

Cities and Regions in transition

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Relaunch of Productivity for Regional Growth and Cohesion

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The economic crisis that started in 2008 brought structural changes in the European and other advanced economies, overall highlighting the need of a re-launch of productivity. However, the magnitude of such changes and their effects on productivity are still to be satisfactorily measured and interpreted. This is important, since differences between regional economic circumstances will strongly affect their growth opportunities.

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has further underscored the importance of the spatial dimension both for the spread of the disease and the ability of places to cope with the economic and social repercussions. As the world slowly and painfully returns to “normal”, a renewed attention is needed to the ways of empowering all regions to recover, to grow and to use the opportunities opened by the pandemic for reducing interregional inequalities.

The special session will offer a forum for a comprehensive discussion on the spatial drivers of productivity and the ways for subnational policies to facilitate regional productivity growth as well as on the implications of spatial differences in productivity for other socioeconomic dimensions such as wellbeing, inequality and resilience.

Quality contributions are invited on a broad range of specific topics within the outlined focus including (but not limited to):

- spatial patterns of productivity performance and their implications;
- spatial productivity implications of a shift to teleworking;
- investments, consumption and public expenditures and their link to productivity of places;
- the role of entrepreneurship, innovation, skills and technologies;
- the role of infrastructure, agglomerations and smart specialization;
- spatial productivity implications of globalization, international trade and GVCs as well as their evolution and restructuring;
- the link between governance structure and quality of government and productivity;
- the nexus of productivity and resilience, productivity and wellbeing and productivity and inequality.

Submit your paper by 27 February 2022 (instructions [here](#)).

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