



**ENECON Project**  
**(ESPON Evidence in a North European Context)**  
**Final Conference, Vilnius 10-11 April 2014**

**“Challenges and opportunities for territorial  
development and cohesion in a North European  
macro region”**

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# ESPON 2013 Programme

## Mission:

- Support policy development in relation to territorial cohesion and a harmonious territorial development
- Provide comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on territorial structures and dynamics
- Reveal territorial capital and potentials in support of the competitiveness of regions and larger territories

## Key principles:

- Policy demand defines applied research themes
- Use of results by stakeholders important
- Improve the European knowledge base on territorial development and cohesion, including data, indicators, typologies, models and maps
- Support European-wide understanding and involvement by communicating new comparable information for policy development



# ESPON 2013 Priorities

## Priority 1:

- Applied research on territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion

## Priority 2:

- Targeted analysis based on user demands/European perspective to different types of territories

## Priority 3:

- Scientific platform and tools/Territorial indicators, data, analytical tools and scientific support

## Priority 4:

- Capitalisation, ownership and participation/Capacity building, dialogue and networking

## Priority 5:

- Technical assistance, analytical support and communication plan



# Priority 4 Objective and Actions

## Objective:

- Spread of European evidence on territorial trends, perspectives and policy impacts

## Main type of actions:

- Capitalisation strategy
- Media and Publications
- European seminars and workshops
- **Transnational networking activities (8 projects undertaken by the European Network of ESPON Contact Points:**  
<http://www.espon.eu/>)

*(The Transnational Networking Activities provide targeted transnational capitalisation, awareness rising and dissemination of ESPON results with the specific objective of involving policy makers, practitioners, scientists and young academics and promote the European perspective of territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion)*



## P4: ENECON, partners and aim/mission

### Transnational Project Group (TPG):

- ESPON Contact Points (ECPs) of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden

### Aim/mission:

- Promote awareness, use and capitalization of ESPON-evidence, a European perspective and transnational cooperation, in territorial development and spatial planning policies and practice
- Facilitate transnational dialogues between policy makers and practitioners, scientists and young academics and students
- Address challenges and opportunities particular to the northern part of Europe, in a wider European context
- Take a macro-regional perspective, focusing the Baltic-Nordic region

<http://www.rha.is/enecon/>



# ENECON, outcomes and actions

## Three postgraduate workshops at partner state universities:

- “Territorial Governance and Co-operation. Exploring Neighbouring Regions” (Joensuu, Finland, 19 October 2012)
- “European External Border – Territorial Specificities, Trend and Disparities” (Tartu, Estonia, 16-17 April 2013)
- “Integrated Territorial Management and Governance” (Aalborg, Denmark, 28 March 2014)

## One thematic workshop:

- “Sustainability and Sustainable Regions – Multi-Faceted Concepts” (Stockholm, Sweden, 15-16 August 2012)

## ESPON meets the Arctic conference:

- “Climate Change in Northern Territories - Sharing Experiences and Exploring New Methods, Assessing Socio-Economic Impacts” (Akureyri, Iceland, 22-23 August 2013)

## Macro-regional conference/ENECON final conference:

- “Challenges and opportunities for territorial development and cohesion in a North European macro-region” (Vilnius, Lithuania, 10-11 April 2014)



# ENECON, other outcomes and actions

- Project website (established and maintained at the University of Akureyri): <http://www.rha.is/enecon/>
- Feedback to ESPON on results prepared by project groups, in order to raise awareness about blunders and misinterpretations from a national point of view (“Blunder checks” of DFRs)
- Feedback on relevant national activities undertaken by the ECPs
- Written summary reports from each ENECON event (published at the project website along with presentations and other event-related material)
- Final report (to be submitted by the end of May 2014 and later published)
- On the basis of the three postgraduate workshops, e-learning short courses will be compiled at the open-source PHP Moodle application, including series of web-based lectures (3 x 2 hours), to be offered for academic use in the participating countries



# Conference aim and scope:

- Target a selection of ESPON project findings (Priorities 1-3) which are considered particularly relevant in a North European context
- Share and discuss the results and insights achieved in these projects in a Baltic-Nordic macro regional policy and planning context
- The main themes to be addressed are:
  - Territorial scenarios and visions for Europe
  - Economic crisis and resilience of regions
  - Territorial dimension of poverty and social exclusion
  - EU neighboring regions and territorial development
  - Key indicators for territorial cohesion and spatial planning
  - Territorial monitoring system for the Baltic Sea Region
- Learn and assess the relevance of selected ESPON online public tools for analytical and practical use of ESPON results
- Learn about other capitalization activities in 2014 and perspectives for ESPON towards 2020 (a third programme phase)





# Dinner time and venue:

**We meet around 19:30**

(...for drinks, dinner served around 20:00)

**at**

**Narutis Hotel, Pilies St. 24**