

Partnership opportunity

Partnership proposal regarding Priority 1 projects

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Here is the partnership proposal coming from *Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR, Germany)*, regarding the collaboration for an expression of interest on **Priority 1 - Applied Research** in territorial development, competitiveness and territorial cohesion.

The BBR is interested on the following items: “**Continental territorial structures and flows (globalisation)**” and “**Territorial cooperation in transnational areas and across internal/external borders**”.

The brief characteristics of their interest and contacts are as follows:

BBR has continuous and extensive research knowledge and policy advice experience in the field of regional and European spatial development policy. Among acting as national ESPON Contact Point and being involved in several ESPON 2006 projects, the BBR was Lead Partner for the 2.4.2 project “Integrated Analysis of transnational and national territories based on ESPON results” and 3.1 “Integrated Tools for territorial development”.

In the last years we took special intention to global aspects of the Lisbon strategy as well as metropolitan areas in international comparison. Furthermore, due to our multidisciplinary orientation we are also open for other themes of potential cooperation.

We also think about leading a TPG for this project. In this respect we are looking for expert help from institutes engaged in economic, financial and migration research and experts in global orientation of cities.

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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

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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](#)

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