



Transnational perspectives on spatial planning – Experiences from the Nordic-Baltic countries

Nordic-Baltic ESPON Conference for Planners and Policy-makers

Venue: Nordregio, Holmamiralens väg 10, Skeppsholmen, Stockholm,

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Programme



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Day 1, Thursday 3 February: ESPON findings and their relevance for the BSR

Chair: Heikki Eskelinen (University of Eastern Finland/NORBA)

Questions and discussions after every speech

- 11.30-12.30: Sandwich lunch
- 12.30-12.45: **Words of Welcome**
Mats Johansson, (KTH/NORBA, Swedish ECP)
Ole Damsgaard, (Nordregio)
- 12.45-13.20: **ESPON 2013 on the road**
Peter Billing, (ESPON CU)
- 13.20-14.00: **The 5th Cohesion Report**
Jean Peyrony, (DG Regio)
- 14.00-14.40: **Spatial scenarios for Europe and Nordic-Baltic Countries**
Alexandre Dubois, (Nordregio)
- 14.40-15.00: Coffee break
- 15.00-15.40: **Lessons from the Territorial Diversity-project (TeDi)**
Grétar Thór Eythórsson (University of Akureyri/NORBA)
- 15.40-16.20: **Future migratory movements – concentration or de-concentration?**
Johanna Roto, (Nordregio, ESPON DEMIFER)
- 16.20-16.30: Stretching the legs
- 16.30-17.10: **A new rural typology for Europe and Intermediate regions**
Andrew Copus, (UHI, UK/Nordregio, Sweden, ESPON EDORA)
- 17.10-18.10: **“What can ESPON do for your region?”**
Panel discussion based on the earlier presentations
Chair: Lisa Van Well, Nordregio
Participants:
Peter Billing, ESPON CU
Jean Peyrony, DG Regio
Andrew Copus, UHI, Nordregio
Ole Damsgaard, Nordregio
Odd Godal, Norwegian MC
Sverker Lindblad, Swedish MC
- 18.10 End of Day 1

Day2, Friday 4 February: International aspects in national and regional planning

Chair: Folke Snickars, KTH

- 08.30-09.20: **Outlooks towards Europe in national planning of the Northern and Baltic countries - an overview**
Niels Boje Groth (KVL, Denmark)
- 09.20-09.55: **The need for interplay between international and national planning perspectives**
Peter Eklund (County Administrative Board, Södermanland, Sweden)
- 09.55-10.30: **Finnish planning meets Europe**
Timo Turunen (Ministry of the Environment, Finland)
- 10.30-10.50: Coffee break
- 10.50-11.50: *The development of regional planning in the Baltic States***
- 10.50-11.10: **Development of the Regional planning concept for the next programming period**
Inguna Urtane (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia)
- 11.10-11.30: **Linking the Estonian national spatial plan Estonia 2030+ with the European and Baltic spatial strategies**
Tavo Kikas (Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Estonia)
- 11.30-11.50: **The development of regional planning in the Lithuania**
Marija Burinskiene (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania)
- 11.50-12.00: Stretching the legs
- 12.00-13.10: **The need for international aspects in regional planning and policies**
Closing panel discussion
Chair: Folke Snickars, KTH, Sweden
Participants:
Heikki Eskelinen
Niels Boje Groth,
Peter Eklund
Tavo Kikas
Inguna Urtane
Christer Bengs, SLU, Sweden
- 13.10: **Closing the conference**
- 13.15: Sandwich lunch

The conference comprises of two elements:

- Discussions on the findings of transnational ESPON projects that bear particular relevance for Nordic-Baltic countries
- Discussions on the changing nature and role of planning in the Nordic-Baltic countries

In addition, information will be provided in co-operation with the ESPON Co-ordination Unit on how to access and utilise the information and evidence produced by the ESPON 2013 Programme.

The key themes to be discussed:

- ☐ Nordic-Baltic countries in light of ESPON findings
- ☐ ESPON in evidence-based spatial and territorial policy in the Nordic-Baltic countries at macro-regional, national and regional levels
- ☐ Europeanization processes in spatial planning in the Nordic-Baltic countries: similarities and dissimilarities
- ☐ Messages of the ESPON scenarios concerning Nordic-Baltic countries – from the metropolitan centres to the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA)

Brief Dictionary

Nordic-Baltic dialogues on transnational perspectives in spatial planning (NORBA) = A networking project within the ESPON 2013 Programme, implemented by the ECPs from Finland (Lead Partner), Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Norway and Sweden

ECP = ESPON Contact Point

ESPON 2013 = the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion

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