



## Key points NTCCP Meeting 6 April 2016, Amsterdam (NL)

The two main topics of the meeting were 1) the use of scenarios for developing policies and 2) Cross-border cooperation; point 3) outlines the main priorities of the upcoming Slovak and Maltese EU presidencies.

### 1. The use of scenarios for developing policies

The first session was based on a Discussion paper by the NL presidency on the use of scenarios for current and future policy development. Three Scenarios' studies were presented:

#### - **European territorial scenarios by DG REGIO**

DG REGIO has produced two European territorial scenarios, a trend scenario and a convergence scenario for the 2015-2025 time span, to:

- support territorial Impact Assessments
- support the discussions on post2020 Cohesion policy
- support discussion on territorial and spatial developments between Member States

#### - **ET2050 – Territorial scenarios and Visions for Europe, a poor regulation scenario by the ESPON EGTC**

ESPON ET2050 has also developed a baseline scenario and three territorial scenarios for the year 2050: 1) Global Scale, 2) National-macro-regional scale, 3) Regional Scale. These four scenarios create a common framework on possible policy pathways and compare the territorial consequences of better versus poor regulation.

#### - **Scenario Study of the Netherlands – Exploring the future of welfare in relation to the human environment**

### 2. Cross-border cooperation

The European Commission presented its work on the *Cross-border review*, which is based on three pillars:

#### - **A Study on obstacles**

An inventory has been set up and 15 case studies of legal or administrative obstacles have been collected originally in 5 policy areas

- **Stakeholder dialogues and workshops**
- **An Online public consultation**

### 3. Presentation of incoming presidencies

#### - **Slovakia**

- Polycentric structures and the interaction of different government levels
- Adaptation to the effects of climate change on settlements, cities and the environment
- Presentation by the Commission on the results of the consultation on cross-border issues

#### - **Malta**

- Define economic and social difficulties faced by territories with geographic specificities
- Consider scenarios for territories with geographic specificities: potential analysis by ESPON

You can find all presentations and a more detailed summary of the meeting [here](#).