



The academic world is meeting REGIO and other policy makers to discuss key topics of Cohesion policy

The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) are happy to announce **a new series of academic lectures on key issues in regional and urban policy.**

The purpose of this lecture series is to discuss current research and evidence. These exchanges between academics and policymakers take place in the context of the preparation for post-2020 EU Cohesion Policy proposals, which will start soon.

Academics, staff from DG REGIO and other Commission services, other EU institutions as well as from the Member States' representations and regional offices are welcome to participate in these lectures. The lectures will be recorded and made available on the [Info regio](#) and ERSA websites.

The lectures will take place on a Friday afternoon and will involve a 45 minute presentation from a speaker, followed by a response from an invited discussant followed by questions from the audience. There will be the opportunity to continue discussion over a glass of wine.

Programme in 2015:

- **13 November 2015, 16:00 - 18:00, DG REGIO VIP Room**
The Impact of Cohesion Policy on "old" and "new" Member States
Speakers: **Prof. John Bachtler**, University of Strathclyde; **Prof. Grzegorz Gorzelak**, Warsaw University
Discussant: **Prof. Daniela Constantin**, Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest
- **11 December 2015, 14:00 - 16:00, DG REGIO VIP Room**
EU Cohesion Policy and Europe's Shifting Economic Landscape
Speaker: **Prof. Philip McCann**, University of Groningen, Special Adviser to Commissioner Crețu
Discussant: **Prof. Gunther Maier**, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Programme in 2016:

- **4 March 2016, 16:00 - 18:00, DG REGIO VIP Room**
Smart Specialisation Strategies in the EU
Speaker: **Prof. Dominique Foray**, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Discussant: **Prof. Frank van Oort**, Utrecht University
- **8 April 2016, 16:00 - 18:00, DG REGIO VIP Room**
Territorial scenarios for Europe: future alternative growth strategies
Speaker: **Prof. Roberta Capello**, Politecnico di Milano
Discussant: **Prof. Michael Landesmann**, WIIW in Vienna and Johannes Kepler University in Linz

- **17 June, 16:00 - 18:00, DG REGIO VIP Room**
The Public Animateur: Place-based innovation and the Smart State
Speaker: *Prof. Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University, Special Adviser to Commissioner Crețu*
Discussant: *Dr. Michaela Trippel, Associate Professor in Innovation Studies, Lund University*
- **9 September, 16:00 - 18:00, DG REGIO VIP Room**
Skilled cities, regional disparities and efficient transport
Speakers: *Prof. Jacques-François Thisse, Université Catholique de Louvain*
Prof. Stef Proost, KU Leuven

Further lectures are foreseen later in 2016.

We look forward to your participation in these events.

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See the [video of the lectures](#)