

ESPON UK Network Member Survey

This survey was open from 14 January to 5 February 2010

Analysis

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Total survey sent to: 594

Total completed survey: 47

What do you see as the main benefit of being an ESPON UK Network member? (Please rank the items 1-5 with 1 being your choice of main benefit)

	1	2	3	4	5	Response count
Receiving information through bulletins	23	13	7	0	1	44
Finding information on the network web pages	9	14	7	8	0	38
Opportunities to explore and express views on spatial planning issues (eg. through events and the on-line discussion forum)	4	7	8	15	2	36
Sharing information and knowledge with other members	3	7	15	11	0	36
Optional 'other benefit' (please rank & detail this below)	4	0	1	0	6	11

- *Receiving information through bulletins* is the main benefit to the majority of respondents.
- *Finding information on the network webpages* is the second main benefit.

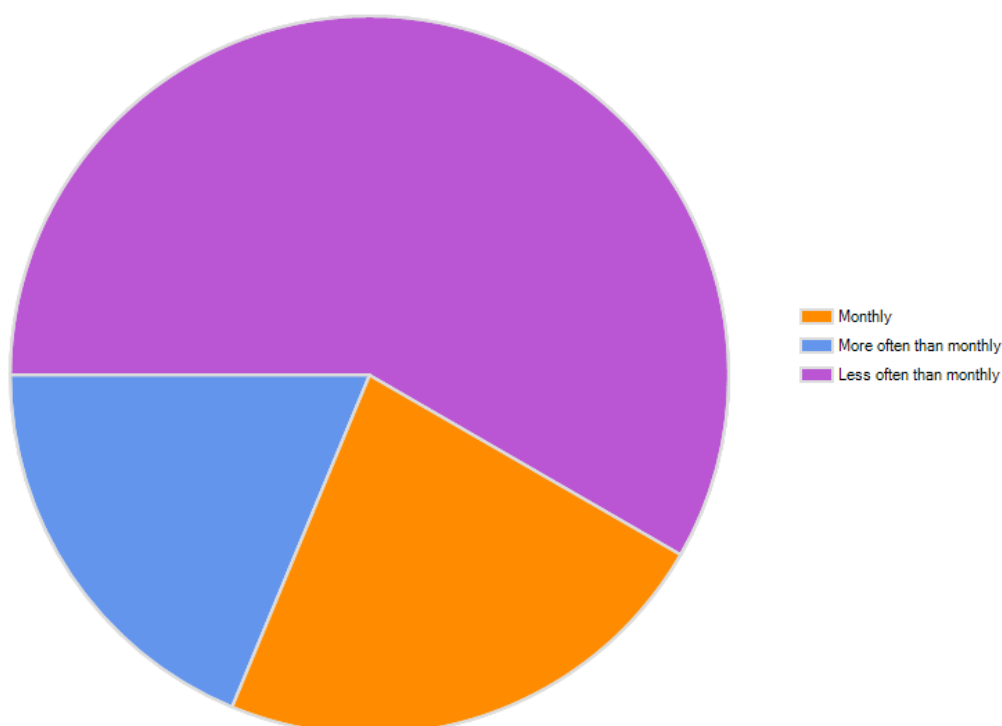
Other benefits:

- The possibility of one day being part of an ESPON-funded project
- Keeping up to date with best practice in spatial planning in Europe/informing development of legislation in NZ
- Getting hold of vital partner co-ordinates and addresses to network informally
- research funding news
- Relating ESPON UK Network to other RTPPI work

If you would be interested in hosting a future network event, please enter your details below. We'll be in touch with you shortly after the survey has closed.

The ESPON UK Contact Point is very grateful for the offers made under this section and is always interested in further offers to host events.

How often do you visit the network website?



What do you find most useful on the network website?

	Response Count
Keep up to date with ESPON Calls and Reports	33
Find out more about spatial analysis and territorial development in Europe	31
Contact partners	4
Discuss issues, proposals and problems	5
Receive invitation to workshops	12
Other	0

- Keeping up to date with ESPON calls and reports, and finding out more about spatial analysis and territorial development in Europe, are what nearly 70% of respondents find most useful on the network website.

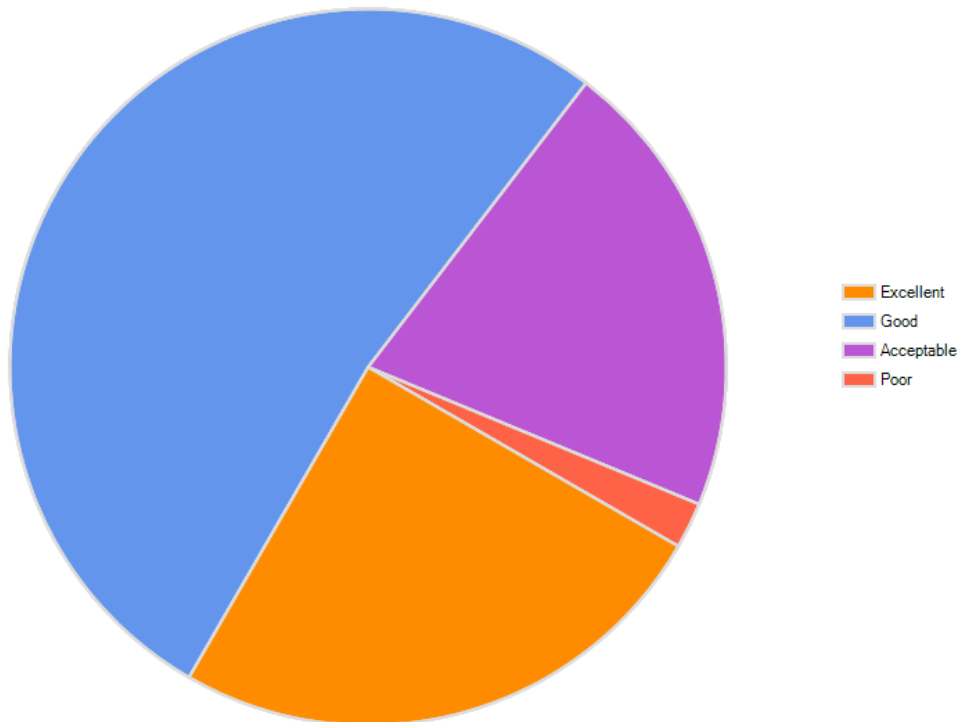
Are there any changes or additional features you would like to see on the network website?

1. Clear menu structure and information, where in the hierarchy of the site, each specific site is located.
2. What about more of a 'lonely hearts' section where individuals and organisations can indicate their interests and characteristics (gsoh?) with a view to partnerships on projects.
3. More on practice e.g. how to prepare spatial plans
4. More links to other relevant information
5. More partner features and how do other countries tackle ESPON.
6. Less technical jargon, involving non professionals
7. higher profile for summaries of findings
8. I believe in change..More information on Spatial planning, issues and concerns, and campaigns. there can be volunteers Data Base across Europe.
9. (As for all Networks) a busy, user-friendly discussion forum

What topics would you most like to see covered in future network events?

<p>The environment and Climate Change Climate change impacts & adaptation Climate change/ ecosystem maintenance Impact of climate change on spatial planning and transport ESPON and carbon management Linking Spatial Development with low-carbon initiatives Greening of spatial plans - the environmental dimension</p> <p>Transport Land use transport modelling Safe and Efficient Transport Network Sea Transport Links Transport Transport and spatial planning</p> <p>Energy Findings from ReRISK Energy</p> <p>Rural Rural planning challenges in Europe Urban-Rural Relationships Affordable (rural) housing</p> <p>Spatial Planning Links with regional, local authority monitoring Local spatial planning policy The role of connectivity in spatial plans The role of small /medium sized towns in spatial and economic policy Spatial development indicators Territorial Indicators</p>	<p>More Best practice from other European nations Changing human behaviour Comparative methods/ analysis Comparison of UK and European Indicators Cultural heritage area conservation management Defence Deprivation ESPON as Hub to link everyone and key resource centre Europe and the world Funding opportunities Infrastructure/land use planning interface - best practice Local economic development More information on ongoing ESPON projects National policy Partner search forums similar to those organised by INTERREG Regeneration Sustainable environment Territorial Cohesion Policy Territorial cooperation The importance of Trans-European-Networks for the UK The territorial dimension of the common agricultural policy TIA - a practical guide Townscape Infrastructure planning and development</p>
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Please comment on your overall satisfaction with the network:



More comments:

- New Zealand is introducing new legislation requiring a regional spatial plan for the Auckland city region. Opportunities to extend the benefits of spatial plans to other city regions in NZ will be explored through a programme reviewing reform of the Resource Management Act in 2010. In doing so, we have drawn on recent research/good practice and examples of legislation in other countries in developing our approach. Keep up the good work!
- Very valuable as a source of information; would be good to have more examples of practical application of ESPON information - could be transnational examples as well as UK. Highlight the summaries of ESPON research projects more - perhaps with more links to their practical use in UK spatial planning?
- A very good website and information source
- network constitutes a useful additional method of keeping up to speed with Euro spatial planning developments/issues
- Good work, keep it up!