



# Urban and rural transformations for sustainability and resilience

## SMARTER Stream by JRC

15-16 June 2023, Ljubljana

JRC will curate the SMARTER stream at the RSA Annual Conference 2023 “Transforming Regions: Policies and Planning for People and Places”.

### Draft agenda

#### 14 June

*No dedicated JRC activities*

#### 15 June

08:45 – 09:05

*Welcome to the conference*

9:05 – 10:35

*Opening Plenary – Global Value Chains for Sustainable Regional Development*

10:35 – 11:15

*Coffee break*

11:15-12:45

**SMARTER Opening session: Key challenges and opportunities for urban and rural transformations for sustainability and resilience**

- 11:30 - 11:45 - Welcome and opening remarks: Alessandro Rainoldi, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission
- 11:45 – 12:15 Keynote – (tbc)
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- 12:45 – 13:00 Plenary discussion

12:45 – 14:00

*Lunch break*

14:00-15:30

**SMARTER Paper session 1: Place-based perspectives on transformative innovation and transition pathways towards sustainability**

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Invited opening presentation – (tbc)
- Two-three papers (60 minutes including discussants and Q&A)

15:30-16:00

*Coffee break*

- 16:00-17:30 **SMARTER Policy dialogue session 1: Making policy work for sustainability challenges – how to work in places and across governance levels?**
- Introduction (5 min)
  - Moderated panel conversation with academics and policy makers (60 min)
    - Alessandro Rainoldi (moderation)
    - Speaker - (tbc)
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    - Policy maker from Slovenia (e.g. Ljubljana)
  - Q&A (20 min) and closing remarks (5 min)

## 16 June

08:45 – 10:15 *Plenary 2 – Finance and Sustainable Development*

10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-12:15 **SMARTER Paper session 2: New research designs and methods to inform place-based policies fostering sustainability transitions and territorial resilience**

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Invited opening presentation – JRC
- Two-three papers (60 minutes including discussants and Q&A)

12:15 – 13:15 *Lunch break*

13:15 – 14:45 ***Plenary 3 – Global Production Networks meets Evolutionary Economic Geography:***

14:45-16:15 **SMARTER Paper session 3: Towards place-based approaches to challenge-led policies and multi-level governance of sustainability transitions**

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Invited opening presentation – (tbc)
- Two-three papers (60 minutes including discussants and Q&A)

16:15-16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45-18:30 CET **SMARTER Policy dialogue session 2: Making policy work for future generations - Sustainability transitions as a long-term recovery**

- Introduction
- Moderated panel conversation with academics and policy makers (60 min)
- Q&A
- Closing remarks (JRC)