This conference is taking a fresh, evidence-based look at regional and local development in Scotland and what kind of regional policy responses are required. This includes research evidence on places and interventions where European Structural Funds have been effective.

The Conference is being organised by the Scottish Government in partnership with the Regional Studies Association (Scottish Branch), the European Policies Research Centre (University of Strathclyde) and the ESRC Centre on Constitutional Change (University of Edinburgh).

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| 9.30  | From cohesion to shared prosperity: regional policy in Scotland after Brexit  
Professor John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde |
| 9.45  | Understanding regional economic inequalities in the UK and Scotland pre and post-Brexit  
Professor Graeme Roy, Fraser of Allander Institute, University of Strathclyde |
| 10.05 | Spatial inequality, measurement and regional policy  
Professor David Bell, Stirling Management School, University of Stirling |
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Rebecca Hackett, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland |
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Dr Arno Van Der Zwet, School of Media, Culture & Society, University of the West of Scotland |
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Session 3: The political economy of regional policy in Scotland

13.30 The politics of regional development
Professor Mike Keating, School of Social Sciences, University of Aberdeen

13.50 Re-creating a domestic territorial cohesion policy post Brexit: alternatives and risks
Dr Serafin Pazos-Vidal, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)

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Session 4: Priorities and instruments of future policy: possibilities and limits

15.20 Regional development policy in Scotland & State aid control: post Brexit regulatory disorder?
Professor Fiona Wishlade, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde

15.40 Regional inclusive growth policies in Scotland post Brexit: lessons learned & path dependencies,
Linda Christie, School of Social & Political Sciences, University of Glasgow

16.00 Regional policy and peripherality in Scotland: EU legacies and future prospects
Linda Stewart, University of the Highlands & Islands

16.20 Discussion
16.50 Closing remarks: Professor David Bell and Professor John Bachtler
17.00 Regional Studies Association Reception: Committee Room 1
18.00 Close

ORGANISATION

The conference will be held at the University of Strathclyde in the Court-Senate Suite, Collins Building, 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow. A map is here. The venue is c.10 minutes’ walk from Queen Street station.

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