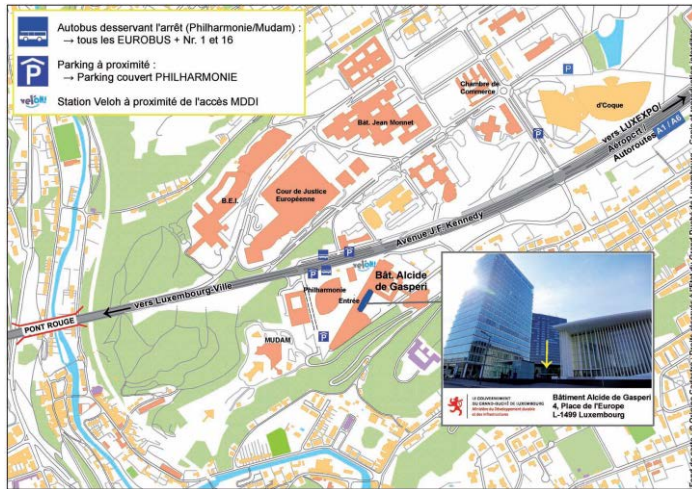


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12th December 2014 | 9h00 – 12h00

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Small and medium-sized towns form the backbone of the European territory and are deemed to be important economic pillars, both at national and at EU level. Despite their economic and societal relevance, only little attention has been paid in research and practice, compared to large cities and metropolitan areas. This trend could change in the near future: small and medium-sized towns are one of the priorities of the current Presidency Trio of the Council of the EU (Italy, Latvia and Luxembourg). The latest ESPON results make also a significant contribution to the questions about their morphology, socio-economic performance and governance.

The conference will be based on these current ESPON results in order to identify and discuss both opportunities and challenges for small and medium-sized towns in Luxembourg and the Greater Region within a European context. Furthermore, the conference offers participants to become acquainted with some ESPON tools, which proved to be very useful for the positioning of a place within a European and transnational context.

The conference is addressed to all practitioners on a local, national and cross-border level, who are interested in small and medium-sized towns.

Conference languages: French - German (simultaneous translation)

8h45 Registration of participants

9h00 Welcome, *Frank Vansteenkiste, Attaché de gouvernement, MDDI*

9h10 Introduction, *Birte Nienaber, ECP Luxembourg*

9h20 Challenges and opportunities for small and medium-sized towns in Europe

- Spatial specifics of small and medium-sized towns – Main results of the ESPON project "TOWN", *Loris Servillo, Catholic University of Leuven*
- Role of small and medium sized urban areas in territorial development: Latvian experience and plans for the upcoming Latvian presidency of the Council of the European Union, *Ilze Jureviča, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia*
- Small and medium-sized towns in Luxembourg and the Greater Region, *Estelle Evrard, ECP Luxembourg*
- Discussion

10h45 Coffee break

11h00 How do my country and city position themselves in

Europe? Getting to know ESPON data and tools

- Use of ESPON tools from a didactic point of view, *Annabelle Mosbach, ECP Luxembourg*
- Get to know CityBench und RIMAP: live presentation, *Sandra di Biaggio & Marjan Van Herwijnen, ESPON CU*
- Q&A session

11h50 Conclusion & Closing of the workshop, *Birte Nienaber, ECP Luxembourg*

12h00 Light lunch