

Perspectives on the renewal of the Territorial Agenda

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ESPON Study European Territorial Reference Framework

Ideas for a new approach to the Territorial Agenda



Key Challenges



Fragmentation and disintegration

- The economic geography is changing – accompanied by an increasing fragmentation
- Fragmentation has a social, cultural and political dimension
- Fragmentation has a territorial dimension (e.g. “places that do not matter”)

Spatial interdependencies...

- Social and economic developments in one place have major impacts on other places
- Increasing negative and positive spill-overs and externalities
- Links and flows induce “new territorialities”

... mismatch of functionalities

- Policy decisions and actions reach beyond administrative borders
- Misalignment between geographies for policy making and the geographies affected

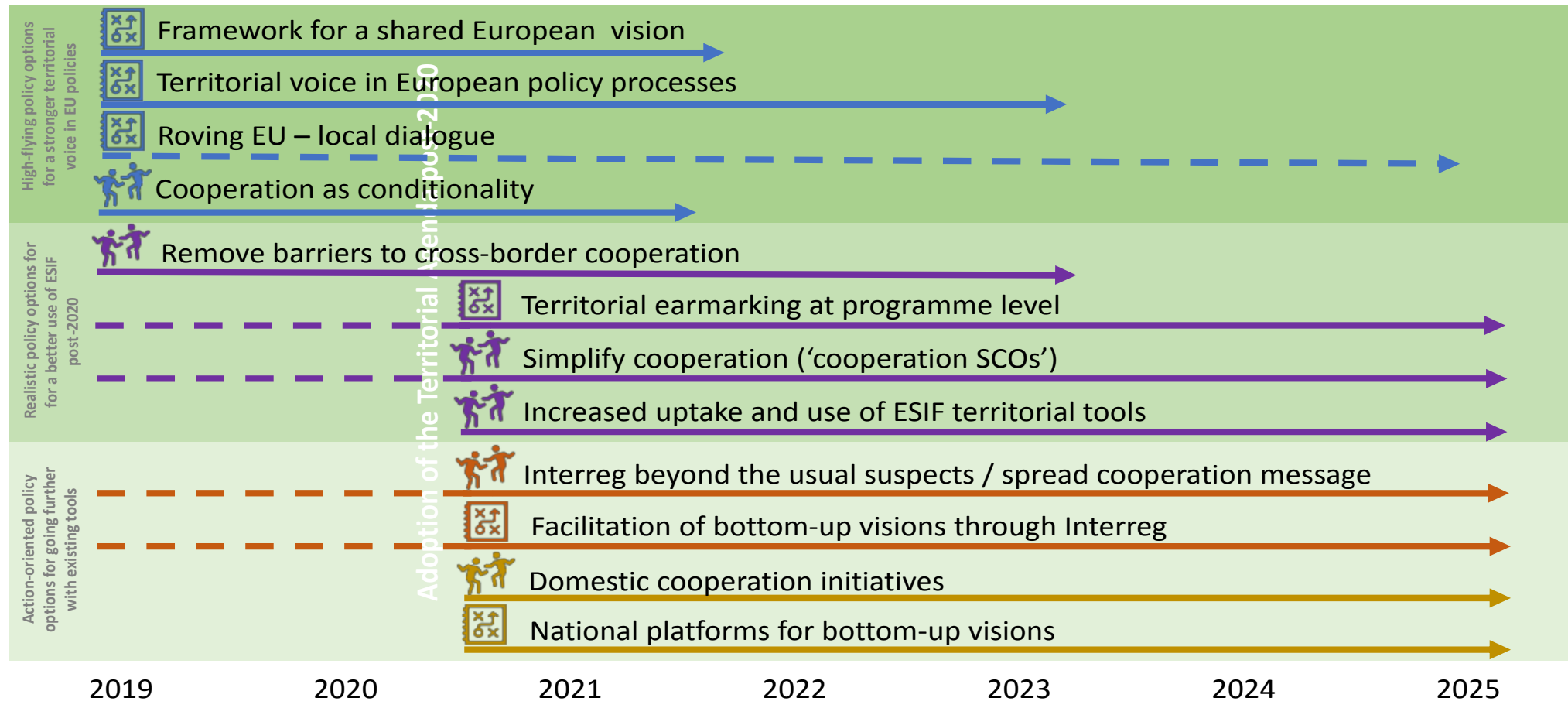
Vision / Narrative



To respond to the key challenges,
the Territorial Agenda post 2020 works for

embracing Europe's diversity without furthering societal and territorial fragmentation.
This requires high quality governments at all levels, engaging with flexible governance solutions.

Policy Pointers



Policy pathways

- Framework for bottom-up visions
- Framework empowered cooperation

Policy focus

- Focus on voice in the European policy debate
- Focus on better use of ESIF post 2020
- Focus on better use of Interreg post 2020
- Focus on better use of domestic policy tools

Time planning



ESPON project

- May/June 2019 - ESPON study presents final report
- September 2019 - ESPON study organizes final conference in Brussels

Territorial Agenda process

- 1st half 2019 – Agreement on the scope of the Territorial Agenda post-2020
- 1st half 2019 – Discussion on synergies with Urban Agenda and macro-regional strategies
- 2nd half 2019 – Discussion on content and implementation mechanisms
- 2nd half 2019 – Discussion on pilot actions and communication plan
- 1st half 2020 – Agreement on Territorial Agenda post-2020 incl. pilot actions & implementation plan
- 2nd half 2020 – Adoption of Territorial Agenda post-2020

Thank you !



Cooperation only grows by sharing

**You can only have more for yourself
by giving it away to others**

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