

Partnership opportunity

Partnership proposal regarding Priority 1 projects

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Here is the partnership proposal coming from the **Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works**, regarding the collaboration for a project proposal on **Priority 1 - Applied Research** in territorial development, competitiveness and territorial cohesion.

The Ministry is interested on the following item: **“Territorial cooperation in transnational areas and across internal/external borders”**.

Brief characteristics of the institution and contacts are as follows:

*The Bulgaria’s Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works is Managing Authority of IPA cross border programmes at EU **external borders**: Bulgaria – Serbia, Bulgaria – FYR of Macedonia and Bulgaria – Turkey, and also a National Authority of CBC OP Greece – Bulgaria and Romania – Bulgaria at EU **internal borders**.*

The Ministry ensures the participation of Bulgaria in South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, INTERREG IV C, Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme, OP ESPON and OP INTERACT.

*Their offer is based on the experience gained and furtherly expected to be improved in the implementation of cross border programmes at EU **external and internal borders**.*

As they are new for ESPON OP, they make no claims to be lead partner of the project.

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

The total available **budget** for this call amounts to **8.650.000 €** which are distributed on projects as

indicated in the table below. One single proposal will be selected for each of the 11 themes indicated.

Calls for proposals on Applied Research under Priority 1	Available Budget
Attractiveness of European regions and cities for residents and visitors	850,000.00
European patterns of land use	800,000.00
Territorial cooperation in transnational areas and across internal/external borders	850,000.00
Transport accessibility at regional/local scale and patterns in Europe	700,000.00
Secondary growth poles in territorial development	750,000.00
European perspective on specific types of territories	900,000.00
Territorial dimension of innovation and knowledge economy	750,000.00
Continental territorial structures and flows (globalisation)	1,000,000.00
European seas in territorial development	800,000.00
Indicators and perspectives for services of general interest in territorial cohesion and development	1,000,000.00
Territorial and regional sensitivity of EU directives	250,000.00

Further information and the **Application Pack** for **Priority 1** project proposals are accessible at http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/content/programme/1455/1496/2621/2628/index_EN.html

For any additional information concerning the ESPON 2013 Programme or suggestions for the improvement of our activity, don't hesitate to contact us:

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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 - **ESPON Section**

www.infcooperare.ro - **INFO ESPON**

www.esponromania.ro – **Website of ESPON Contact Point for Romania**