

Inspire policy-making by territorial evidence

New thinking on functional urban areas, polycentric territorial structures and cross border collaboration: contributions from ESPON research

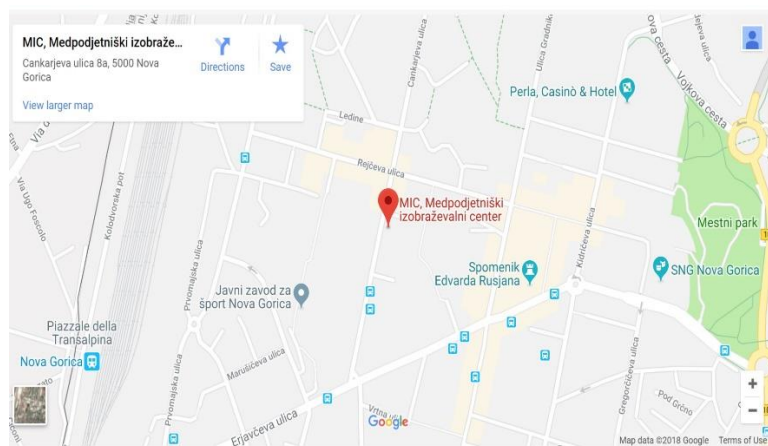
Venue: Nova Gorica

Date: 16th May 2018

09.00-16.30

**Location: School Center Nova Gorica, Cankarjeva 10
5000 Nova Gorica, Slovenia**

Directions



Directions to Nova Gorica

Airports close to the Nova Gorica:

- Ljubljana Airport (120 km from Gorica)

<http://www.fraport-slovenija.si/en/passengers-and-visitors/flight-info/arrivals-and-departures/Index>

- Trieste Airport (Ronchi dei Legionari)

<https://triestearport.it/en/airport/flights-and-destinations/live-flight-information/> (125 km from Ljubljana, 150 km from Ljubljana Airport; 30 km from Gorizia).

Shuttle service

Shuttles from Ljubljana, Trieste and Venice airport to Nova Gorica. The shuttle company is GoOpti www.goopti.com.

Hotels

Perla Casino and hotel is 600 metres from the venue

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/si/perla-casino.en-gb.html>

See also:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-g612453-Nova_Gorica_Styria_Region-Hotel-Deals.html

Type of event: Seminar (up to 80 participants)

Targeted audience

Stakeholders from Central Europe, Serbia, Croatia and Italy:

- Managing authorities and members of joint programming committees of cross-border cooperation programmes;
- Euroregions, CESCO (Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives), Council of Danube Cities and Regions;
- EUSDR stakeholders ;
- 2014-2020 CBC programmes from Central Europe, Serbia, Croatia and Italy;
- Regional spatial planning experts, policy makers and practitioners;
- Municipal authorities and metropolitan areas organisations;
- Urban planning organisations;
- Stakeholders involved in approved Interreg V-A projects with Hungary, Italy, Croatia and Austria.

Cross-border organisations from all over Europe:

- The Working Group on Innovative Solutions to Cross- border Obstacles (coordinated by Luxemburg and MOT);
- Association of European border regions.
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Outline

Demographic tendencies and climate change are a growing concern for planners and policy makers living in border regions in Central Europe, Serbia, Croatia and Italy. These challenges are compounded by spatial blindness across the border, underestimation of the advantages brought about by cross-border governance and provision of services and lack of commitment to genuine cross-border investments.

Moreover, the challenges appear differently and with a different magnitude depending on the geographic characteristics.

The seminar will address these challenges and examine current ESPON research and European practices in planning, governance and provision of service in cross-border functional (urban) areas.

ESPON offers scientific expertise to policy makers who seek assistance in the design of cross-border functional (urban) strategies, innovative governance models, service solutions as well as post-2020 cross-border cooperation programmes in a way that most adequately addresses the geographically specific appearances of depopulation, brain drain and environmental challenges.

Draft agenda

09.00 Registration and welcome coffee

10.00 Welcome:

- Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- City of Nova Gorica, Mayor (tbc)
- ESPON

10.20 Setting the scene: key challenges in cross-border areas

- Tomaž Miklavčič, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Directorate

10.35 Strategic planning in cross-border metropolitan areas

- ESPON SPIMA project: Spatial Dynamics and Strategic Planning in Metropolitan Areas, Peter Austin, Urban Development Dept, City of Oslo (c)

10.50 Flexible cross-border governance models for attractive regions, brain gain and environmental integrity

- ESPON ACTAREA project: Thinking and Planning in Areas of Territorial Cooperation, Name?

11.05 Questions and answers and discussion

11.20 Coffee break

11.40 Cross-border public services

- ESPON Targeted Analysis: Cross-border Public Services, Interim results, Dr. Sabine Zillmer, Spatial Foresight, Germany (c) and Dr. Tadej Pirc, Development Centre Murska Sobota, Regional Development Agency for Pomurje, Slovenia (c)
- *ESPON Targeted Analysis: Future Digital Health in the EU*

12.10 Panel 1: Cross-border programming: how to enhance cross-border collaboration

- Association of the European Border Regions, Ana Nikolov, (tbc)
- MOT (Transfrontier Operational Mission), France, Patrice Harster, Pamina (North Alsace) (tbc)
- Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives, Name
- Gorizia, Nova-Gorica and Šempeter–Vrtojba EGTC, Sandra Sodini, (tbc)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Preparing for the future - the need to think in functional areas - first reflections on the preparation of a Territorial Reference Framework for Europe - Kai Bohme, Spatial Foresight (c)

14.20 Panel 2: Post-2020 responsive CBC programming:

- National Authority for Cross Border Cooperation. Slovenia (tbc)
- Sabina Cimerman, Styria, Austria, CBC Programme Slovenia/Austria (c)
- Jozsef Kolossa, Head of Department, Prime Minister's Office Department of Spatial Planning and Settlement Affairs, Hungary (tbc)
- Perica Gabrić, Head of Department, Sector for European Territorial Cooperation, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia (c)
- Laura Comelli, Managing Authority of the Interreg V-A Italy-Slovenia Programme (tbc)

15.45 Open discussion with the audience

- Challenges, needs and programming;
- ESPON research

16.15 Final conclusions

- Tomaž Miklavčič, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Directorate
- ESPON

16.30 Close

Registration information

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