



## Call for Papers and Special Session Proposals

The APDR invites regional scientists, economists, sociologists, geographers, urban planners, policy makers, and researchers of related disciplines to participate in the 30th APDR Congress with the theme "Sustainability Development Challenges of Territories in Contexts of Uncertainties due to External Shocks and Risks" that will be held from 19th to 21st of July, 2023, at University of Minho (Institute of Social Sciences and Lab2PT), Campus de Gualtar, Braga, Portugal.

During the last years, the COVID-19 pandemic and, more recently, the war in Ukraine, following the decision of Russia to invade it, impacted deeply world economy and citizens daily life, particularly in some territories more exposed to the tourism industry or relying more on non-renewable energies and other production factors which the war turned scarcer or more expensive. No one knows yet when this international conflict can have an end. Besides, the international trade chain goes on suffering from the impacts of the pandemic, a phenomenon that is still without enough control in China. The need to enhancing the fight against global warming and climate change, as well as the continuous evolution of digital technologies, are also bringing some uncertainty to the markets, and it is hard to predict whose territories will be the winning and loser ones.

In this context, adopting more sustainable development strategies, social inclusive policies, more environmental friendly transport modes, commit more on innovation and entrepreneurship at regional and local levels, and adopting new governance models at the territories, aiming deepen democracy and give efficacy to the decision making process on the main issues affecting territories development, looks to be required.

The overall aim of this conference is to bring ideas, theoretical approaches and examples of potential solutions to territorial bottlenecks and social and development difficulties.

**The call for papers and Special Session Proposals are open and your participation is very welcome!**

### **Regular Sessions:**

RS01 - Territorial Sustainability Strategies and External Shocks  
 RS02 - Governance in the Contexts of Economic, Environmental and Social Crises  
 RS03 - New Technologies to Support Governance and Sustainable Development  
 RS04 - Low Density Territories and Sustainable Development  
 RS05 - Sustainable Development Strategies in Urban Spaces  
 RS06 - Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies  
 RS07 - Geographic Information Systems and other Geotechnologies in Sustainable Development Planning  
 RS08 - Big Data for Spatial Optimization and Regional Development in Adverse Contexts  
 RS09 - Theory and Methods in Spatial Analysis  
 RS10 - Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods in Regional Science  
 RS11 - Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Regional and Local Development in Adverse Contexts  
 RS12 - Economic, Social and Environmental Behaviours in Adverse Health Contexts

RS13 - Sustainable Tourism Strategies  
 RS14 - Tourism and Pilgrimage: Is there an Answer for the Development of a few Less Urbanized Territories?  
 RS15 - Inequalities, Asymmetries and Socio-Territorial Cohesion  
 RS16 - Risk and Disaster Management: Vulnerability and Resilience in Adverse Contexts  
 RS17 - Active and Inclusive Mobility  
 RS18 - Effects of Multiple External Risks/Shocks on Islands  
 RS19 - Demographic Challenges, Migrations and Integration  
 RS20 - Natural Environment and Territories Development  
 RS21 - Energy Transition and Regional Development Policies  
 RS22 - Infrastructure, Housing and Inclusive Growth  
 RS23 - Networks and Cooperation and Territories Development  
 RS24 - Regionalization and Decentralization: the Necessary Reform of State Aiming at Deepening Democracy and Enhancing Territories Development  
 RS25 - Entrepreneurial and Sustainable Ecosystems  
 RS26 - Circular Economy in Regions and Cities

**Deadline for Special Session proposals: April 15, 2023.** Proposals should be sent by email to the secretariat of the Congress ([apdr@apdr.pt](mailto:apdr@apdr.pt)).

**Deadline for Abstracts submissions: May 15, 2023.** Authors should submit their abstracts through online submission system by following the link <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/APDR2023>.

**All information at the congress website: <http://www.apdr.pt/congresso/2023>**

**Looking forward to meeting you in Braga, Portugal!**

**The Organizing Committee and the Board of APDR  
30th APDR Congress**