

***Special Session (SS12) on:  
Creative cities and regions in  
Europe***



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**The purpose and scope of the special session**

Nowadays creative cities and regions are often in the focus of research programmes concerning regional science. In the last two decades cities are often using culture and creativity as a tool of urban development. In a vivid city cultural institutions, organisations, creative centres are flourishing, there are many tourists and visitors because of international cultural festivals and expos, and cities benefit from the positive effects of culture-based urban development. This session welcomes contributions that deal with the different as well as changing impacts of culture-based urban development and creative strategies throughout Europe.

The session is dealing with the following topics:

- Best practices of creative cities and regions in Europe
- Effects and lessons of European Capital of Culture projects
- Characteristics of culture-based urban development
- Lessons of creative urban strategies
- Measuring creativity: rankings of cities

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