

# NEW METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES 2020

THEMATIC SESSIONS - TS

## TS-04-T2

### RE-BALANCING TERRITORIAL INEQUALITIES: HOW MARGINALIZED AREAS CAN BE CATALYSTS OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

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Today, all over Europe and beyond, the increasing market-led polarization of technological innovation, economic attractors and cultural catalysts in central areas is mirrored by the spread of shrinking and marginalization processes in urban peripheries, small cities, and sprawled settlements.

According to EU cohesion policies, targeting the complexity of territorial imbalances through the regeneration of marginalized areas is considered a key factor. There is a need for renewed interpretations of local resources and for the implementation of strategies able to re-activate local development and social innovation dynamics.

The session aims to address the engines of the abandonment, ageing and depopulation of large areas in European regions. The discussion will focus on contexts at the “outskirts” of mainstream urban, social and economic trends, in order to highlight issues generating their depletion and downsizing, as well as to discuss how to improve a more sustainable development in the so-called marginalized areas.

Theoretical, methodological and on-field contributions on the following topics are warmly invited:

- critical reflections on characteristics and main issues related to marginalization processes;
- analysis of the main causes that triggered this phenomenon in different contexts;
- planning experiences, policies and practices aimed at re-balancing inequalities, re-activating marginalized territories and fostering sustainability, on the basis of needs by local players.

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