

The Halle Institute for Economic Research

-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Halle-



The Urban Economics Department of The Halle Institute for Economic Research (Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Halle [IWH], Halle / Germany) would be interested in participating in an international consortium for work on the

ESPON 2013 Call for Applied Research on

**“Small and Medium sized Towns
in their Functional Territorial Context”.**

■ **Research Competencies of the IWH with Relevance for the Project:**

The Urban Economics Department of the IWH has a lot of experience in both theoretical and empirical research on the economic development of towns and cities.

Main Research Interests / Special Qualifications:

- Measuring the economic performance of towns over time
- Spatial organization and governance of metropolitan areas
- The role of small and medium sized towns in metropolitan areas
- Small and medium sized towns as “anchors” in rural regions
- Governance and cooperation: economic aspects of the cooperation between municipalities
- Private sector headquarters, public administration and public infrastructure as determinants of local development

Theoretical Background: New Institutional Economics, New Economic Geography, Central Place Theory, Theory of Fiscal Federalism

Methods and Use of Data: Spatial econometrics, regional taxonomy, data on the economic structure of towns and cities, design and implementation of own surveys, case studies on the impact of economic factors for urban development

Experience in Research on the Economic Development of Towns: Cities and towns in polycentric organized regions, special knowledge of towns in Germany, metropolitan regions, city regions, empirical research on the local impact of subsidies and of public infrastructure

■ General Profile / Features of the IWH:

The Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) is financed in equal parts by the German federal government and the government of the Land Saxony-Anhalt, in which the institute is located. The IWH is a member of the Leibniz Association. The institute is the only economic research institute which had been built up after the fall of the iron curtain within the former territory of the GDR (East Germany). The IWH pursues directly and exclusively aims related to the public interest, especially research interest. Within this framework, the IWH carries out both institutionally financed tasks and research for third parties. The institute's research profile is focused on two research segments. The first one is concerned with Growth and Economic Integration. The second research segment concentrates on the analysis of Transition Processes, i. e. on institutional reorganisation and economic assimilation processes of the former transition countries. Main emphasis is laid on emerging innovation systems and strategies for urban economic development, above all for post-socialist cities.

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