

## MINUTES OF THE RSA MEMBERS MEETING IN SPAIN

6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023, 16:30 - 17:30

MS. TEAMS, team "RSA-Spain Meetings".

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Attendees: Javier Barbero, Coro Chasco (organizadora), Lluís Garay Tamajón, Cristina García Nicolás, Ana Gutiérrez Sanchis, Ernesto Rodríguez Crespo, Simón Sánchez.

Excused from attending: Josep María Arauzo, Sonia de Gregorio, Valerio Della Sala, Raúl Ramos, Julie Wilson, Jon Mikel Zabala.

A final summary of the session is recorded. The video is available from the Ms. Teams team at the following email address: <https://acortar.link/Yv8uIN>

### AGENDA:

- Greetings from the RSA Ambassador in Spain
- Information on activities and support of the RSA partners in Spain during the year 2023
- Preparation of a workshop for the Autumn of 2023
- Special issue in a scientific journal with contributions presented at the workshop
- Requests, questions, suggestions
- Farewell

### AGREEMENTS:

1. The agreement reached at the beginning of the year to **organise a seminar of the members of the RSA in Spain** is confirmed, with the following characteristics:
  - a) Preferably **in-person** (although we could do it in hybrid format) in order to get to know each other better and to be able to explore common activities.
  - b) Instead of holding it in October, it was considered more convenient to postpone it to **February 2024**, since it seems that there would be less scientific events.
  - c) We believe that, with **the funding that the RSA has available** for this type of event, we would be able to run a seminar like this, although we should explore other funding options.
  - d) Although the venue for the meeting could be the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, to which the ambassador and other members of the RSA belong, this is still to be confirmed.

- e) It would be appropriate for the seminar to focus on a topic that is relevant and interesting for the scientific community, but also sufficiently general so that all the members of the RSA in Spain can identify with it. The suggestion made at the previous meeting about **the topic is maintained: "Spatial Analysis for Policy and Planning"**.
- f) It is our aim to publish some of the papers presented in the seminar in a **special issue of a relevant scientific journal**. The first contacts with the journal "*Spatial Economic Analysis*", of which the ambassador is co-editor, have been encouraging, although a lot of work must be done to delimit the topic and to obtain papers of sufficient quality to be published in this journal (if not, the "call" could be opened to the entire scientific community).
2. It is agreed to open a Ms. Word document in Ms. Teams so that the associates can share with the others the **activities carried out with the RSA** so far in the year 2023: participation in conferences, congresses, meetings; awards, grants and projects received; publications in RSA outlets, etc. This document is already available at the following link: [202307\\_Actividades en la RSA.docx](#)
3. It was agreed to explore the possibility of **participating in the next congress of the Spanish Regional Science Association (AECR)**, the Spanish branch of the ERSA, given that one of the members of the RSA, Professor Cristina García Nicolás (University of Castilla-La Mancha), is part of the Organising Committee and some of us belong to both RSA and AECR. This participation could be a good opportunity for the RSA associates to meet without multiplying the number of events we usually attend. In particular, the RSA members could organise a special session where we could present our work and get to know each other better.

#### REQUESTS, QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS

- The ambassador is asked to enquire whether the financial support budgeted by the RSA for the organisation of scientific seminars could be allocated to an RSA partner other than the ambassador (e.g., in case that this partner is in charge of organising the seminar).
- The ambassador is asked to enquire whether the RSA plans to hold a third edition of the "Regions in Recovery" event in 2023.
- Professor Ana Gutiérrez Sanchís informs about the existence of a WhatsApp group for the RSA women's network and recommends the participation of the associates in it, given that, for the moment, she is the only Spanish member of the group. Applications should be made to Alex Holmes: [alex.holmes@REGIONALSTUDIES.ORG](mailto:alex.holmes@REGIONALSTUDIES.ORG)