

Special Session (SS40) on:

The productivity gap and the re-launch of productivity in Europe

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The aim and scope:

The 2008 economic crisis brought relevant structural changes in the European economy, overall highlighting the need for a re-launch of productivity.

This Special Session aims to investigate the impact of these structural changes and to consider the specific assets on which regional/local competitiveness lies.

Interesting issues include: cohesion and competitiveness; impacts of the crisis on GDP, employment, output gaps; changes in labor productivity and wages; changes in investment and consumption trends and allocation of public expenditure and their effects on productivity; international trade and new value chains and the consequent geographical relocation of functions and activities. Sectoral specialization and so-called re-industrialization and their relationship with productivity is also welcome.

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