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Calls for proposals — ESPON 2013 programme**(18 April 2012-13 June 2012)**

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ESPON is the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion. It supports policy development related to EU cohesion policy. ESPON is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund under objective 3 for European territorial cooperation and by 31 countries (27 EU Member States and Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland).

In the framework of the ESPON 2013 programme, calls for proposals are now open.

1. Call for proposals on targeted analyses/priority 2:

— North Sea — Spreading transnational results (budget EUR 340 000).

One single proposal will be selected for the indicated theme.

2. Call for proposals within the ESPON scientific platform/priority 3:

— European territorial monitoring system (budget EUR 598 000),

— Detecting territorial potential and challenges (budget EUR 350 000),

— European urban benchmarking web tool (budget EUR 200 000).

The total available budget for this call amounts to EUR 1 148 000 which is distributed on projects as indicated above. One single proposal will be selected for each of the three indicated themes.

3. Call for proposals for transnational networking activities by the ESPON contact point network/priority 4:

— Capitalisation activities at transnational level by the ESPON contact point network.

The available budget will be communicated on the ESPON website by the opening of the call. More than one proposal can be selected.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 13 June 2012.

Potential beneficiaries are researchers, scientists, experts, research institutes, public bodies and private companies from 31 countries (27 EU Member States, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). The call on transnational networking activities is dedicated to the institutions confirmed as national ESPON contact points.

An Info Day and Partner Café for potential beneficiaries will take place on 10 May 2012 in Brussels.

All the documentation related to the calls, including the procedure for applying, the eligibility rules, the evaluation criteria and the application form, is available at the ESPON website: <http://www.espon.eu>
