

ESPON 2013 OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS AND EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS

New financing opportunities for territorial research within the ESPON 2013 Programme
16 September 2009 – 11 November 2009

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New calls for proposals and expression of interest are open within the ESPON 2013 Programme.

The deadline for submitting proposals and expressions of interests is **11 November 2009**.

The total available budget for these calls is **14.910.000 Euro**.

Please find below the information about the 5 calls launched within the ESPON 2013 Programme and some practical information helping you to capitalize these financing opportunities for territorial research projects (identification sources for project partners, events preparing the potential participants in Espo projects etc).

I. Calls for project proposals/expressions of interests

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1. [Call for Proposals for 11 themes of Applied Research](#) (Priority 1 of the ESPON 2013 Programme) - **8.650.000 €**;
2. [Call for Expression of Interest for Targeted Analyses](#) (Priority 2 – stage 1)/ **3.500.000 €**;
3. [Call for Proposals for Targeted Analyses](#) (Priority 2 – stage 2) /**360.000 €**;
4. [Call for Proposals in support of the ESPON Scientific Platform](#) (Priority 3) /**400.000 €**;
5. [Call for Proposals for Transnational Networking Activities](#) of the ESPON Contact Point Network (Priority 4) / **2.000.000 €**.

II. ESPON 2013 eligible beneficiaries

Public and private partners are eligible to participate in these Calls for Proposal. Participation of private partners is possible in the Calls for Proposal on Applied Research Projects and Call for Proposals on Targeted Analyses as well as in the Call for Proposals on the Scientific Platform.

| Priority | Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 | Priority 4 |
|------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Participant s | universities/ institutions/ research institutions public bodies/ bodies governed by public law | Etapa 1 Type 1 actions Public authorities at regional/ local level from at least three ESPON 2013 participant states A national level authority Type 2 actions Public authorities at regional/ local level from at least three ESPON 2013 participant states A national level authority Type 3 actions Management Authorities for programmes financed from structural funds | Stage 2 universities/ institutions/ research institutions public bodies/ bodies governed by public law | universities/ institutions/ research institutions public bodies/ bodies governed by public law | ESPON Contact Points Institutions named by the participant states in ESPON Programme |

As the private bodies are now accepted to participate in these calls for proposals, according to the ESPON 2013 Agreement, the Member and Partner States have the obligation to verify their solvency. The list of documents for the solvency check established by the states participating in the Programme can be consulted [HERE](#).

If you have questions regarding the solvency check list for Romanian potential beneficiaries, please contact M. RADU NECSULIU, at radu.necsuliu@mdrl.ro or tel. 0372 114 560.

III. III. Partnership – a condition to participate in ESPON projects

The ESPON 2013 calls for proposals and expression of interest must be developed in close collaboration with future partners, This is a requirement of the projects funded under the European Territorial Cooperation Objective.

The Projects Proposals /Expression of Interests within **ESPON 2013 Programme** must be developed in close collaboration with the next partners. This is a requirement for the projects financed under the European Territorial Cohesion Objective.

In order to identify your partners, we recommend the use of multiple sources, like the following:

- The ESPON 2013 website www.espon.eu – the Coordination Unit of ESPON 2013 invites the potential beneficiaries to fill a formulary with general information (country name, institution etc). The centralized information can be accessed on www.espon.eu or [HERE](#);
- ESPON 2013 National Authority (AN ESPON) – please send an e-mail to ask for help in finding partners, to: espon2013@mdlpl.ro.
- Romanian ESPON Contact Point (PCER) www.esponromania.ro – please send an e-mail to ask for help in finding partners, to: pcer@uaic.ro;
- ESPON Contact Points ESPON (PCE) – please contact the ECP from the member and partner states

in the Programme. The ECP list is available on www.espon.eu or [HERE](#);

- www.infocooperare.ro – website providing assistance to potential beneficiaries, facilitating the search for partners.

IV. IV. Events aiming to prepare the participation of ESPON potential beneficiaries in ESPON projects

□ The ESPON 20113 Coordination Unit from Luxemburg organized an information event - *Info Day and Partner Café*, in Brussels, on 16 September 2009. The event was opened to all the potential beneficiaries of ESPON 2013 Programme.

For further information on the event, click [HERE](#).

□ In October 2009, an Info event will be organized at national level. Further information will be soon available on www.mdrl.ro - Sectiunea evenimentete (http://www.mdrl.ro/_documente/coop_teritoriale/granite_interne/espon/index.htm).

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Are you interested in ESPON 2013 Programme?

ESPON 2013 – The European observation network on territorial development and cohesion is an operational programme within the European Territorial Cooperation Objective of the Cohesion Policy of the European Union under which **European territorial research is financed.**

ESPON 2013 Programme is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the contribution of all EU Member States and of the Partner States: Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

The purpose of the ESPON 2013 Programme is to support the formulation of a policy aimed at the cohesion and harmonious development of the European territory, by (1) providing comparable information, statistics, analyses and scenarios on territorial dynamics, as well as by (2) revealing territorial capital and the development potential of regions and larger territories, thus contributing to the increase of competitiveness, the widening of territorial cooperation and the sustainable balanced development of the European territory.

Information sources:

www.espon.eu

www.mdrl.ro - [Sectiunea ESPON](#)

www.infcooperare.ro - [INFO ESPON](#)

www.esponromania.ro – website of Romanian ESPON Contact Point