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Special issue “Spatial Policies for resilience and smart transformation”

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Submission guidelines

Contributors to this special issue are invited to submit their manuscript by e-mail to: ejes@uaic.ro (mention the *Special Issue Resilience*).

The deadline for paper submission is **March 30, 2021**, although early submissions are welcome.

Brief description of the topic:

Over the last decades, the notion of resilience has gained much popularity in several fields, such as economics, urban planning, regional science, geopolitics, environmental studies, or economic geography. The main idea behind this concept is that a region, or any territorial system, may be subject to various shocks and/or pressures that produce transformations in the system. However, not all territories manage to recover following a shock; therefore, the challenging task for scholars is to identify the factors contributing to appropriate territorial responses. The resilience concept has been applied mainly in studies on the impact of economy-related shocks on regional development, although the potential of interdisciplinary approaches for analysing, identifying, and providing solutions in the field is much greater.

Given the complexity of such phenomena, new analysis techniques are required in order to properly tackle the issue of regional resilience and to increase the added value of research, thus connecting more consistently emerging academic views with policy-making. This special issue aims at bringing together new theoretical approaches and empirical research results on regional resilience and policies.

We welcome contributions focussing on, but not limited to, the following themes:

- the role that natural, social, economic, institutional, and policy-based factors play in enhancing resilience capacity;
- the drivers of resilience and how the resilience can capture regional dynamics;
- core-periphery structural differentiations of resilience;
- resilience estimation models;
- rural-urban structural differentiations and resilience;
- urban-rural interactions
- smart regions and resilience enhancement;
- smart specialisation and resilience;
- institutions and resilience;
- regional policies and measures for boosting the overall and sectorial resilience capacity;
- governance and resilience.