



ESPON project DEMIFER
Policy Lunch Seminar

Invitation

9 November 2010 at 11.00 – 13.00

Venue: Swedish Representation Auditorium, Brussels

What are the current trends in migration, fertility, and mortality in European regions? How will an ageing population affect European regions in the next decades? What is the relationship between growth of the labour force and territorial cohesion? What types of policies can be aimed at accommodating and changing demographic and migratory trends? These are some of the questions that will be open for discussion at the presentation of the final results of the ESPON project DEMIFER in Brussels on November 9, 2010.

We thus invite EU, national and regional policymakers and other interested stakeholders to learn more about the demographic and migratory trends in Europe and begin addressing relevant policy considerations by attending a Policy Lunch Seminar on November 9th at 11-13 in Swedish Representation's auditorium (Square de Meeûs 30)

Programme

1. Opening and introduction to the seminar (Peter Mehlbye, ESPON Coordinating Unit)
2. Policy relevant project results
 - Demographic trends in Europe, its regions and cities (Leo van Wissen, NIDI)
 - Demographic policy challenges and potentials for European regions (Ramon Bauer, University of Vienna)
 - Policy scenarios for Demographic development towards Europe 2050 (Phil Rees, University of Leeds)
3. Use of DEMIFER results in a policy context (Lewis Dijkstra, DG Regio)
4. Open discussion: Potential policy implications of the DEMIFER-project (Chair: Mats Johansson, KTH)
5. DEMIFER policy briefs (to be published on meeting) (Lisa Van Well, Nordregio)

Scandinavian style smörgås lunch and informal discussion will follow

Welcome

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The Aim of the DEMIFER project

The aim of the DEMIFER (the DEMography and MIgratory Flows for European Regions) project is to assess future changes in population growth, the size of the labour force and the ageing of the population, and to explore different policy options aiming at regional competitiveness and territorial cohesion.

In doing so the project has developed a typology of the European territory as well as scenarios for European regions (NUTS 2 level) based on assumptions on future developments in fertility, mortality, internal migration, international migration, and labour force participation. Scenarios also depict the impacts of the EU cohesion policy and climate change.

Policy considerations which may affect future internal migration, international migration, natural population development and labour force participation have been analysed within the course of the project. The project has been enriched by a series of case studies providing in depth analyses for specific types of regions.



The ESPON 2013 Programme and Demifer

One of the major priorities of the ESPON 2013 Programme is to observe demographic trends in Europe, to look into future demographic developments and to link these to economic, social and environmental development issues in European regions and cities. Within this Programme, ESPON initiated and funded the DEMIFER research project running from 2008-2010.

The DEMIFER project was carried out by a team of researchers from the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI, Netherlands, Lead Partner), the University of Vienna (Austria), the International Organization for Migration/Central European Forum for Migration and Population Research (IOM/CEFMR, Poland), School of Geography of the University of Leeds (United Kingdom), the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (NEAA, Netherlands), the Nordic Centre for Spatial Development (Nordregio, Sweden), and the Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies, National Research Council (CNR, Italy).

The ESPON 2013 Programme is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, the EU Member States and the Partner States Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. It shall support policy development in relation to the aim of territorial cohesion and a harmonious development of the European territory. ESPON shall support Cohesion Policy development with European wide, comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on framework conditions for the development of regions, cities and larger territories. In doing so, it shall facilitate the mobilisation of territorial capital and development opportunities, contributing to improving European competitiveness, to the widening and deepening of European territorial cooperation and to a sustainable and balanced development.

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