

ECTP-CEU

Representation to NTCCP

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During Irish EU Presidency the meeting of Member State DG's responsible for the Territorial Cohesion was held in Dublin on 16/04.

Territorial Agenda

1. Territorial Impact assessment (TIA)

The Commission staff working document, *Assessing Territorial Impacts: Operational guidance on how to assess regional and local impacts within the Commissions Impact Assessment System* was presented.

This paper aims to offer guidance for the local and regional level of EU policies, which is complementary to the EU policy impact assessment guidelines.

This operational and methodological guidance does not create additional reporting requirements.

The objective is to do an impact assessment with a territorial focus, not limited to a specific policy domain, which is entirely compatible with the assessment of social impacts and competitiveness proofing.

This 11 page document with annexes (22p) about typologies, data sources etc complies at least partly with the plea for territorial impact assessment as expressed in the ECTP-CEU Conference of Louvain la Neuve.

Recommendation:

ECTP-CEU should promote acknowledgement of this paper and utilization by its member's members. (EC Brussels, 17.1.2013 SWD(2013) 3 final)

2. Place-based Territorially Sensitive and Integrated Approach

This report of the Polish Ministry of regional Development results from Polish EU presidency.

It searched for a roadmap towards place-based approach in Europe.

The report concludes that place-based practice is quite common in Europe (Territorial spatial development). All Ingredients are in place; there is no template, approaches differ; territory is an important topic for cross-governance dialogue; strengthening is needed for collecting territorial knowledge and multi-level governance.

3. ESPON 2014-2021 programme

After almost two years of discussions consensus (in principle) was reached about the new set-up of the ESPON programme. A leaner organisation (EGCT) managed by Luxembourg with support of the Belgian regions, providing service contracts (instead of the Interreg procedures), steered by the Member States. Issues of liability are still to be sorted out, but the discussions resulted on a go-ahead.

Recommendation:

ECTP-CEU should inform members about expected less bureaucratic burden for applying to and carrying out of ESPON studies.