



Special Session (SS16) on:
Smart, sustainable, resilient regions: Responses to pandemic challenges

Proposed by the Romanian Regional Science Association

Organizers:

Daniela L. Constantin - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania. E-mail: danielaconstantin_2005@yahoo.com

Cristina Serbanica - "Constantin Brancoveanu" University of Pitesti, Romania. E-mail: cpantelica@yahoo.co.uk

The aim and scope:

The Covid-19 crisis has affected all countries and regions around the world and has led to unprecedented disruptions to the health systems, the economy and the society. There is clear-cut evidence that the crisis has a strong territorial dimension and that policy makers have major trade-offs to make between present concerns and future goals. In relation to this background, the systematic exploration of the nexus between COVID-19 and the 'localized' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is still required. In particular, there is a need to reflect on the (simultaneous) transformations towards smart, sustainable and resilient regions in post-pandemic times and the significance for regional development policy and practice.

Based on a starting point that acknowledges the diversity of regional challenges and the role played by the contextual factors, this special session addresses, but is not restricted to, the following questions: How do regions cope with the pandemic disruptions? How does Covid-19 impact on the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level? How do smartness, sustainability and resilience relate to each other in pandemic times? What are the synergies and the trade-offs that should be further addressed?

Submissions covering conceptual, empirical and methodological contributions to the topic are welcome.

[SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT](#)