

**FINAL PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP
THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF COHESION POLICY**

26-27/OCT 2020

16-18 PM (CET)

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The main aim of EU cohesion policy is to deliver economic, social and territorial cohesion. Arguably, since the financial crisis and ensuing recession the EU has prioritised jobs and growth over social cohesion. Before the COVID19 pandemic, the economic conditions were generally improving after the economic-financial crisis with returning economic growth and reducing unemployment levels in many Member States. Despite falling unemployment, 118 million EU citizens were still at risk of poverty and social exclusion (European Commission, 2017). The COVID-19 pandemic is having tremendous economic impacts, on top of the health problems. In the trade-offs between health and economy, social cohesions risks being left out or marginalised to favour a quick, short-term recovery. An objective of EU 2020 strategy was to reduce the number at risk of poverty and social exclusion by 20 million. The social issues appear to be widening within the member states, with significant regional and territorial variances, and new challenges are paving the way for an extension of the scope of action of EU cohesion policy (e.g. migration, youth unemployment, poverty).

This research workshop will examine the social dimensions of EU Cohesion Policy in distinct topics as: the policy dynamics of the social inclusion objective in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic implications of the social dimension, impact on territorial cohesion - social changes within and between regions, and proposed changes to CP post 2020, notably ESF+, of the new EU Green Deal and of the new Just Transition Mechanism, future progress toward Europe 2020 targets.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

	<p>Marine Siva is a policy officer at the Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) of the European Committee of Regions (CoR) in Brussels. She is part of the drafting and coordination team of the 2020 EU annual regional and local Barometer report, which was published on 12 October and gives an overview of the state of regions and cities during the COVID19 crisis (through facts, figures, maps, examples and analyses). She holds Master's degrees in European Affairs and International Relations of the EU from King's College London and the College of Europe</p>
	<p>Paolo Graziano is Professor of Political Science at the University of Padua and Research Associate at the European Social Observatory, Brussels. He has also been Honorary Professor at the Glasgow School for Business and Society – Glasgow Caledonian University (2015-2018). Teaches Political Science, Comparative Politics, and Public Policy Analysis</p>

PROGRAMME

26th October 2020

16.00 pm - Opening session

Nicola Dotti - CPNet / Regional Economics and Policy Studies, VUB, Brussels

Mário Vale, Director of the Centro de Estudos Geográficos, Universidade de Lisboa

Eduarda Marques da Costa - Centro de Estudos Geográficos, Universidade de Lisboa

16.15 pm – Conference “The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on regions and cities in Europe and a first analysis of EU recovery measures”

Marine Siva - policy officer at the Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) of the European Committee of Regions (CoR), Brussels

Moderation of Eduarda Marques da Costa - Centro de Estudos Geográficos, Universidade de Lisboa

Session 1 – Moderation by Leaza McSorley, University of Sunderland

16.45-17.00 pm - EU regional and agricultural policies as facilitative political regimes for the emergence of cooperation in fragmented economies

Kira Gartzou-Katsouyanni, European Institute of the London School of Economics

17.00-17.15 pm - Territorial cohesion in border areas – Cross-border cooperation programs as a tool to SGI provision and regional disparities mitigation

Pedro Franco, Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território (IGOT-UL)

Eduarda Marques da Costa, Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território (IGOT-UL)

17.15-17.30 pm - The social dimension of the Cohesion Policy in times of acute crisis – Lessons from the divergence of the Spanish Extremadura after 2008

Paulo Miguel Madeira, Institute of Social Sciences and Center for Geographical Studies of the University of Lisbon

17.30-17.45 pm - Social Sustainability and Cohesion facing crisis by territorial animation and rural governance

Luís Moreno, Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território (IGOT-UL)

17.45 pm – Synthesis

Laura Polverari, Department of Political and Juridical Sciences and International Studies - SPGI - University of Padua

18.00 pm – End of 1st day session

27th October 2020

16.00 pm – Conference "Assessing the Social Impact of EU Cohesion Policy"

Paolo Graziano, University of Padua/Research Associate at the European Social Observatory, Brussels

Moderation of Sonia De Gregorio Hurtado, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Session 2 – Moderation of Pedro Franco, Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território (IGOT-UL)

16.45-17.00 pm - Measuring and delivering social inclusion: Leave no one behind in the digital transformation journey

Cristina Lincaru, National Scientific Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection (INCSMPS)

17.00-17.15 pm - Towards new geographies of cohesion in a context of growing inequalities: practices of social innovation and urban regeneration in Milan metropolitan area

Luca Lazzarini, DASTU/Politecnico di Milano

Carolina Pacchi, DASTU/Politecnico di Milano

17.15-17.30 pm - Roles and Priorities in Urban Poverty in Urban Poverty Observatories at EU

Rafael Córdoba Hernández, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Gerardo Guerrero Perriñán, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Isabel González García, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

17.30-17.45 pm – Synthesis – Oto Potluka, Center for Philanthropy Studies, University of Basel

17.45 pm – Closing session

Nicola Dotti – CPNet/ Regional Economics and Policy Studies, VUB , Brussels – Next Steps

Eduarda Marques da Costa – Vice-President of Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning

18.00 pm – End of Workshop

PRACTICAL ORGANISATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTPUTS

Presentations will be limited to 10-12 minutes to allow room for discussants' feedback and debate, in a maximum of 15 minutes per presentation. Speakers are encouraged to use images, diagrams, infographics, etc. in their presentations.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This workshop will be held under the auspices of the [Regional Studies Association's Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy](#), co-organised with the Network's partners and hosted by Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon. More information about the Network can be found on the [RSA website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Main Organisers for this workshop are: Eduarda Marques Da Costa and Pedro Franco (University of Lisbon), as local organisers, and Laura Polverari (University of Padua), Leaza McSorley (University of Sunderland), Marcin Dabrowski (TU Delft), Nicola Francesco Dotti (VUB) and Oto Potluka (University of Basel), as academic convenors.

Participation in the event is free of charge. Participants not presenting papers are very welcome, **but will need to register.**

Registration final programme: 23 October 2020

Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWYrrofgnduaB6H41I1kD2iFQDkR3QyQy2nmPXHmq106vIVg/viewform>

INVITATION LINK ZOOM: <https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/85920401727>

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