

OECD Trento Centre for Local Development and its OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

Rebooting regional productivity: From analysis to policy

*Spatial productivity for regional and local development
21th meeting*

18 October 2023 | DIGITAL EVENT

AGENDA



■ The OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

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■ The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab (SPL) is a dedicated research laboratory that works with local and global partners to improve our understanding of the spatial dimension of productivity growth, the relevance of links between different types of places and how regional policy can facilitate productivity growth, creation of better jobs and increased well-being.

■ Venue of the meeting

Virtual meeting over ZOOM.

To participate, please register [here](#). Link with log-in details will be sent to all registered participants.

■ Language

The meeting will be held in English.

■ Websites

OECD Trento Centre: www.trento.oecd.org

OECD Spatial Productivity Lab: oe.cd/SPL

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Wednesday
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Venue: *Virtual meeting over ZOOM | 15.00-16.30 CET (Rome time zone) | 14:00 – 15:30 GMT (London time zone)*

In an effort to improve regional economic growth, several subnational governments across the OECD have initiated productivity reviews for their territories, similar to country level reviews conducted by national productivity commissions. Moreover, subnational productivity differences within a country are gaining prominence at the national level too. This webinar will focus on recent initiatives from the Basque Country in Spain, the United Kingdom, and Trentino in Italy, where the analysis of subnational economic data is used to compare productivity performance across regions, understand which economic and social factors drive regional productivity, and how regional productivity links to other economic and social outcomes.

Chair: *Wessel Vermeulen*, Economist, Trento Centre for Local Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD

14.55-15.00 ○ ZOOM meeting open for connection

15.00-15.10 ○ **Introduction**

Raquel Ortega-Argilés, Professor of Economics, Manchester University and Director of the Productivity Laboratory, The Productivity Institute, United Kingdom

Maria José Aranguren, General Director, Orkestra, Basque Institute for Competitiveness, Spain

15.10-15.25 ○ **Sustainable Competitiveness for Well-Being in Basque Country, Spain** 

James Wilson, Research Director, Orkestra, Basque Institute for Competitiveness, Spain

15.25-15.40 ○ **Data-driven regional productivity scorecards in the United Kingdom** 

Raquel Ortega-Argilés, Professor of Economics, Manchester University and Director of the Productivity Laboratory, The Productivity Institute, United Kingdom

15.40-15.55 ○ **Stakeholder backing and involvement in Trentino, Italy** 

Carlo Menon, Economist, Trento Centre for Local Development, CFE, OECD

15.55-16.20 ○ **Panel Discussion and Q&A**

16.20-16.30 ○ **Closing remarks**

Rudiger Ahrend, Head of the Economic Analysis, Data and Statistics Division, CFE, OECD

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