

Special Session Proposal

Territories and their communities

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Abstract

A well-functioning town or city can be characterized by having good relations among local actors, thus local government, companies, firms, institutions, civil and nonprofit organizations, universities cooperate with each other with the goal of facing successfully the new challenges arise in the 21st century. Places face the challenge of global and local trends and they have to find the answers by collaborating of local actors. Each actor has a significant role; the big challenge is to find the way how these actors can contribute to a sustainable and developed future. These challenges can have different faces in different territorial units, the most exciting issue is to know the way how the different actors can apply their solutions.

We are waiting for researchers, practitioners from the above mentioned actors and we are very curious how they define the challenges and what kind of solutions they offer for them. The main topics are as follows: how the local government – firms – universities can cooperate with each other; how the firms can support the local communities; how local institutions endorse the local communities; how civil organizations find their way to be effective part of a certain place; how these actors work for an effective regional development; and how these actors can use creatively the new digital technics to face challenges. Topics are wide range but we believe that answers can be found only through complex thinking. During COVID times these cooperations can have a high importance, so it is important to find solutions for a resilient world.

In this session the main focus is on Central Europe, but we are also interested in topics from other places. On the one hand to show them the practices from Central Europe and on the other hand to know their solutions to be able to learn from them.