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**Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization (IGSO), Polish Academy of Sciences** is an independent research institute, with the status of a legal person, affiliated with the Polish Academy of Sciences. The Institute's research is interdisciplinary in character. It includes studies on cities and metropolitan regions, mechanisms of socioeconomic transformation, transport infrastructure, spatial accessibility at different scales, spatial planning and spatial policy, contemporary change in the rural areas, interdependence of natural and socio-economic processes and phenomena in space, demographic and ethnic change in Central and Eastern Europe. IGSO consists of the following research units: Spatial Development and Regional Studies, Urban and Population Studies, Geocology and Climatology, Geomorphology and Hydrology of Lowlands (in Toruń), Geomorphology and Hydrology of Mountains and Uplands (in Cracow), Cartography and GIS.

Institute has participated in EU 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programmes, INTERREG projects and ESPON projects. The Institute has 60 research staff, including 8 professors, 8 associated professors, 24 research associates (with a PhD degree) and 20 research and technical assistants. Fields represented are: geography, biology, economics, demography and computer science.

### Participation in ESPON & INTERREG projects

- ESPON 1.1.1 “Review and evaluation. Implications for Poland. An expert assessment elaborated for Ministry of Economy, 2004
- ESPON 1.1.3. project „Option for spatially balanced Developments in the Enlargement of the EU”, The Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm, 2003-2005
- ESPON 1.3.3 The role and spatial effect of cultural heritage and identity, 2004-2006
- ESPON 1.4.1 “The role of small and medium sized towns”
- ESPON 2.3.1 „Application and effects of the ESDP in member states”, 2004-2006
- ESPON 2.3.2 “Governance of territorial and urban policies from EU to local level”. 2004-2006
- ESPON 1.4.3 Study on Urban Functions, 2006-2007
- ESPON 1.4.4. Preparatory study on feasibility of flow analysis, 2006-2007
- ESPON-INTERACT “Thematic Background Study on INTERREG and ESPON activities in the field of cross-border co-operation”, 2006
- ESPON ‘EDORA’ “Development Opportunities in different types of Rural Areas of the Operational Programme ESPON 2013, 2008-2011
- INTERREG II C – “Urban Systems and Urban Networking in the Baltic Sea Region”, 2000-2003
- INTERREG IIIB – MECIBS “Medium Size Cities in the Baltic Sea Region”, 2003-2004.
- INTERREG IIIC West-Zone Participatory Spatial Planning in Europe (PSPE), 2004-2006
- INFRAREGTUR – “Infrastructural and Organizational Possibilities of Spatial Accessibility Improvement as a Factor of Development of the Polish-Slovak Tourism Regions”, 2009-2011

### Exemplary experiences in international consortia and networks

- “Integrated Assessment of Spatial Economic and Network Effects of Transport Investment and Policies” (**IASON**). 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of EU, 2002-2004
- “Restructuring Large-scale Housing Estates in European Cities: Good Practices and New Vision for Sustainable Neighborhood and Cities (**RESTATE**) For: Urban and Regional Research Centre Utrecht Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University, Netherlands
- “Vistula Econet Development and Implementation (**VEDI**)”. 2003-2005 for Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Netherlands
- Transatlantic thematic Network on Sustainable transport in Europe and links and liaisons with America (**STELLA**). 2002-2004. 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of EU
- **Landscape tomorrow** network. Centre for Agricultural Landscape and Land Use Research, Germany
- e-LUP – “Simulation land-use processes – an interactive e-tool for SIA”, 2006-2009
- PLUREL – “Peri-urban land use relationships – strategies and sustainability assessment tools for urban-rural linkages”, 2007-2010
- TERESA – “Types of interaction between Environment, Rural Economy, Society and Agriculture in European regions”, 2007-2009

**Regular publications** of the Institute include: *Geographia Polonica* (international semiannual journal, in English), *Przegląd Geograficzny* (quarterly, in Polish and English), *Prace Geograficzne* (Geographical Studies; serial; volumes in Polish and English), *Europa XXI* (serial, articles and issues in Polish or English).

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