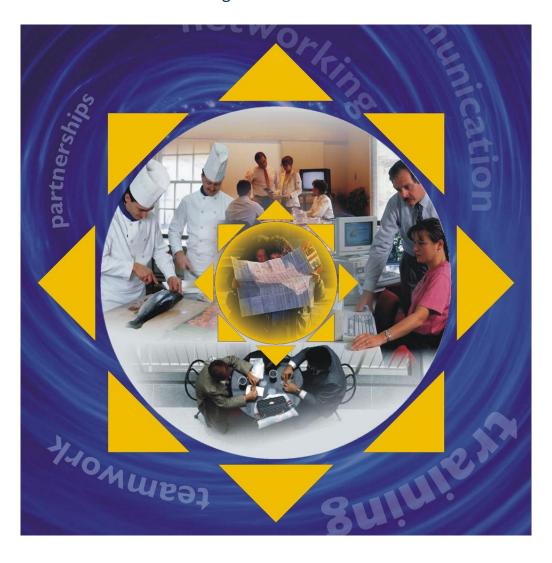
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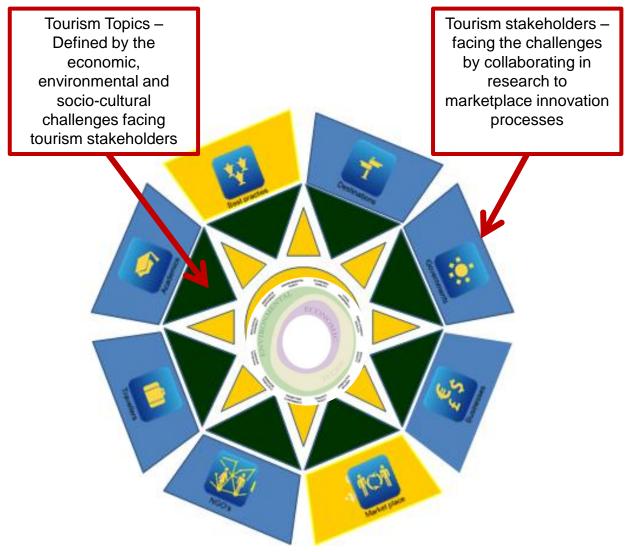
Destination Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community Tools Market Innovation Process Design Tool



Destination and Topic Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Communities

(Life-long) Learning Needs are best met through the application of the Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community concept as either a *Destination* Knowledge & Innovation Community or a *Topic* Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community, focused on tourism.

- The **Destination** Knowledge & Innovation Community is defined geographically
- The **Topic** Knowledge & Innovation Community is defined by subject.
- Both are driven by an ICT based knowledge networking approach.
- They can be implemented together, or separately, e.g. you can have a specific coastal destination focused on setting up a nature conservation Knowledge & Innovation Community



Setting up a Destination Knowledge & Innovation Community



Disseminate your sustainable tourism publications or tools



Promote your event on the DestiNet Calendar



Post your news on the DestiNet News Bulletin



Place your product or service on the global sustainable tourism Market Place



Create a DestiNet hub for your country, region or destination

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- Go the left hand bar and click on Create a DestiNet **Hub**, where you can follow instructions on how to set up your own destination learning area at either
- 2. You will have to apply for folder administration rights, as DestiNet is a quality-assessed information platform, and you will receive an email confirming your application.
- 3. You will be given a folder under the Who's Who menu. You will need to add relevant stakeholders and information

The key idea of the site design is to add content to the to the top yellow menu bar options,

using the yellow left hand menu bar to input your information.

Note that Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community members will be allocated different access rights in the portal, allowing you to either contribute information or administer your own online folder space. Please see the Contributor and Folder Administration Inductions to learn how these roles work in DestiNet.



The TOURISM KIC Market Innovation Process Tool

Template to Provide an Overview of and Design Destination Innovation Processes

The Learning Area research to marketplace Innovation process has the following stages:

RESEARCH > POLICY> PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT > PROMOTION > MONITORING >

This cycle leads to a set of LEARNING OUTCOMES which are then fed back into the Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community innovation cycle to produce continuous improvements in stakeholder activities. The following matrix can be used to chart this process. Fill in the final column for your own Knowledge & Innovation Community activities See the KIC workbook on DestiNet.

1 Market Innovation Cycle Phase	2 Stakeholder Actions	3 DestiNet Learning Area Support	4 Case Study/ Implementation Process (use columns 2 and 3 to construct a specific example or process)
Research	 Access European knowledge base Knowledge transfer Development of evidence-based good practice 	 Whos Who – knowledge networking Topics Good practice database & transfer system 	
Policy	 Implementation of good governance principles Policy coherence Openness Transparency Participation Accountability Effectiveness 	 Who's Who - Multi-stakeholder participation Topics- SCP and tourism, Learning area policy grid Resources- Policy tools Survey tool 	
Development of product	Development of certification & quality cycle systems	• Resources	

Promotion	•	Market	•	Market-place	
		access	•	News and Events	
		actions	•	Topic Fora	
			•	Survey tool	
Monitoring	•	Supply chain and destination management	•	Observatory Survey tool Sustainable destination management checklist Sustainable Business checklist	
LEARNING OUTCOMES					
Spatial/thematic Assessment/ Profiling	•	Process and performance review	•	observatory	
Good Practice Case Examples	•	Contribution to/use of Expert knowledge base	•	Atlas of excellence	
Strategic Information	•	Contribution to/use of Expert knowledge base	•	News, events	
Key Lessons	•	Contribution to/use of Expert knowledge base	•	Ask Expert service	

From FAST-LAIN: Research to Market Place Case Study/ Implementation Template

How can an SME or administration use the European Research Area and the Knowledge Economy to be more sustainable and competitive in the global market place? This matrix charts the theoretical steps needed and practical support given on the DestiNet Portal to tourism sector businesses and destinations. in their efforts to perform with full awareness of their triple bottom line responsibility. It is a tool to take stakeholders through the innovation process, using the DestiNet Sustainable Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community Portal as an online system to do this in reality.



Stakeholder Mapping Tool

My DestiNet og out Add other contacts and/or organization profiles Join or start a topic user group Disseminate your sustainable tourism publications or tools Promote your event on the DestiNet Calendar Promote your news on the DestiNet News Channel Place your product or service on the global sustainable tourism Market Place Create a DestiNet hub for your country, destination or network

Add your own contacts to this section, using the left hand bar. Note that you can also profile these organsiations This tool will list and map the coordination group, useful organisations and knowledge network members in your Destination Learning Area

This list will also contain a list of learing experience provider in your destination, as well as who is is interested in or who can support improvements in quality and access to learning about making tourism more competitive and sustainable.



^{*}Note there are a folder edit or bulk upload options in the Portal where you can use Excel to prepare your information.

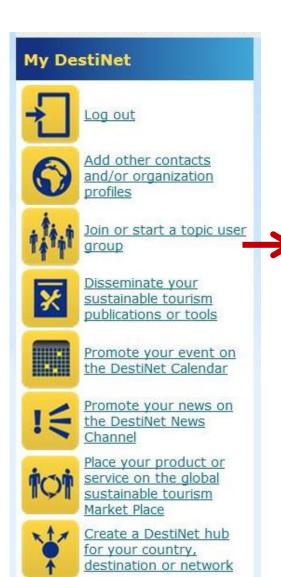


The Stakeholder Mapping Tool will produce both a map or A-Z listing of your stakeholders. You can view them via the DestiNet Atlas.





Sustainable Tourism Topic Framework Tool



What topics is your Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community interested in? Remember that a Topic Knowledge & Innovation Community may already exist, so link your Destination Knowledge & Innovation Community to that Topic Knowledge & Innovation Community.

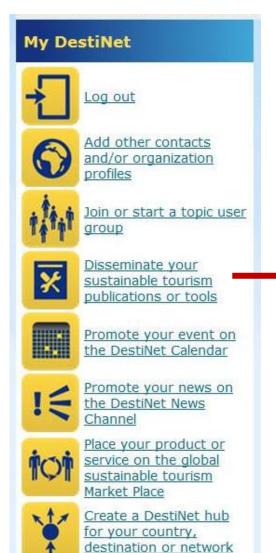
You should prioritze and add information relevant to your destination using all the features of the left hand bar to add topic information such as publications, news, events, etc., to profile your Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community resources and activities.





Resource Listing Tool

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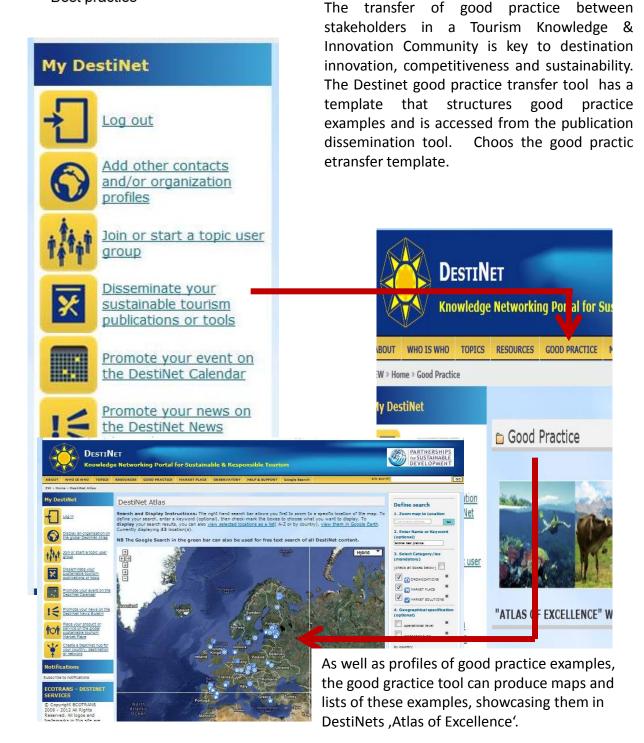
Your knowledge base must include access to information enabling stakeholders to contribute to and to benefit from competitive, responsible and sustainable tourism development. All publications are stored in the resources section then linked to other folders in DestiNet.







Good Practice Transfer Tool





Market Access Tool



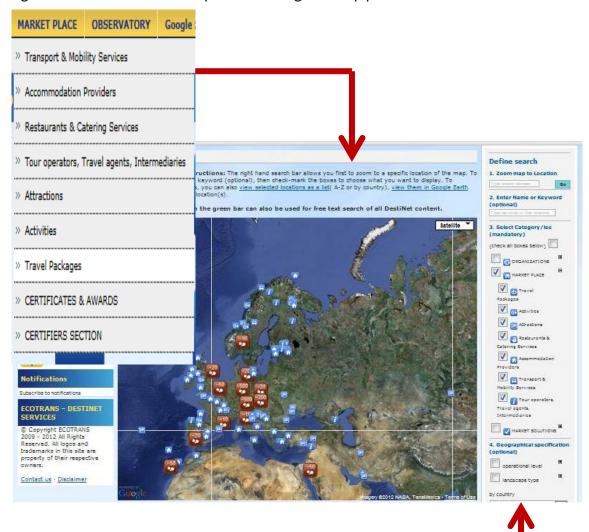
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The Market Access tool on the Portal enables you to list your your tourism learning opportunities, and certified products and services. If they are certified they can enter the portals' sustainable tourism market place. In this respect the Market access tool offers a destination the possibility of making a Green Map of its tourism offer, and building maps of its tourism supply chains.

Again the Market Access tool provides listing and map presentations of market offers.



The Market Access tool has a sophisticated filter system that enables users to sort and list items by geographical region, type of market offer (accomodation, attraction, etc) operational level, and landscape type. It also offers a market solutions section to list support services a destinaion and its businesses will need to be more competitive and sustainable.



Tourism Observatory Management Tool

Destinations need to monotor their tourism competitiveness, and stakeholders need monitoring and reporting information in a form specific to their learning needs. You can establish your Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community monitoring system in this section, starting with gathering sources of information that are already available. The Tourism Observatory Management Tool enables destinations to access existing source of tourism monitoring data, and then add their own monitoring and reporting systems. Guidence is also given via access to destination management and business susainability checklists.



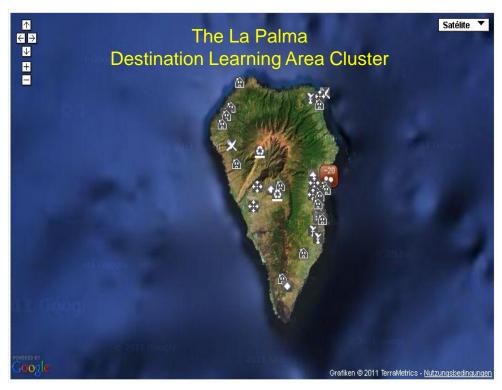


A Destination Learning Area Example – La Palma Biosphere Reserve Learning Area

The DestiNet Toolkit has been developed in the FAST-LAIN project to meet the needs of destination administrators who wish to develop knowledge network-driven innovation processes to improve their tourism offer. Here you can see how the Biosfera de la Palma (Spain) has used the Portal to set up a destination learning area.

The Biosfera de la Palma has used DestiNet to create a virtual Learning Area Innovation Network on La Palma. Using the Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community toolkit it has been able to:

- → Assess its own competitive and sustainable tourism situation
- → Manage its own space on the portal for mapping stakeholders
- → Is developing an innovation cluster called the ,La Palma Club' to set up a learning area on sustainable tourism development for members
- Reserva Mundial de la Biosfera LA PALMA
- → Define a green map of Biosfera La Palma sustainable tourism offers on the Portals' global sustainable tourism market place
- → Develop International knowledge networking links
- → Contribute to the virtual European Tourism Observatory concept

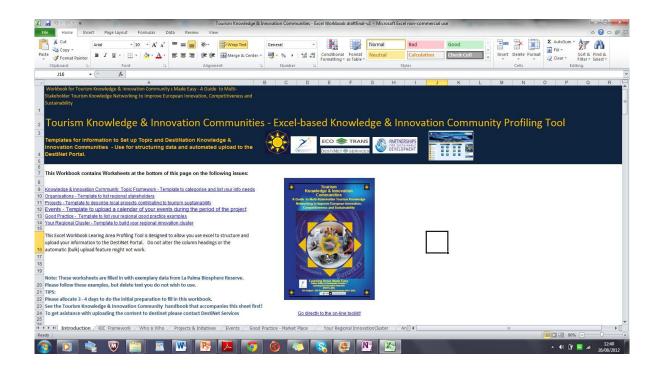


Off-line System Use

Please note that if you want to use an offline way to set up your learning area, then you can download an Excel workbook from the Tourism Knowledge & Innovation Community Resources section. This workbook follows the DestiNet Portal structure, so that you can either bulk upload to the online system yourself or use the DestiNet uploading service

Access the offline Workbook





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