



## Can you advise us?

Do you have experience of working on regional development, transport, energy networks, rural problems, planning and managing urban change, or similar territorial issues? Or do you have research expertise in such areas?

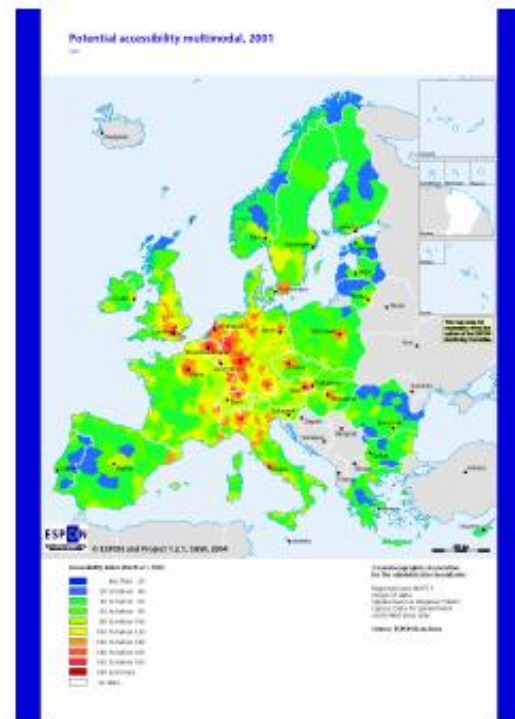
Would you be interested in having an active role in new, cutting-edge European work on these issues? Could you spare about 6 or 7 days over the next couple of years? (You get remunerated at up to 750 Euros a day).

## What is this all about?

ESPON is the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion. It is an EU research programme concerned with analysing data at regional level from 31 countries (the 27 EU members plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). It looks at trends in demography, accessibility, energy, urban and rural regions and many other territorial topics. It seeks to provide evidence that can be useful to policy-makers and practitioners at all levels.

ESPON research projects are done by teams of researchers, and each team is drawn from 3 or more countries. Each project that is commissioned will have a “**Sounding Board**”. One of these will be a **researcher** with expertise relevant to the subject of the project, and the other one will be a **practitioner**. They will monitor progress of the research project and provide advice. For example, the

researcher could suggest improvements in methodology, while the practitioner would be expected to keep the focus on the applicability of results in practice.



A typical ESPON map: Potential accessibility (multi-modal) 2001.

## Am I eligible?

You need relevant expertise and familiarity with EU programmes and policies. You should know about the ESPON's work. Practitioners are expected to understand the information needs of practice. For full details go to [www.espon.eu](http://www.espon.eu). The deadline for applications is **22 March 2008**.

To find out more, and get help in applying, please contact your UK ESPON Contact Point (Jenny Crawford and Cliff Hague) at [research@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:research@rtpi.org.uk) or ring Cliff Hague on 0131-447-5265 or 0771 471 8900.



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