

Seminar
**Spatial Planning in Ireland: the
European Context**

24th May 2004, NUI Maynooth

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Registration Fee €50 (includes teas/coffee and
lunch)

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**NUI MAYNOOTH
Callan Building, North
Campus**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
The Department of the Environment,
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Spatial Planning in Ireland: the European Context

The EU Commission published the *European Spatial Development Perspective* (ESDP) in 1999. It includes a number of new concepts for spatial planning that are likely to have significant implications for territorial aspects of development throughout the EU and also within member states. The need to maintain an ongoing EU level programme of research and policy analysis in relation to spatial planning and development was recognised by the establishment of the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON) in 2001.

This workshop will provide the first opportunity to present the ESPON work programme to planners and other interested parties in Ireland. Summaries of the outcomes from the first phase of the research programme and preliminary conclusions in relation to future policies for spatial planning at EU level will be presented. This will provide an opportunity to establish the broader European context for the National Spatial Strategy. The workshop will also consider the level of progress achieved in the implementation of the NSS, and for policy makers in key government departments it will provide an opportunity to consider the prospects for spatial planning and development for the period following the current National Development Plan.

The workshop is organised by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and NIRSA (the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis), which has been appointed as the ESPON Contact Point in Ireland.

Objectives:

- To promote the ESPON programme
- To disseminate results from the research projects
- To assess implications for spatial planning and regional development in Ireland

Target audience:

Planners, Officials from Government Departments and State Agencies, Directors of Regional Authorities & Regional Assemblies, Directors of City & County Development Boards, Senior officials in Local Authorities, Academics, Members of European Parliament.

Programme

9.00 Registration

Chair: *Mr. John Martin, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and current Chair of ESPON Monitoring Committee*

9.30 Overview of ESPON Programme: Key concepts & links to Third Cohesion Report

Mr Peter Mehlybe, Director, ESPON Coordination Unit

10.00 Key findings from Research Projects on Polycentric Urban Development and Rural – Urban Relations,

Prof. Jim Walsh and Jeanne Meldon, NIRSA

11.00 – 11.30 Tea/Coffee

11.30 Key findings from Research Projects on Territorial impacts of CAP & Rural Development Policy and selection of other sectoral policies

Patrick Commins, Adjunct Professor, NIRSA

12.00 Discussion

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

Chair: *Professor Jim Walsh, Chair of Board of NIRSA*

14.00 Third Cohesion Report: Implications for Ireland post 2006

Professor John Fitzgerald, ESRI

Implications of Third Cohesion Report for rural areas

Mr. Kieran Moylan, Assistant Director, BMW Regional Assembly

15.00 ESPON and the National Spatial Strategy: Overview of progress on implementation of the NSS

Finian Matthews, Spatial Policy Unit, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

15.30 Panel Discussion

16.00 Close of Seminar