

Breaking down boundaries: geographers for a new geography of Europe

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Description

The ongoing process of territorial integration promoted by EU policies is literally changing the face of geography in Europe: it is aimed at gradually delating ancient political and cultural borders and reducing social and economical disparities between the different regions in the continent. This process is a big challenge for the political future of the EU and represents a matter of a great geographical interest. The EU pays particular attention to the development of cooperation tools among many different countries: from environmental management to spatial planning; from energetic supply to health and education. The European Commission employs a consistent amount of its budget in programs intended to create and reinforce transnational partnerships and cooperation at different levels, from lower administration to enterprises, associations, NGOs and the same citizens. What contribution are the geographers giving to this process, either as professionals or researchers? Are the Geographical Societies in Europe actively taking part in the process? This paper session aims to explore the role that geographers are playing in the process of European territorial integration and their interpretation of it. Researchers, policy-makers and professionals who are active in this field will be invited to present the results of their studies and best practices, in order to facilitate the reflection on this strategic issue and to exchange experiences, methodologies and points of view.

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