

# Metropolises and Peripheries of CEE Countries: New Challenges for EU, National and Regional Policies

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Metropolises of Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries play an important role in the European economy. They are the driving force for national development, research specialisation, knowledge production, innovation and business services. They are among the fastest growing regions in the EU, attractive for foreign investors and becoming increasingly competitive in the global (European) market place.

As economic hubs they provide benefits due to economies of scale and scope for business and local society. They generate the possibility of economic, social, and cultural development, acting as growth poles – centres of concentration of activities and creation of innovations. However, contemporary metropolises in Central and Eastern European countries face many challenges and problems. They are islands of economic development surrounded by poorly developed peripheries. Less developed areas cumulate problems and challenges of a social, environmental, spatial, infrastructural and communication nature. All this requires new approaches in the development policy at the European, national, regional and local level.

The 2019 RSA CEE conference showcases challenges, determinants and perspectives of development of different kind of metropolises and peripheries in CEE. The emphasis is on the economic performance, social, and political issues with respect to regional, national and European dimensions.

To study and debate these and many other issues, we warmly invite the regional studies/science and connected communities, policymakers, planners, and practitioners to join us at the 2019 RSA CEE Conference in Lublin, Poland.

### Conference themes:

Development challenges of metropolises and peripheries	Suburbanization, re-urbanization, and re-vitalization	Cross-border regions and transnational cooperation
Cohesion Policy	Technical and social infrastructure	Smart specialization, industrial strategy
Spatial inequalities, Spatial planning policy	Integrated territorial investments	Innovation and competitiveness
Urban functional areas	Dominant/ prime city	Labour markets, commuting, distant work
Future of cities	Economic growth	Climate change and sustainability
Urban theory and strategy	Inclusive growth	Socio-economic exclusion
Local resources	Spatial distribution and effects of FDI	Quality of life and wellbeing
	Education, culture, tourism	

**Abstract submission:** Please submit your abstract (up 250-words and text only) through the RSA conference portal. Abstracts will be considered by the Conference Committee against the criteria of originality, interest, and subject balance.

**Publishing opportunities:** As part of the conference, we will run a 'Meet the Editors' Session' which will highlight publishing opportunities with the RSA and provide opportunities to discuss your article with journal editors. We encourage participants to submit their conference paper to one of the RSA journals. The journal co-published by the RSA's Polish Section *Studia Regionalne i Lokalne* which publishes in Polish and English also welcomes submissions from conference delegates.

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