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# Abbreviations

ESPON REGICO	ESPON REGICO – Comparing Regions in multiple contexts
MTA	Multi-scalar analysis

# 1 Task 3 - Open Desk session

The aim of the service contract is to capitalise on the ESPON REGICO tool, more precisely to make the tool and its functionality known to a wider audience. The tool is already fully developed and available via <https://regico.espon.eu/>

To this end, the aim of task 3 was to provide an information desk hosted by a project team member at the ESPON Seminar 2021, on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021. By providing on-site access to the tool together with a short demonstration of the tool and the possibility to answer questions personally, any interested person would be able to explore the functionalities of the tool taking advantage of the individual guidance provided by the project team. Furthermore, information material such as the information leaflet would be made available to interested persons.

Due to changed security measures in the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, the character of the ESPON Seminar was re-scheduled from physical meetings to (mainly) online events.

Consequently, the tool presentation was prepared by the project team as an online workshop, with ESPON organising the inclusion of the workshop agenda into the ESPON seminar programme. Additionally, the project team informed about the workshop via company newsletter.

The workshop took place on Thursday, 2 December 2021 at 09:30 – 10:45 (CET) with the following agenda:

## Agenda

- Introduction to the project by ESPON EGTC
- Introduction to the method of multi-scalar analysis (MTA)
- Presentation and demonstration of the tool
  - Landing page, functionalities
  - Demonstration of several examples
  - Demonstration of data upload
  - Information on data sources
- Questions and answers
- Closing

## Participants

In total 15 participants joined the workshop, excluding the ESPON project manager and two project team members. The participants indicated their occupations as policy makers, representatives of different regional administrations, ESPON MC members, researchers, consultants and students.

## Discussion

During the discussion the following questions were raised by the audience.

### Question A: Editing of the study area

The project team was asked, if there was any opportunity to customise the selected territories or program areas, e.g. INTERREG programme areas, by uploading a list of NUTS-3 regions instead of the integrated "click&mix" option?

Within an additional outreach contract, a new functionality will be added to the tool. Its purpose is to select the new INTERREG programme areas from a list of predefined study areas (including a search function). The functionality will be online, soon after the programme areas are officially presented, which is envisaged for March 2022. A functionality that allows for defining e.g. a study area by uploading a list of regions is, however, currently not implemented but could be subject for a future update.

#### **Question B: Update of data**

Further the question was raised, whether the available data in the ESPON REGICO tool would be updated on a regular basis.

At present, there is no contract to regularly update data of the ESPON REGICO tool. The tool provides the possibility to add data from the ESPON 2020 database, which itself is currently updated and will be updated regularly in the future. Furthermore, there is the possibility for any user to add custom datasets to the tool and to make them available for a wider audience by asking ESPON to validate the data and save it within the general dataset.

#### **Question C: Availability of regional energy data**

One question addressed the availability of European Energy data, e.g. data on energy poverty.

At present, there is a dataset of the ESPON Project LOCATE available from the ESPON 2020 database which includes information on regional energy production and consumption for two points in time. An update of this project is currently tendered out. Within the workshop the project team demonstrated how to import data from the ESPON 2020 database and pointed out that screening the metadata of the ESPON 2020 database is important when using data from there. A short introduction on where to find the metadata on the ESPON 2020 database was given, too.







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