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Planning for a Metropolitan Future

Invitation to the final conference of the ESPON Targeted Analysis 'SPIMA'

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the final conference for the ESPON Targeted Analysis project 'Spatial dynamics and strategic planning in metropolitan areas – SPIMA'. The conference will be held at:

Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, Brussels
09:30-16:00, 6th February 2018

This project was commissioned by stakeholders from 10 EURO CITIES members, who consider it to be a milestone. This work presents ground-breaking documentation and analysis of how 10 cities and their surrounding municipalities and regions have been carrying out strategic planning. The research gives new insight into the processes and potential of spatial planning and changes our understanding of functional urban areas.

The conference is aimed at politicians and officials from metropolitan areas, authorities responsible for urban issues at regional, national and European level, members and partners of the URBAN Intergroup at the European Parliament, umbrella organisations of European cities and metropolitan areas, urban planning researchers and journalists. It is designed to present key findings and policy messages of the SPIMA project and related research, emphasizing the value of this evidence for guiding future policy-making.

Our aim is to share and discuss the wider benefits of supporting and enabling spatial planning in functional urban areas. Successful planning and management of spatial development within metropolitan areas is an essential element for achieving policy goals across Europe. Being confident that local stakeholders and policy makers from all over Europe will feel inspired for the years ahead, we look forward to your reflections and to discussing relevant policy approaches.

The conference language is English and participation is free of charge. We kindly invite you to register until 30 January 2018 at: www.espon.eu/metropolitan-future

We look forward to welcoming you on 6th February.

Sincerely,

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Director of the ESPON EGTC

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Annex: draft conference programme