

Changing geographies and policy challenges in European territorial cooperation and EU macro regional strategies

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Description

European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) is a laboratory of European integration where EU territorial cohesion is acting within the EU regional policy since 1990. This policy is also highly connected with the EU Enlargement, EU Neighbour Policy and EU Macro Regional Strategies (Baltic, Danube, Adriatic) with complex administrative, political and spatial implications. This is a field where geography really matters and in 2013 the new European Territorial Cooperation spaces are decided within the preparation of the 2014-2020 Operational Programmes. These will consolidate or create new spaces and themes of cooperation; activities will contribute to the flow of ideas and knowledge but - as well - they can highlight frontiers, boundaries, limits, polarisations and inequalities.

This panel session aims at collecting institutional and academic perspective regarding European territorial cooperation models, the role of regions and the reasons and the potential inner effects of the changing geography in the next programming period of ETC.

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