

Network Conference of Spa-ce.net
**“Territorial governance arrangements
for resilience in urban-rural interaction”**

26th-27th November 2020, Leipzig, Germany

organized as a session within the international conference

“Sustainable and Resilient Urban-Rural Partnerships”

Track 1 “Governance of urban-rural linkages”

25th-27th November 2020, Leipzig, Germany

Under auspices of the Minister of the German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) Anja Karliczek, the conference "Sustainable & Resilient Urban-Rural Partnerships – URP2020" will take place in Leipzig, Germany, 25–27 November 2020. Regions are of critical importance to implement the UN 2030 Agenda including the Sustainable Development Goals, the HABITAT III objectives and the European Green Deal. By focusing on sustainable and resilient urban-rural partnerships, the international URP2020 conference aims at developing new urban-rural imaginaries, integrating strategies and projects that explore present and future potentials in terms of sustainability and resilience.

URP2020 contributes to the implementation of the New Leipzig Charter 2020 and is part of the events of the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2020. URP2020 will bring together outstanding keynote speakers and connect scientific insights with enlightening experiences of on-going projects in practice. Join a stimulating conference that fosters learning on various levels, i.e., from the local level via entire regions to the broader European understanding of integrated urban-rural development. We offer a forum for exchange and support the co-design of ideas to tackle the challenges for sustainable and resilient regional development.

Thematic scopes of the Spa-ce.net session:

- 1. Need for new quality of urban-rural interactions in various types of regions in the context of global shifts and changes**
- 2. New concepts of territorial governance reflecting recent development in urban/rural regions**
- 3. Smart, sustainable and resilient approaches to urban/rural regional development management**



The challenge of safeguarding resilience in the interplay between urban centres and their functional areas, including sub-urban and rural territories, is one of the most important challenges for territorial governance. The question is, to which extent are recent territorial governance arrangements able to frame efficient and effective actions of the stakeholders, and where and what kind of innovations are needed, especially reflecting specific conditions in Central and South-Eastern Europe and Western Balkan countries. This session will be under auspices of Spa-ce.net and Territorial Governance – Western Balkan network.

Session is planned as an annual symposium of the Spa-ce.net (network involving spatial planning universities and research bodies in Central and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe), estimated number of speakers is ca. 10-15. Session is open for any researcher, scholar or practitioner in the field of spatial planning and adjacent fields. After the open session dedicated to research contributions, there will be a short closed meeting devoted to internal organizational and management issues of Spa-ce.net.

Alongside the representatives of the member institutions of the Spa-ce.net network and other interested researchers, PhD candidates undertaking research on one of the named topics are also invited to submit papers. The authors should send a 100-words abstract with several key words.

Form of contributions: Oral presentations (max 15 minutes)

The application documents must be sent by May, 31th 2020.

Follow submission details at <http://www.urp2020.eu/call-abstracts.html>

The selection and notification of participants is expected by June, 30th 2020.

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