

**Special Session ERSA 2019** 

## The spatial dimension of productivity (OECD Spatial Productivity Lab Special Session)

Why does a place-based view matter for (productivity) growth? Spatial disparities, the "revenge of the places that don't matter" and in general a "geography of discontent" have become mainstream points of discussion, both in the public and in academia. This Special Session is focused on understanding spatial productivity disparities, their causes and consequences and has the ultimate goal of developing effective policies and practices that lead to sustainable and inclusive growth, facilitate regional productivity catching-up and boost aggregate productivity levels of localities, regions and countries.

It brings together research by the OECD Spatial Productivity Lab, its partners and participants of the ERSA-OECD Winter School on "Spatial productivity for regional and local development".