

**Call for application for research scholarships
for post-graduate international candidates**

RESEARCH PROJECT N. 4

Title

Comparative Analysis of Territorial Governance and Spatial Planning Systems in the European Union

Scientific responsible (name, surname, role)

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Short description of the research activity (max 250 words)

The selected candidate will support the Politecnico di Torino local unit involved in the research project ESPON COMPASS. More in detail, he/she will contribute to the preparation of an authoritative comparative report on changes in territorial governance and spatial planning systems in Europe since 2000, and to substantially improve the knowledge base on territorial governance and spatial planning and their role in the formulation and implementation of EU Cohesion Policy.

The project compares territorial governance and spatial planning in 32 European countries (the 28 member states plus four ESPON partner countries), and aims at answering the following research questions:

- What changes in territorial governance and spatial planning systems and policies can be observed across Europe over the past 15 years? Can these changes be attributed to the influence of macro-level EU directives and policies?
- What are best-practices for cross-fertilisation of spatial and territorial development policies with EU Cohesion Policy?
- How can national/regional spatial and territorial development policy perspectives be better reflected in Cohesion Policy and other policies at the EU scale?

Within this framework, the selected candidate will both be involved in the collection of the research data (through desk research and interviews) as well as in their elaboration (through drafting the required research reports) and dissemination.

Specific requirements (experiences, skills)

The applicant preferably possesses a Master's Degree in spatial planning or related disciplines (urban and regional development, regional studies, geography etc.). Preferably, he authored a master thesis focusing on the European dimension of territorial governance and planning,

The applicant should be fluent in written and spoken English.

Website of the research group (if any)

<https://www.espon.eu/programme/projects/espon-2020/applied-research/comparative-analysis-territorial-governance-and>

Keywords (min 3, max 6)

Territorial Governance, Spatial planning, ESPON, Comparative studies, Urban and regional development, Europeanization

Research Area (max 1)

Urban Studies and Planning