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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL SCIENCE

Sustainability, Water and Territory:  
Regional Strategies for the Challenges of the 21st Century

Sostenibilidad, agua y territorio:  
estrategias regionales para los desafíos del siglo XXI

XLVIII REUNIÓN DE ESTUDIOS REGIONALES



The XLVIII International Congress on Regional Science was held from 16 to 18 October 2024 at the Campus of the University of Castilla-La Mancha in Cuenca. As in previous editions, the 2024 International Congress on Regional Science organised by AECR (Asociación Española de Ciencia Regional) was a multidisciplinary forum that provided an overview of major issues on regional science and territorial analysis.

This is the main annual event in Spain for the study, debate and presentation of academic papers on territorial and regional concepts, and hosted a wide variety of topics in various areas of sustainable development covering regional development, entrepreneurship, socio-economics, regional-urban economics and regional policy issues such as local governance and institutions.

The congress saw the participation of academics, universities, professionals and experts gathered in a unique platform to discuss and exchange knowledge. With approximately 300 participants and with both in-person and online participation, the conference had a large participation of more than 270 papers from academics from many countries. The XLVIII edition had as its motto: “Sustainability, water and territory: regional strategies for the challenges of the 21st century” which reflects the importance of addressing in a comprehensive and participatory manner the environmental, social and economic problems that affect the regions in a context of climate change and increasing demand for natural resources.

The XLVIII edition served as a forum to debate the role of regions, cities and rural areas in addressing the multidimensional challenge of sustainability and economic development. This debate took a multidisciplinary approach, covering the economic, social, political, technological and cultural dimensions of the issue.

The next AECR’s meeting was announced, which will take place in Pamplona at October 2025.

The Organizing Committee