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Suggested contribution to

ESPON Applied Research Project on Applied Research under Priority 1: European seas in territorial development

“Projects shall support policy development by creating European wide, comparable information and evidence on territorial dynamics, potentials and challenges focusing on development opportunities for regions and cities.”¹

¹ From the ESPON Call for proposals of 3 may 2010

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1 Summary

The SME Ekelöw AB would like to join a tender for an ESPON project of Applied Research: *European seas in territorial development*. We could provide unique empirics from the exploitation of one of the islands in the Stockholm Archipelago including an analysis of explanations and consequences. Especially we are aware of how a series of apparently sensible decisions can lead to a less satisfactory grand total for life and entrepreneurship on an island and its surrounding maritime societies. Ekelöw is also ready to join and analyze comparisons with similar empirics from other areas.

This is risk management with facets in common with accessibility, maritime logistics and transport policy, business administration, sustainable development, territorial cohesion, territorial diversity, segregation and youth problems. We notice also that the exploitation of littoral areas follows very different patterns in different countries. So there are reasons to discuss these differences in an ESPON context.

2 The Ekelöw AB

Ekelöw AB was founded in 2001 specializing in information and information technology security. After a series of prestigious missions with the Defense, the Police and the big banks we have diversified into all kinds of risk and security and the number of staff are now around 60. Clients get help to discover and control their risks.

One field of interest is the area of singular and rare risks where the common methods of listing and probability are not sufficient. This is the field of our partner Professor Per Sigurd Agrell who also since many years is busy with archipelago issues in co-operation with NGOs and local authorities.²

3 A European need for information

There is a value in public administration and international cooperation and in a development of their relations. There is however also a relation between social realities and administration to consider and develop and that is the basic perspective of the present offer of observations for an ESPON project. There is a local reality of man and enterprise beyond and in a way under the municipal

² The following websites offer further information: www.ekelow.se, www.stromstadakademi.se, www.agrell.info.

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perspectives. From time to time the EU Commission and its Funds would need a direct access to information about this kind of detail. This is the case in land use planning, especially for coastal areas and their complex life. So called longitudinal studies are needed. Some of those are done already and they offer surprises which must be interesting for all levels of planning. Comprehensive statistics do not tell everything, but the kind of longitudinal study suggested here would become a precious precursor to maps and relevant statistics.

4 The design of a project

[Applied Research Projects](#) are supposed to create European wide, comparable information and evidence on territorial potentials and challenges focusing on opportunities for success for the development of regions and cities. The present offer of observations will point to the potential of precisely the coastline stripe to catalyze developments of inner areas as well as to frustrate and block.

Ekelöw AB is not ready to be the lead partner in a tender to be handed over to the EPSON already in June but we feel free to indicate that our empirics may make part in all kinds of comparison with other countries and regions. It may also be a basis for discussions about the balance between long and short term perspectives. Metaphorically optimization and simulation logics may be applied in a next step as a part of design and planning.

5 A role for the Ekelöw AB

Ekelöw AB is used to work in networks of different kinds including public and private partners, also NGOs and specialists from very different areas. So we can adapt to a project structure for the present call surely already far advanced.

We shall write our piece of Swedish east coast empirics and we are prepared to assist other partners in their similar writings. Of course we are also interested in participation when it comes to comparison, analysis and constructive more or less general suggestions. We are interested both in methods and in more real impacts, both in scientific production and in dissemination.

We see the possible relations and we are ready to participate in the development of synergies with the other ESPON projects: Trends in accessibility, TIPTAP, EUROISLANDS, TEDI, Platforms Typology compilation and Map updates.

The Relation between Accessibility and Economic Development, a theme mentioned in the ESPON papers, will appear already in our basic empiric.