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Working Group 4: Inter-regional and Cross-border Cooperation and Development

CALL FOR PAPERS
Inter-Regional and Cross-Border Cooperation

25-26 September 2020

Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

The Coordinators of NISPAcee WG4 invite scholars to submit papers for a Workshop on Inter-Regional and Cross-Border Cooperation held on 25-26 September at Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary, starting with an informal Get-together on September, 24, 2020.

With the deepening of European integration, borders as barriers between the now 27 EU Member States lost more and more in importance. After introducing the *Four Freedoms* of free movement of goods, services, capital and labor in 1958/1968, the Internal Market was completed in 1993. In 1999 the Schengen Area was incorporated in EU law, effectually abolishing internal border controls for 26 EU Member States (Ireland and the UK being an exception). Together this results in a rather unrestricted crossing of the EU internal borders. Therefore, it is not surprising that, over time, numerous activities regarding inter-regional and cross-border cooperation emerged. For example, for the 2014-2020 financing period, the EU Cohesion Policy devoted about 3.3 billion Euro to promote international cross-border cooperation among the Member States; additional funding is provided by the EU Neighboring policies to promote cooperation with non-EU countries. Nevertheless, in particular border regions still lag behind in economic development, being more prone to the challenges brought about by the demographic change as well as the impetus of digitalization, for example.

Territorial Cooperation is a research field that requires a multi-disciplinary approach. With this Workshop we aim to bring together scholars from various disciplines like public administration and management, regional studies, economic geography, innovation studies, evolutionary economics, urban studies, economics, public policy, etc. who address the challenges for as well as potential solutions to interregional and cross-border cooperation.

We particularly welcome submissions on the following topics:

- Inter-regional and cross-border cooperation
- Cross-border public service provision
- Cross-border Regional Innovation Systems

We invite papers that address one or several of the above mentioned issues and have both theoretical and practical relevance. Papers which are highly innovative, collaborative, international or multi-disciplinary are especially welcome.

Contributions will be considered by the coordinators against the criteria of originality, subject balance and geographical (NISPAcee area) spread. The extended abstract should be a maximum of 500 words, while full papers should be a maximum of 7.500 words (about 15 pages), single spaced, excluding references, consisting of the following:

- The names of the authors and their affiliation,
- Relevance of the paper to the topic
- Significance of the research – why it is distinctive and its contribution to the field
- Policy implications and recommendations for practitioners, e.g.

Scientific Committee of the Workshop

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Deadlines

Submission of extended abstract: **May, 30, 2020** (500 words per paper)

Notification of acceptance by **June, 21, 2020**

Registration until **July, 31, 2020**

Submission of full paper until **August, 28, 2020** (max. 7.500 words, about 15 pages)

Publication of submitted papers in a special issue of the NISPAcee Journal is possible. Further information will be given at the conference.

Please submit your paper through: **CBC2020@andrassyuni.hu**

There has no conference fee to be paid with the registration. Participants of the workshop are expected to cover their travel and accommodation costs.

The conference language will be English.

Presentations should be about 20 min.

Detailed information on the preliminary program as well as on accommodation and travel will be provided on the conference website (<https://www.andrassyuni.eu/veranstaltungen/international-workshop-cross-border-cooperation.html>) as soon as possible.

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