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ESPON Study:

**“The development of the Islands - European Islands and Cohesion Policy”
(EUROISLANDS)**

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INTRODUCTORY

COHESION POLICY

ECONOMIC

SOCIAL

TERRITORIAL

- The dimension of **Territorial Cohesion** is included in the **Lisbon Treaty**
- The modified **Article 158** for “Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion”, recognizes the need to pay particular attention to regions with permanent and serious handicaps (like the **islands**)

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EUROPEAN ISLANDS INITIATIVE

First Action Program for the implementation of the Territorial Agenda of the EU

Line of Action 2: "To influence EU key dossiers and to give a territorial/urban dimension to sectoral policies"

Action 2.3c: "Analyse key-dossiers, policies and legislation from the point of view of the Regions with specific territorial constraints – **European Islands**"

- Targeted Action, based on the common acknowledgment of "**insularity**", but also of the possibilities of European Islands
- Aims at forming the framework of policies and corresponding regulatory adjustments reflecting in a practical way the common, European consideration on the territorial dimension of cohesion
- Coordinator: Greece (Ministry of Economy and Finance) in collaboration with the Presidency of the European Council
- Participating Stakeholders: Several European Member-States (**Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Malta**) and Regions, the **CPMR**, the **INSULEUR** and the **ESIF**
- Supporting Stakeholders: Wide network of various organisations and Regional/Local Authorities



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The implementation of the Action include in general two parts:

1. **Discussion, consultation, dissemination**, in order to motivate all the relevant Organisations and Stakeholders, provide awareness and publicity, gain wide recognition and appreciation within Europe, as well as at **influencing appropriately the policy and decision makers**
2. Elaboration of a relevant **study** in the context of the ESPON 2013 Programme (**European Spatial Planning Observation Network**)

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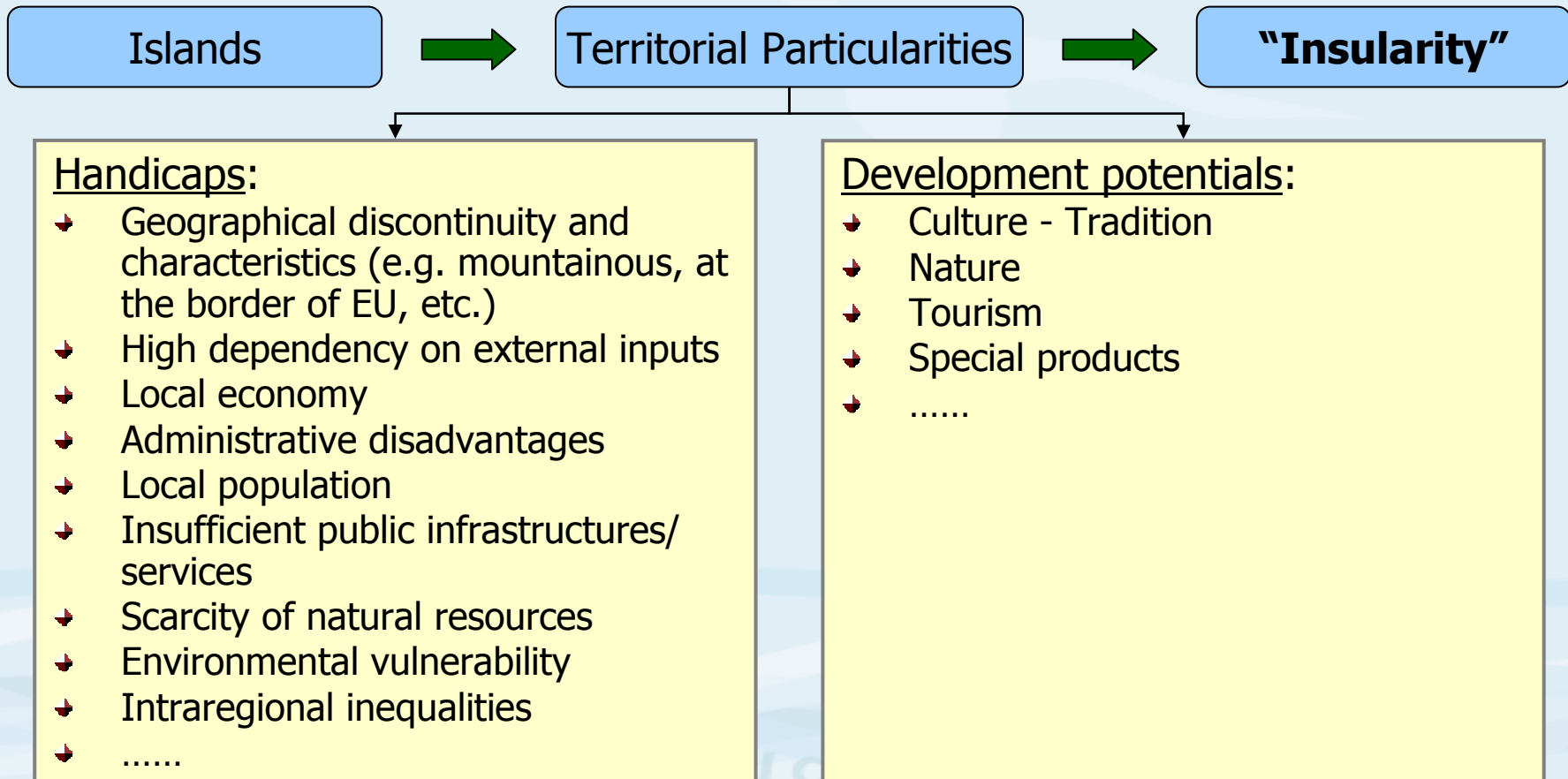
ESPON STUDY - EUROISLANDS

Programme: **ESPON 2013**, Priority 2: Targeted analysis based on user demand, Type of action: Integrated studies and thematic analysis

Project Title: The development of the Islands - European Islands and Cohesion Policy

Acronym: **EUROISLANDS**

Rationale:





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Scope and methodological approach (1):

- The analysis will include information and viewpoints using both **bottom-up and top-down** approaches
- In-depth analysis and mapping of the islands' existing situation (economic, social, environmental), based on **4-6 representative case studies**. The **results should be transferred to a general European context**
- **Classification** of the islands into categories; set of **criteria** for the selection of the case studies:
 - Different types of islands (island states, island regions, archipelago, coastal islands);
 - Geographical location (Mediterranean, Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic);
 - Size of islands with regard to surface, population;
 - Economic status;
 - Administrative framework;
 - Gaps in relation to development levels of various territories;
 - etc

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Scope and methodological approach (2):

- Identify the causes and driving forces for the existing islands' status, as well as the intensity of the constraints
- Analysis of the policies implemented in critical sectors for the islands (internal market, services of public interest, environment, culture, rural development, etc)
- Recommendations for **policy options**:
 - Enforcement of (innovative) entrepreneurial initiatives;
 - Management and utilisation of natural and cultural resources
 - Enhancement of human resources
 - Improvement of Services of Public Interest
- Ex-ante evaluation of the policy options
- Proposals for further future research

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Project Governance:

ESPON

Steering Committee

- ESPON CU
- Stakeholder Consortium
- Transnational Project Group

Stakeholder Consortium:

- **Lead Stakeholder:** Ministry of Economy and Finance, EL
- **Partner Stakeholders:**
 - Environment and Planning Authority, MT
 - National Rural Development Agency, SE
 - Municipality of Gotland, SE
 - Government of the Balearic Islands, ES
 - Department of Town Planning & Housing, CY
 - Regional Municipality of Bornholm, DK
 - Ministry of Economic Development, IT
 - Autonomous Region of Sardinia, IT
 - Saaremaa County Government, EE
 - Government of Åland, FI

Transnational Project Group (Team of Researchers)

Stakeholders' involvement is essential throughout the project's life-cycle

Close cooperation between the Stakeholders and the team of researchers is vital for the proper implementation of the project

External Group of Stakeholders:

- CPMR
- INSULEUR
- ESIF
- Other associated Ministries, and/or their Regional/ Local Governments and Stakeholder Organisations



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Outputs and Timetable:

Deliverables	Duration	Content
Project start	January 2009	
Inception report	March 2009	Detailed methodology Selection of the representative case studies
Interim report	November 2009	Analysis of the islands' situation including maps Field analysis (4-6 case studies) Evaluation of existing national and European policies Model for transferring the results to a European level
Draft Final report	April 2010	Islands' future potential from a european perspective Draft policy options
Final Report	June 2010	Finalization of Policy options and conclusions Executive Summary



Main reference work for technical, methodological and analytical support to territorial planning processes, which could be used as basis for possible follow-up studies



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Operational use of the analysis:

- Provide valuable input for the continuation of discussion and further implementation of the Territorial Agenda and its First Action Programme
- Contribute to the policy discussions on the future cohesion and regional development policy on a European level, including territorial cohesion
- Utilise the study results to feed the future Cohesion Reports and several policy papers
- Encourage ongoing consultations among stakeholders as to how they can best encounter their problems and develop appropriate policies and local strategies
- Disseminate the findings of the interim and final report to all involved parties and raise public awareness:
 - Organization of open Fora during and after the end of the project
 - Organization of transnational workshops
 - Dissemination of key messages from the study in the stakeholders' language
 - Development of a respective web site
- Form an integrated system of sources & data that can be used as a tool for the observation of European Islands



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Links:

ESPON

http://www.espon.eu/mmp/online/website/content/programme/1455/1496/1870/2025/index_EN.html

Conference for the Territorial Cohesion and Insularity (Kos 27 - 29 June 2008)

http://www.espa.gr/conference/default_en.aspx

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