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**Professor Alessandra Faggian (Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy)
is awarded the ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2020**

July 2020 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium – The ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2020 has been awarded to Alessandra Faggian, Professor of Applied Economics, Director of Social Sciences and Vice Provost for Research at the Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy.

Professor Faggian's innovative research, her commitment to RSAI and her involvement in regional development all over the world made her the winner of this year's prize.

Alessandra Faggian is well known for her innovative and thorough research. Her research interests lie in the fields of regional and urban economics, demography, labour economics and economics of education. She has co-authored over 90 academic publications dealing with a wide range of topics including migration, human capital, labour markets, creativity, local innovation and growth. Her articles have appeared in journals such as Oxford Economics Papers, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Feminist Economics, Regional Studies, Papers in Regional Science, Journal of Regional Science and The Journal of Economic Geography.

Earlier, in 2007, Professor Faggian received the Moss Madden Memorial Medal by the Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section (RSAIBIS) for the best paper published in the year 2006. More recently, in 2015, she received the Geoffrey Hewings Award by The North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) for outstanding research contribution by a young scholar in the field of regional science. In a recent ranking of the top 100 regional scientists in the world (Rickman and Winters, 2016), she was ranked 19th.

Alessandra Faggian is a very active scientist, continuously organizing International events and conferences on regional science topics. She is also heavily involved in ERSA and RSAI, being the past President of the NARSC and RSAI council member for several years. She is the current co-editor of the Journal of Regional Science and previous editor of Papers in Regional Science. In 2018 she gave an ERSA-REGIO academic lecture and she is a frequent speaker at Regional Science Conferences and Summer Schools.

Professor Faggian is a very proactive and visible scholar. In addition, she influences young generations. Her behavior and supportive attitude make her an important role model for young researchers.

On behalf of the ERSA prize committee, Eveline van Leeuwen, Chair.

The Online award ceremony will take place on Thursday 27th August during the **Closing Ceremony of this year's Web Conference "Spatial Challenges for the New World"** which will be held from 25th to 27th August 2020. After the Award Ceremony Alessandra Faggian will give a keynote speech.
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