

# European Development Opportunities in Rural Areas (EDORA) - ESPON 2013

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The EDORA project belongs to the first strand of the ESPON 2013 programme: “Applied research on territorial development, competitiveness and cohesion: Evidence on European territorial trends, perspectives and policy impacts”. As such it is intended to “create information and evidence on territorial challenges and opportunities for success for the development of regions.” It requires a cross-thematic and applied approach. The over-arching aim of the project is to develop a better understanding of the development opportunities and challenges facing diverse types of rural areas in Europe. The underlying demand for such knowledge is to support targeted policy development, relating (inter alia) to job creation and social change. In particular, insights should support the practical implementation - across a range of policy fields – of spatial development principles which have evolved out of perspectives presented in the Fifth Cohesion Report, and elaborated in the recent Territorial Cohesion Green Paper. In particular the project should support the further integration of the Lisbon and Gothenberg agendas into the post-2013 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Three key issues are fundamental to the project specification:

- the need to better understand patterns of differentiation, between different kinds of rural area,
- the nature of the different opportunities for development which each of them faces, and,
- the way in which such opportunities depend upon, and may be strengthened by, interaction between rural and urban areas

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