

Partnership opportunity

Partnership proposal regarding Priority 2 projects

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Here is the partnership proposal coming from **mr. Martijn De Bruijn (Flemish Region, Belgium)**, regarding the collaboration for an expression of interest on **Priority 2 - Call for Expression of Interest for Targeted Analyses**.

The Flemish Region is interested on the following items:

1. *How do functional urban areas, consisting of various smaller cities but without a European Mega, function and which spatial policies would be most appropriate to maximize their potentials.*
2. *How do regions plan? Can one particular system be considered more effective than another planning system or are differences mainly due to external factors such as geography, public and political support, planning tradition, etc.*
3. *How can regions that function as a gateway to Europe with major transport flows best manage this situation to maximize the benefits and minimize the negative consequences?*
4. *Which role can spatial planning play in densely populated delta regions in handling the specific environmental challenges that this socio-geographical situation implies (e.g. air quality, water quality)?*
5. *Which role can spatial planning play in obtaining the targets of the Lisbon strategy within a region where available space for large-scale investments is limited?*

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The available budget for this call amounts to **3.500.000 €** and up to **10 new project ideas** can be selected.

The deadline for submitting proposals and interests for these calls is **11 November 2009**.

Further information and the **Application Pack** for **Priority 2** project proposals are accessible at

http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/content/programme/1455/1496/2621/2629/index_EN.html.

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