



CALL FOR PAPERS IUEE RESEARCH WORKSHOP TERRITORIAL COOPERATION IN THE EU

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Cooperating across EU internal borders is one of the most important pre-conditions to strengthen European integration. It also fosters cohesion and innovation, which are seen – according to the *Europe 2020 Agenda* - as a key to achieving sustainable development and jobs. European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes bring states, regions and people together and thus facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices, irrespective of the existence of borders.

The seminar that will take place on the 2nd - 4th May 2012 is financed by the Lifelong Learning Programme and by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (IUEE R+D project on cross-border cooperation in Southern Europe – “COOP-Recot” - directed by Prof. Francesc Morata)

The workshop is intended to gather young scholars working on cross-border cooperation issues in the EU with special regard – but not only – to the Mediterranean countries. Papers should address cross-border, transnational and interregional territorial cooperation from different disciplines (e.g. political science, sociology, economy, geography, spatial planning and law). They should focus on cross-cutting themes (multi-level governance, institutional capacity building, policy learning and Europeanization) or on specific policy problems/sectors (territorial cohesion, local development, environment, climate change and sustainable development, urban regeneration, transport, energy, culture).

The workshop is intended to promote a comparative analysis of European territorial cooperation structures, experiences and processes involving young researchers, academics, stakeholders and civil society. Through the establishment of a multinational and multidisciplinary research group from universities and research centres of Southern

The programme will be divided into 4 panels:

1st panel: The governance of cross-border cooperation: institution- and capacity-building

2nd panel: The European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation and the reform of Cohesion policy: the state of play

3rd panel: Policy networks and policy learning in cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation

4th panel: Cross-border sustainable development strategies and policies

Applications:

Interested scholars are welcome to send their proposals via email to marta.mir@iuee.eu, using the following subject header: "Workshop on Territorial Cooperation in the EU". Please indicate the panel that is of most interest to you. The two-days workshop will be an opportunity to share ongoing research on the topic and to receive feedback from a group of discussants (senior scholars from the partner institutions) working on the same field.

The proposals should include:

- A short CV/biography
- Affiliation (indicate area of research of the university/centre where you are based)
- Title of the proposed paper
- Abstract (maximum 300 words)

Deadline:

The application deadline is **31st December 2011**.

Final accepted papers should be sent by **1st April 2012**. The organizers aim to explore the possibility of producing an edited volume/journal special issue with the selected papers.

The IUEE will cover the travel and accommodation of all paper presenters.

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