

EUROPE'S SPECIAL AREAS?

Stakeholder Conference on Mountain areas, Islands, Sparsely Populated Areas, Coastal zones, Border areas, Outermost Regions and Inner Peripheries

- 9.30 – 10.00: *Registration and coffee*
- 10.00 – 11.00: Introduction to ESPON and to the GEOSPECS project
- Presentation of first project results on specificities and commonalities of the GEOSPECS categories
- 11.00 – 12.00: Group discussions on specificities and commonalities
- 12.00 – 12.30: Reports from group discussions
- 12.30 – 13.30: *Lunch break*
Architects Ro Koster and Ad Kil present some examples of how targeted initiatives and adaptations of rules can trigger local development
- 13.30 – 13.45: Presentation by Ro Koster and Ad Kil
- 13.45 – 14.00: Benito Giordano, ADE:
Preliminary results: Study on the relevance and the effectiveness of ERDF and Cohesion Fund support to regions with specific geographical features
- 14.00 – 14.15: Sabrina Lucatelli, DG REGIO:
Perspectives of the European Commission on geographic specificities and the next Structural Funds programming period
- 14.15 – 15.15: Group discussions on policy options for GEOSPECS categories
- 15.15 – 15.30: *Coffee break*
- 15.30 – 16.00: Reports from group discussions
- 16.00 – 16.50: Panel debate, with questions and reactions from all participants
- Nicolas Evrard, Association Européenne des Elus de Montagne
 - Jean-Didier Hache, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
 - Mikael Janson, North Sweden European Office
 - Sabrina Lucatelli, European Commission DG REGIO
- 16.50 – 17.00: Concluding remarks

