



# OECD Territorial Review of the NSPA region

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# Why an OECD review?

- A tool for lobbying
  - The reasons the bonus/extra allocation to sparsely populated areas was extended were strong arguments backed up by research
- OECD is a respected authority with experience conducting this kind of exercise
- OECD is in the forefront of research and analysis
- A transnational review can identify political obstacles for cooperation
- The study can help the regions also in their individual development efforts

# What is an OECD Territorial Review for the NSPA?

- Socio-economic analysis
  - Trends
  - Potentials for growth
- Development strategies and initiatives
  - For example innovation clusters and the role of higher education
- Governance
  - Strategic planning
  - Horizontal cooperation
  - Partnerships with private sector and civil society
- Case studies
  - Approx. 10 pages per region
  - Will be the basis for the analysis of the whole NSPA area

# Potential specific themes for the NSPA study

- Improving regional competitiveness
- Addressing demographic challenges
- Strengthening human capital and its link with the private sector
- Achieving policy complementarities with transport policies
- Addressing challenges related to climate change
- Other themes can be suggested

# How will the review be carried out?

- A local team produces a background report with key statistics and existing development strategies
- OECD conducts 3 study missions
  - Key actors from public sector, private sector and civil society will be interviewed
  - International experts will be assisting
  - Officials from other OECD countries will participate in a peer review exercise
- OECD makes a draft that will be checked by the local team
- OECD presents the report

# The local team

- Consists of
  - 3 key actors (one per country)
  - At least one representative per region (14 regions)
- Appoints one coordinator per country
- Produces the background report with key statistics and existing development strategies
- Organizes the study missions of the OECD
  - Logistics
  - Booking interviews/study visits
- Ensures senior officials participate in meetings with the OECD in Paris and at the launch event
- If there is interest, translates the study

# Time line

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| Q4 2014 | Letter of commitment is signed and local team is nominated            |
| Q1 2015 | Kick-off<br>Background report produced by local team                  |
| Q2 2015 | Data collection<br>First study mission                                |
| Q3 2015 | Second study mission  |
| Q4 2015 | Third study mission   |
| Q1 2016 | First draft   |
| Q2 2016 | Report finalized  |
| Q3 2016 | Report presented to the OECD Territorial Development Policy Committee |

The review will be published following OECD approval

# OECD estimated budget

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| OECD staff costs                 | € 279 067        |
| Experts – Intellectual Services  | € 24 000         |
| Mission Costs                    | € 56 050         |
| Editing and formatting           | € 5 000          |
| Publication Costs                | € 5 000          |
| Statistics                       | € 27 514         |
| OECD Grant Administration (6,3%) | € 26 668         |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                     | <u>€ 423 300</u> |



# Other costs

- Financing and organization of the local team
- In-country logistics/organizational costs of the missions in the NSPA regions
- Three workshops (one per study mission)
- Launch event
- Travel costs for representatives from the NSPA regions to meetings with the OECD



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