

Brief description of International Conference scope

The International conference “*Territorial Impact Assessment of Territorial Cohesion in Italy and Europe*” is organized starting from the results of the Italian National Research Project (2017-2019) “*Territorial Impact Assessment of the territorial cohesion in Italian regions. Place evidence model for assessing policies devoted to green economy in inner and metropolitan peripheries*”. During the two days of Conference, ten Academic Units will illustrate the results of the first and second year of the intensive research activity, which involved more than fifty researchers, national and regional policy makers, stakeholders and practitioners. Theoretical contributions and methodological addresses are collected in a book that will be presented and distributed during the event.

The Conference will submit to a large audience a critical review emerged by an ex-ante evaluation (status quo at 2018) of Italian Territorial Cohesion, obtained from four main determinants (dominions): smart, sustainable, inclusive growth (Europe Strategy 2020 pillars and flags) and funds spending. To applicate the STeMA Territorial Impact Assessment methodology (Sustainable Territorial Environmental/Economic Management Approach – Prezioso, 2006, 2011, 2018), the research selected 73 representative indicators; they have been covered and mapped at NUTS 2 and NUTS 3 levels in Italy, within new 7 Systemic Regional Functional Typologies for the territorialisation of spatial data.

Since in the post 2020 context Italy’s economic position and prospects remain unsure, and cohesive targets seem far to be reached, the Conference intends to open a dialogue on place-evidence policy recommendations, for promoting territorial cohesive choices revisiting Regional Operative Programs towards 2020 and post.

Starting from the literature on impacts of Territorial Cohesion, a first result of the study is related to the importance of regional analysis in spending, in order to provide compensatory actions for inner and peripheral areas, helping local policy needs to be redefined towards green economy policy and investment priorities.

With the participation of European experts, the conference will provide panel presentations in order to fuel the debate about Territorial Cohesion development in Italy, and about the methodological approach that introduce to the use of advanced tools in mitigation of impact of a low regional spending; also looking to mid-term and long-term future scenarios for the possible evolution of the Italian economics.

Some policy questions lead the development of Conference, starting from *concepts, common lexicon and shared definitions*:

- *How to let national and regional stakeholders better understand Territorial Cohesion value, and its relation with place evidence and the use of innovative tools (as TIA)*
- *How new methodological approaches can help policy makers to make appropriate choices of investments based on policy needs.*
- *What kind of TIA for a Territorial Cohesion policy 2020 and post , coherently with EC, CoR, European Parliament addresses.*

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- *How to move from the spatial Cohesion Policy to the Territorial Cohesion, also analyzing in deep European policies, pillars and flags*
- *How to design territorial functional typologies able to valorize the regional diversity in policy decision making.*

Contribution from institutional Observers (Agency of territorial Cohesion, National Council of Italian Regions, Ministry of Infrastructures, Ministry of Environment, Presidency of the Ministers Council) are expected to enrich the discussion. Results of a *survey to external academics, students, stakeholders, practitioners, etc. will be available.*

The Conference will collect suggestions and remarks for regional and local policy recommendations that will be developed at the end of the TIA process (ex-post evaluation) for supporting the policy/decision making in sustainable and competitive programs by an efficiently use of the EU funds (pre-conditionality of post-2020 Cohesion Policy).

Venue:
Rome, 11-12 April 2019
University of Rome “Tor Vergata”
Faculty of Economics
Via Columbia, 2 – Rome

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PROGRAMME (**Draft version 14.03.2019**)

Thursday 11 April 2019

9,30 - 10:00	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
10,00 – 10,30	<p><i>Welcome and Opening</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giuseppe Novelli, Rector of University of Rome “Tor Vergata” • Maria Prezioso, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Rome “Tor Vergata” and Italy ESPON Contact Point
10,30 – 12,30	<p>New economic geographical narrative for the Territorial Cohesion in Europe and Italy</p> <p>In this plenary session, leading thinkers on European and Italian territorial applied researches will provide a perspective on the emergence of Territorial Cohesion as meaning to rethink the current evaluation of Cohesion and the need of better place evidence to match policy and science to address the political choices.</p> <p>Moderator: Maria Paola Pagnini, Professor of Political Geography, University “Niccolò Cusano”</p> <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography of cohesion: place evidence and measure in Europe (provisional title) Laurent Frideres, Head of Unit for Evidence and Outreach, ESPON EGTC, Luxembourg

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Territorial Impact Assessment of the Italian regions' Territorial Cohesion. A place based evidence model for the evaluation of policies for the development of inner and metropolitan peripheries towards green economy Maria Prezioso, PRIN research Principal Investigator, University of Rome "Tor Vergata" <p><i>Debate with the audience</i></p>
12,30 – 13,30	Lunch
13,30 – 14,45	<p>Emerging topics in Italy: <i>Inner vs metropolitan peripheries? What difference with the 'internal' areas</i></p> <p>Moderator and Discussant: Peter Schön, Scientific Director (ret.) at Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR), Bonn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veronica Camerada, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Sassari • Angela D'Orazio, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Rome "Tor Vergata on behalf of "Cattolica" University of Milan "Sacro Cuore" • Luigi Scrofani, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Catania
14,45 – 16,00	<p>Emerging topics in Italy: <i>The Territorial Capital value</i></p> <p>Moderator and Discussant: Eduarda Marques da Costa, Professor of Geography, University of Lisbon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Amodio, Professor of Geography, University of Salerno • Stefano de Rubertis, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Lecce • Gian Marco Ugolini, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Genoa
16,00 – 16,15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.15 – 17,30	<p>Emerging topics in Italy: <i>Territorial Cohesion and Competitiveness towards Green Economy</i></p> <p>Moderator and Discussant: Stella Sophia Kyvelou, Professor of University of Athens "Pantheon"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Cresta, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Sannio • Francesco Dini, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Florence • Francesca Krasna, Professor of Economic Geography, University of Trieste
17,30 – 18,00	<i>Debate with the audience and End of the Programme for Day 1</i>

<i>Conference Cocktail</i> h. 18,15-19:30	
Friday 12 April 2019	
9,00 - 9:30	<i>Late registration and coffee</i>
9,30 – 11:00	<p><i>Emerging narratives for the Territorial Impact Assessment of Territorial Cohesion in Europe and Italy</i></p> <p>Introduction to Day 2 and feedbacks from Day 1</p> <p>Moderator: Maria Prezioso</p> <p>Round Table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Schön, Scientific Director (ret.) at Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR), Bonn • Eduarda Marques da Costa, Professor of Geography, University of Lisbon • Stella Sophia Kyvelou, Professor of University of Athens “Pantheon” • Pietro Elisei, Urba Sofia, Bucarest
11,00-11,30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11,30-13,00	<p><i>Territorial Cohesion in Italy. What future? Suggestions and addresses to bridge the gap among research and policy</i></p> <p>Moderator: Pietro Elisei, UrbaSofia, Bucarest</p> <p>Observers Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmela Giannino and Ilias Tasiias, Italian Presidency of Council of Ministries • Paolo Galletta and Filippo La Vecchia, Italian Agency of Cohesion • Paolo Angelini, Italian Ministry of Environment • Andrea Ciaffi, Interregional Centre for Studies and Documentation (CINSEDO)
13,00- 14,00	<i>Lunch</i>
14,00 – 16,00	<p><i>Harmonising debate between regional stakeholders and PRIN researchers</i></p> <p>Moderator and closure: Maria Prezioso</p> <p>Participants: Guido Baschenis Piedmont Region.</p>