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Regional Innovation Ecosystems and Sustainable Development

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 31st APDR Congress with the theme "*Regional Innovation Ecosystems and Sustainable Development*" that will be held from 26th to 28th of June, 2024, at Polytechnic University of Leiria (School of Technology and Management), Leiria, Portugal.

In an era defined by dynamic global challenges, regional innovation ecosystems characterized by a strong collaboration between regional actors, both within and across regions, play a pivotal role in fostering sustainable development. As regions navigate the complex interplay between technological advancements, economic resilience, and environmental and digital transition, this congress provides a platform to discuss the diverse strategies employed across different regions to catalyze open and collaborative innovation, as a means to realize the full potential of the new opportunities available at the global level and to enhance societal well-being and sustainable development.

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

Regular Sessions:

RS01 – Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystems
RS02 – Territorial Sustainability Strategies
RS03 – Natural environment, resources and rural development
RS04 – Demographic Challenges, Migrations and Integration
RS05 – Education, Skills, Labour Markets and Regional Development
RS06 – Regions and Global Value Chains
RS07 – Energy transition and Regional Development
RS08 – Digital Transition and Smart Cities

RS09 – Social innovation, integration, poverty and exclusion
RS10 – Territorial Cohesion and asymmetries
RS11 – Governance, Leadership and Regional Development
RS12 – Regional resilience and crises
RS13 – Tourism, culture, sports and sustainable development
RS14 – Territorial Responsible Marketing
RS15 – Quantitative and qualitative methods in regional science

Deadline for Special Session proposals: March 4, 2024. Proposals should be sent by email to the secretariat of the Congress (apdr@apdr.pt).

Deadline for Abstracts submissions: April 15, 2024. Authors should submit their abstracts through online submission system by following the link <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/APDR2024>

All information at the congress website: <http://www.apdr.pt/congresso/2024>.

Looking forward to meeting you in Leiria, Portugal!

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