

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### TRACK 2: Patterns and Driving Forces of Long-Term Urban Dynamics

Cities have always been the spearheads of modernisation processes in the fields of technological, economic, social and environmental change. Since sustainability is accepted as a general goal in politics and planning, these relations are seen as strongly interdependent and as an integral part of balanced development. Demographic change, climate change and institutional change (redistributing the tasks between the public sector, the market and the civic society) are only some of the most prominent megatrends that influence long-term urban dynamics.

The recent challenges of city competition on a European and global scale have intensified these challenges and the need to reflect on its interrelations. There seems to be an increasing diversity among cities which enhances uncertainty and makes it more difficult to predict urban systems (path dependency and individualism vs. predictable patterns of development within stage models or typologies). In order to overcome existing knowledge gaps and to find proper answer to global megatrends and their specific local outcomes track 2 will address the following questions:

- What are the most important driving forces of long-term urban dynamics?
- What are the impacts of technological, economic, social and environmental changes on the shape and structure of our cities?
- How do citizens, stakeholders and urban planners deal with uncertainty and risk?
- How can relations and dependencies in urban systems be described and explained?
- Will the built structures of our cities be flexible enough to cope with changing demands of citizens, investors and stakeholders?
- What kind of visions, governance models, planning concepts and policy measures have to be developed and implemented?

Papers from different disciplinary backgrounds (e.g. urban research and planning, economics, sociology, regional science, geography) as well as inter-disciplinary papers are welcome.

We especially appreciate

- Analytical papers discussing empirical findings on urban megatrends or local countertrends against the background of technological, economic, social and/or environmental change
- Policy-oriented papers reflecting either the perception of certain trends and dynamics ('react', 'support', 'mitigate', 'balance') or the conception and implementation of specific strategies and instruments that explicitly address those dynamics.
- Methodological papers (especially model-based approaches) that give new insights in how to interpret, explain or model certain patterns of urban development

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