

**EUROPEAN SPATIAL PLANNING OBSERVATION NETWORK**  
**OBSERVATOIRE EN RESEAU DE L'AMENAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE EUROPEEN**

**1. THEMATIC PROJECTS ON IMPORTANT SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 1.1 Cities, polycentric development and urban-rural relations
  - 1.1.1 The role, specific situation and potential of urban areas as nodes of polycentric development (2002-2004)
  - 1.1.2 Urban rural relations (2002-2004)
  - 1.1.3 Enlargement of the European Union and the wider european perspective as regards its polycentric spatial structure (2002-2006)
  - 1.1.4 The spatial effects of demographic trends and migration (2004-2006)
- 1.2 Parity access to infrastructure and knowledge
  - 1.2.1 Transport services and networks : territorial trends and basic supply of infrastructure for the territorial cohesions (2002-2004)
  - 1.2.2 (Tele-)communication and energy services and networks: territorial trends and basic supply of infrastructure for territorial cohesion (2002-2004)
  - 1.2.3 Identification of spatially relevant aspects of the information society (2004-2006)
- 1.3 Natural and cultural heritage
  - 1.3.1 The spatial effects and management of natural and technological hazards in the general relation to climate change (2002-2004)
  - 1.3.2 Management of the natural heritage (2002-2004)
  - 1.3.3 The role and spatial effects of cultural heritage and identity(2002-2004)

**2. POLICY IMPACT PROJECTS**

- 2.1 The territorial effects of sector policies
  - 2.1.1 Spatial diversification by the infrastructure policy of TENs (2002-2004)
  - 2.1.2 Spatial effects / territorial impact of the EU R&D policy (2002-2004)
  - 2.1.3 Spatial effects / territorial impact of the EU Agricultural Policy with particular reference to the environmental dimension and policy (2002-2004)
  - 2.1.4 Energy services and networks and territorial impact of EU energy policy
  - 2.1.5 Territorial impacts of European fisheries policy (2004-06)
- 2.2 New territorial aspects of the Structural Funds and related Funds
  - 2.2.1 The territorial effects of the Structural Funds (2002-2006)
  - 2.2.2 The territorial effects of pre-accession aid and Phare/Tacis/ISPA (2002-2006)
  - 2.2.3 The effects of Structural Funds in urban areas (2002-2006)
- 2.3 Institution and instruments of spatial policies
  - 2.3.1 The application and effects of the ESDP in Member States (2004-2006)
  - 2.3.2 The governance of territorial and urban oriented policy from the EU to the local level (2004-2006)
- 2.4 Territorial trends in environment and impacts of EU environment policy (2005-2006)
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  - 2.4.2 Integrated analysis of transnational and national territories based on ESPON results (2004-2206)

**3. COORDINATING CROSS-THEMATIC PROJECTS**

- 3.1 Integrated tools for the European spatial development (2002-2004)
  - 3.1.1 Integration of European spatial databases
  - 3.1.2 Clarification of the concepts of spatial and social integration
  - 3.1.3 Specification of potential thematic fields for Community intervention
- 3.2 Spatial Scenarios and orientation towards the ESDP and the Cohesion Policy (2003-2006)
- 3.3 Territorial dimension of the Lisbon/Gothenburg Process (2004-2006)
  - 3.4.1 Europe in the World (2004-2006)
  - 3.4.2 Territorial impacts of EU economic policies and location of economic activities (2005-2006)

**4. ESPON RESEARCH BRIEFING AND SCIENTIFIC NETWORKING**

- 4.1 Data navigator: preparatory surveys on data access