

Survey to capture the provision of cross-border public services in Europe

Dear colleague,

the ESPON 2020 Cooperation Programme (www.espon.eu) is undertaking a study on the territorial dimension of the provision of cross-border public services (CPS) in Europe. A territorially balanced access to affordable public services of general interest is an important aspect of the Lisbon Treaty's territorial cohesion objective that also gained importance under the EU's current Cohesion Policy. Since EU border regions are particularly affected by challenges to ensure affordable public service access, the study is supported by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR).

The objective of this study is to provide an overview of main features of CPS provision at EU borders, to highlight potential territorial problems related to CPS provision and to identify future needs in this field. Important outcomes of the study are a comparative picture of CPS provision and their features in the EU and to examine best practices to support future CPS development.

The survey seeks to collect data on CPS provision based on insights and perceptions of institutions and organisations providing CPS. Therefore, your response to this survey is crucial. You can participate in the survey by completing our online questionnaire (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESPON_CPS_EN). The results of the study will be made publicly available in November 2018.

If you have further questions about the study, please get in touch with Nicolas Rossignol (nicolas.rossignol@espon.eu). Queries to the content and the use of this survey should be sent to Dr Sabine Zillmer (sabine.zillmer@spatialforesight.eu) or Mr Frank Holstein (frank.holstein@spatialforesight.eu), responsible for the technical implementation of the study.

Confidentiality

The aim of this survey is to collect information on CPS provision. ESPON will only share anonymised results. No personal details collected within this survey will be shared.

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We appreciate you taking the time to respond and thank you in advance for your valuable input.

With best regards,
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