

This special session is proposed by the ERSA-Croatian section, EURA and RSA!

Title: Monitoring systems for measuring progress in spatial, urban and regional development – Case of Croatia

Good monitoring system usually refers to an institutional structure and procedures needed to ensure a regular collection and analyses of collected data in various forms depending on the purpose for which they are collected, using available technological and other applicable tools with the aim to provide a systemized evidence about changes happened during a determined period of time. Monitoring systems for measuring progress in spatial, urban and regional development in Croatia, need improvements and stronger coherence. This will ensure a solid basis for evaluation purposes and measuring more exact impacts of developmental measures, which is still missing.

Rationale: The consequences of urban and regional development efforts are usually reflected in space. This calls for a coordinated monitoring of activities, programs and projects as well as timely prevention of undesired effects. Creating a coherent multimonitoring system is a complex task, currently undergoing in Croatia. Papers offering models or concepts of monitoring and evaluation of simultaneous implementation of various sectoral policies are welcome as they will contribute to better designing of Croatian monitoring and reporting system.

Proposed speakers:

Dokic, Irena (speaker, ERSA – Croatian section) – Challenges in Monitoring and Reporting of Changes in Space

Jurlina, Alibegović, Dubravka (speaker, EURA) – Smart city indicators – who benefits from them and how?

Sumpor, Marijana (speaker, FeRSA) – Implementation of Croatian regional development strategy – challenges in measuring progress

Biographies:

Dr Irena Đokić (president of ERSA – Croatian section) – she holds the doctorate degree in economics, employed at the Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Department of Regional Development. Her interests are in the field of local and regional development, including strategic planning at all levels of government. Brownfield redevelopment is another field of her interest. In the last 17 years, she has been involved in a number of projects and published several scientific and other papers. In many occasions she has been engaged as an evaluator or assessor of public policies, programmes and/or projects.

Dr Dubravka Jurlina Alibegović (a member of the Governing Board of EURA) – she holds the doctorate degree in economics and is a senior research fellow and Head of the Department for Regional Development at the Institute of Economics, Zagreb (Croatia). Her fields of expertise include public finance, intergovernmental fiscal relations, as well as local and regional development. She has published a number of papers, contributed chapters to books and participated as a project leader in many national and international research projects. She has been involved as an evaluator of public programmes and projects. She is also a lecturer at the graduate study at Croatian Universities. She was a Director of the Institute of Economics, Zagreb (2013-2016), a Minister for Public Administration

(2016) and a Deputy Minister for Science and Technology (2000-2002) in the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Dr Marijana Sumpor (RSA Ambassador for Croatia, RSRS editorial team member) – has professional experience in research at the Institute of Economics, Zagreb (since 2001), corporate finance from the BNP-Dresdner Bank (1998-2000), and public finance from the Croatia Ministry of finance (1995-1998). Her most important accomplishment was team leader in designing the Croatian Regional Development Strategy 2020. She coordinates the Croatian Evaluation Network since 2015 and the Western Balkan Evaluation Network since 2017. Her main fields of interest as researcher, consultant and trainer are: EU Cohesion policy, regional development, governance, scenario planning, strategic planning, and policy, programme and project evaluation. She has co/authored more than 50 publications and studies including the book “Participatory governance of sustainable development”.

