TERRITORIALISATION OF EU COHESION POLICY

ONLINE WORKSHOP 19-20/OCTOBER 2021

GREEN (Centre for Research on Geography, Resources, Environment, Energy & Networks)
BOCCONI University, Milan

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 25 SEPTEMBER 2021

Since 1988 and most recently since the 2014-2020 reform, the concept of 'Integrated Territorial Development' (ITD) or 'place-based' (Barca, 2009; Green Paper on Territorial Cohesion, 2009) has gained increased importance, especially in the case of the CP. Practically speaking, the Common Provisions Regulation and its Common Strategic Framework have brought together five European Structural and Investment Funds (including Rural and Marine funds), four Commission's Directorates-General and their respective policy committees (Adshead, 1996) to jointly deliver 11 Thematic Objectives in an integrated and seamless way. At the delivery level, this took form by two new integrated, place-based, multi-fund governance tools: Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI), Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) and Sustainable Urban Development (art 7 ERDF, IUA). The first Commission proposal for 2021-2027 seems to give it new prominence within policy objective 5: "a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives". Finally, a renovated focus on cultural heritage was proposed, seen as a crucial driver of sustainable and integrated territorial development.

Building on previous research (e.g. Piattoni and Polverari 2016; Pazos-Vidal 2012, 2014; Bachtler, Berkowitz, Hardy, Muravska 2017; Medeiros 2017), the theme for the fifth workshop aims to focus on how integrated territorial development has fared during this period for the CP as well as promoting synergies with other EU Policy and the overall process of European integration. Specifically,

- Place-based approach: implementation of the place-based funds and tools (ITI, CLLD and Sustainable Urban Development), the potential for enhancing the effectiveness of policies seeking to capitalise on endogenous resources;

- Enablers and constraints to the territorialisation of the CP and, in general, of EU policies: policy, political, governance and administrative capacity;

- Impacts of the territorialisation of the EU policy on specific territorial issues such as regional productivity, rural and peripheral communities and cross-border cooperation;

- Cultural heritage: potential implications of including 'cultural heritage' under the dedicated 'territorial' objective, and of linking out the territorial dimension of CP through a dedicated Policy Objective (as opposed to including it as a horizontal and cross-cutting objective);

- Synergies with other policies, especially Horizon Europe and the Common Agricultural Policy;

- Proposals and the potential challenges to integrated territorial development.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Riccardo Crescenzi is a Professor of Economic Geography at the London School of Economics and is the current holder of a European Research Council (ERC) Grant. He is also an Associate at the Centre for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and he is affiliated with the European Institute, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) and the Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC) at the LSE.

He has been a Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute (EUI) and a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Taubman Centre, Harvard University and at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

His research is focused on regional economic development, innovation, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and multinationals and the analysis and evaluation of European Union policies. His 5-year ERC research project looks at the location strategies of FDI around the world, at their impacts on the host economies and at the evaluation of policies for the attraction and retention of FDI.

PRESENTATIONS PROPOSALS

We invite theoretically rooted, research-based presentation proposals from scholars and practitioners, which address the questions listed above.

We invite you to submit an abstract of up to 500 words summarising your research and clearly outlining its originality and contribution to the scholarly and/or policy debates

Proposals and abstracts should be submitted to: **CPnet-territorialisation@unibocconi.it**

Registration: [will be shortly provided]

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Submission: 24 September 2021

Acceptance notification: 4 October 2021

Registration deadline: 8 October 2021

ORGANISATION

Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes to allow room for discussants' feedback and debate. Speakers are encouraged to use images, diagrams, infographics and other types of visualisations in their presentations. Usually, a good presentation has no more than 35-50 words per slide.

All presentations will take place online and grouped in panels by theme. Each panel will last a maximum of 2 hours, taking place on a different day and will be organised as follow

- Keynote lecture (about 30 minutes)

- Three Presentations (15' minutes each)

- Discussion

The keynote lectures will be broadcasted, the parallel session not, but those interested can register and attend for free the online event.

Speakers are warmly invited to send a 1-slide image to be shared on the social media of the research network. This image should be provided six days before the workshop (11 October 2021) according to the layout provided by the research network.

Presenters will be invited to contribute to a policy statement to be released just after the event.

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 the Department of European Studies of the Poznań University of Economics and Business (PUEB).

More information about the Network can be found on the RSA website and on Facebook.

Main Organisers for this workshop are Alberto Bramanti (SPS Department, Bocconi University) and Mattia Casula (Università di Bologna). Leaza McSorley (University of Sunderland), Ugo Fratesi (Politecnico di Milano), and Nicola Francesco Dotti (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) as academic convenors.

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

For any other inquiries please contact the local organisers of the workshop alberto.bramanti@unibocconi.it; paola.calogero@unibocconi.it

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