



Association de Science Régionale De Langue Française [ASRDLF]



European Regional Science Association, Greek section [ERSA-GR]

Call for Special Session Proposals

Cities and regions in a changing Europe: challenges and prospects

Joint Conference of the Greek and the French speaking
Section of the Regional Science Association,
Panteion University, Athens, Greece

Athens, 5-7 July 2017

Dear colleagues,

We invite proposals for special sessions for the 54th Colloquium of the Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française (ASRDLF) that will be organized jointly with the Greek Section of the European Regional Science Association in Athens, 5-7 July 2017, Greece.

The scientific program will include Special Sessions in order to complement the regular program with new or emerging topics that are of particular interest. Special Sessions are aligned with the conference theme “**Cities and regions in a changing Europe: Challenges and Prospects**” and the related topics.

Special sessions in the 2017 conference will address the following specific themes:

- T1 The Economic crisis and the European Regions
- T2 Economic and Social disparities in European Cities and Regions
- T3 Urban and Regional Development Policy of the European Union
- T4 Comparing economic growth in European Regions

As usual, the annual French and Greek speaking conferences host sessions that cover a large spectrum of general thematic topics:

- Regional and urban growth and development: theory and empirics
- Methods of Urban and Regional analysis, GIS and spatial econometrics
- Regional and urban public economics and finance
- Regional and urban dimension of demographics, migration, refugees and social capital
- The geography of income inequality, social exclusion and segregation
- Challenges of the European Union regional policy

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- Decentralization and multi-level governance
- Smart cities, technology and innovation
- Tourism, leisure and creative industries in cities
- Urban renewal, environment and sustainable development
- Circular economy, blue growth and climate change adaptation
- Inclusive development: meeting new social challenges in cities and regions
- Urban planning, urbanization and urban environment
- The challenges and interplay between rural and urban areas
- Resilient cities and regional development
- Culture, tourism and local development
- Urban and territorial governance and new forms of participation and planning
- Infrastructure, transport and communication in cities and regions

Instructions to organizers of special sessions:

The organizers of a special session must submit the proposal according to the specific template attached to this call. Proposers should provide information on the proposed theme/title of the Special Session, the possible link with the conference theme and the topic, and a short description of the proposed call for submission. The organizing committee strongly encourages the organizers of special sessions to invite contributions especially from young researchers (doctoral students or young doctors).

Special sessions proposals can be made either in English or in French.

The selection of special sessions will be made by the Scientific Committee of the Conference.

- ✓ **The call for special sessions is open from the 1st of November to the 1st of December.**
- ✓ **Proposals should be sent via e-mail to the following address: frgrersa2017@gmail.com**
- ✓ **The results will be notified by December 15th, at the latest.**

SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSAL TEMPLATE
"Cities and regions in a changing Europe: challenges and prospects"

Athens 5-7 July 2017

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1. Identification of the organizers team

Identification 1

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Identification 2

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Identification 3

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2. Title of the special session

3. Key-words (4 max)

4. Short description of the proposed special session (450 words max)