towards Better
Territorial Governance**

Potentials and pathways for transferring good practices
across Europe

Wednesday, 20th March 2013
09h45 – 16h45

Venue

European Commission, DG Regional and Urban Policy
Avenue Beaulieu 1, Oudergem, Brussels
Room: BU29-00-027

Final Programme



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Background and objectives

The workshop has an essential role in the ESPON project 'Territorial Approaches for New GOVERNANCE' (ESPON TANGO). The project delves deeply into the conceptualisation and operationalisation of territorial governance across Europe.

The aim is to provide evidence to support future territorial development policies in general and Cohesion Policies to improve regional competitiveness, social inclusion and sustainable and balanced growth of the European territory in particular.

The ESPON TANGO project assesses current trends in territorial governance and develops a robust typology and a framework of good governance practices. The required information has been gathered in particular through a dozen in-depth case studies.

A central goal of the project is to identify and deduce innovative and transferable practices of territorial governance across Europe that shall be synthesised and disseminated in a policy-relevant 'Handbook of Territorial Governance'.

The outcomes of the workshop will be used to make this Handbook as relevant and user-friendly as possible.

In short, the workshop has five main objectives:

- To involve the main target group of the Handbook of Territorial Governance, namely decision-makers, practitioners and policy-makers with a stake in territorial development.
- To identify and discuss the characteristics of good territorial governance and ways to transfer them based on 12 case studies from across Europe.
- To distil good territorial governance practices for achieving smart, inclusive and sustainable growth.
- To help participants detect channels and mechanisms from which to learn.
- To receive suggestions for a relevant and user-friendly Handbook on good Territorial Governance.

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Please register by email at nordregio@nordregio.se
The number of participants is limited, so please register by 01 March 2013

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09.00-09.45 *Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea*

Session One: Warm-up

Chairperson: Lisa van Well, Nordregio

09.45-10.00 Welcome and Setting the Scene

Peter Mehlbye, Director, ESPON Coordination Unit

10.00-10.15 Why Territorial Governance matters for achieving Territorial Cohesion

Christian Svanfeldt, DG Regional and Urban Policy

10.15-10.30 The ESPON TANGO project and the concept of Territorial Governance

Peter Schmitt, Nordregio

10.30-10.45 Introduction to the Workshop

Umberto Janin Rivolin, Politecnico di Torino

10.45-11.00 *Coffee Break*

Hands-on exercise I: What can be transferred in Territorial Governance?

11.00-12.30 Based on experiences, participants discuss what is most relevant for transferability.

Moderators: Politecnico di Torino

12.30-13.30 *Lunch*

Hands-on exercise II: How to transfer good practices of Territorial Governance?

13.30-15.00 Participants discuss channels and mechanisms from which to learn.

Moderators: Politecnico de Torino

15.00-15.15 *Coffee Break*

Reflections on Potentials and pathways for transferring good practices across Europe

Chairperson: Lisa van Well, Nordregio

15.15-15.45 Reflection statements

Aloys Rigaut, Committee of the Regions, Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy (COTER), Secretariat

Thomas Wobben, Committee of the Regions, Director for Horizontal policies and networks

Emmanouil Dardoufas, Committee of the Regions, Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional & External Affairs (CIVEX), Secretariat

Christian Svanfeldt, DG Regional and Urban Policy

Jackie Eveleigh, East of England region (tbc)

Alberto Allende, European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)

15.45-16.25 *Open discussion*

Conclusions and Follow-up

16.25-16.45 *Umberto Janin Rivolin, Politecnico di Torino & Lisa Van Well, Nordregio*

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