

Hungarian Event Report

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Regional Studies Association

The RSA60 side event was held at the annual conference of the Hungarian Regional Science Association on the 30th-31st, October 2025, in Veszprém, Hungary. This annual conference provides a forum for the Hungarian regional studies and science community to share their ideas and their latest research findings. The first day is usually about keynote speeches, round tables and other important events, like the award ceremony or the presentation of the 60th year old RSA this year. Additionally, sessions were started. (11 sessions in parallel this year). The second day is for sessions with a closing roundtable discussion. This year, more than 200 participants presented at the event in different sessions.

During the registration, notebooks and pens with RSA60 logos were provided to the participants, with a QR code of the RSA webpage.

Besides the [webpage](#), both the conference and the RSA event were announced and promoted in the Newsletter of the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies and in the Newsletter of the Hungarian Regional Science Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Science.

In this year's conference, keynote speakers were the most prestigious policy makers and international members of the RSA. Tibor Navracsics, Minister of Public Administration and Regional Development of Hungary, presented on the future of Cohesion Policy. This presentation was followed by Camilla Lenzi, full professor of POLIMI, talking about Automation, market power and inequalities from a regional perspective, and Maciej Smętkowski, the Polish Territorial Representative of the RSA, giving a lecture on Cohesion policy impact on poverty and social inclusion in EU member states at the regional level. After a parallel session and further Hungarian keynote speeches, Viktor Varjú, Hungarian Section Chair of the RSA, presented the possibilities and advantages of the RSA, emphasising the various funds and opportunities the RSA provides its members.

After the scheduled programme, several participants, former members and newcomers came to us (Hungarian Sections Chair, Hungarian Ambassador) to ask more about the opportunities of RSA and its forthcoming annual conference. Hopefully, this side event will help to increase the Hungarian RSA community.

