Special Session (SS22) on:

New insights into trends and drivers of regional disparities in the EU

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The aim and scope:
After a long period of convergence within the EU, regional economic disparities have started to increase in recent years, mainly because of the crisis. This tendency has been associated with an emerging discontent, which also led to the rise of populist and nationalist parties. Therefore, studying the trends and sources of regional disparities, as well as the possible political and economic measures to hinder their increase, is nowadays particularly relevant.

The Special Session will mainly focus on recent insights in the identification of the drivers of the trends in regional disparities and on the role of public/private investments and cohesion policy in regional growth and in the evolution of spatial inequalities.