



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

Nordic-Baltic ESPON Conference for Planners and Policy-makers

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Programme with links to presentations



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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

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| 11.30-12.30: | Sandwich lunch |
| 12.30-12.45: | Words of Welcome
Mats Johansson (KTH/NORBA)
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
<i>Chair:</i> Lisa Van Well (Nordregio)
<i>Participants:</i>
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, Sweden)

Questions and discussions after every speech

- 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 - reflections from a local perspective](#)
Carl-Johan Engström (KTH, Division of Urban and Regional Studies, Stockholm, 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 (University of Eastern Finland/NORBA)
Niels Boje Groth (KVL, Denmark)
Tavo Kikas (Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Estonia)
Inguna Urtane (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia)
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)

Organizers:

The NORBA-consortium in cooperation with Nordregio

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

Nordregio = Nordic Centre for Spatial Development

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