

Partnership opportunity

Partnership proposal regarding Priority 1 projects

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Here is the partnership proposal coming from the **University of Iceland (UI) and The East Iceland Knowledge Network (TEIKN)**, regarding the collaboration for a project proposal on **Priority 1 - Applied Research in territorial development, competitiveness and territorial cohesion.**

The institutions are interested on the following themes:

1. *European perspective on peripheral territories and their territorial cohesion and development.*
2. *Designing and using existing indicators/perspectives of creativity and innovation in peripheral territories in Europe.*
3. *Studies on the development of local democracy in peripheral territories.*
4. *Foresight studies (or indicators) on trends and perspectives in peripheral territories.*
5. *Definition of EU integration and it's impact on the development of rural Iceland... focusing on traditional industries like fishing and agriculture.*

Brief characteristics of the institution and contacts are as follows:

Researchers in UI and practitioners in TEIKN wish to work together on the project representing both the academic perspective and also the regional perspective of territorial development. UI has a wide range of experts that could participate in the project and TEIKN is actively involved in developing and integrating territorial practices into the East-Iceland periphery.

Both partners have been involved in projects related to:

- . Regional development and social cohesion policy;
- . Economic growth factors and sustainable development;
- . Knowledge economy and its impact on economic growth;
- . Demographic changes, policy and socio-economic development trajectories.

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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:

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