

AGENDA

14 February 2023 | 14:00-15:30 | Paris | Virtual

Kick-off event

Shrinking Smartly and Sustainably



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Shrinking smartly and sustainably

■ The Webinar

This kick-off event marks the start of the new OECD project ***Shrinking Smartly and Sustainably***. The project aims at improving policies for adapting to shrinking populations in regions and countries experiencing sustained and strong population losses. After introductory remarks and a presentation of the project, the event will feature academic and policy practitioners covering four main topics: 1) demographic models and data; 2) land-use, housing, spatial planning & environment; 3) multi-level governance and service provision; and 4) urban perspectives on shrinking. The event will close with a Q&A on the policy trade-offs and challenges of population shrinking for different types of regions.

■ Key Information

Tuesday 14 February 2023, 14:00-15:30 (CET/Paris time)

The event will be virtual and can be followed via Zoom. Please register below:

[**REGISTRATION**](#)

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Agenda

(CET time)

14:00-14:15

Welcome Remarks

Anna Wagner, Head of Unit, Policy Development and Economic analysis (REGIO.B.1), Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Dorothee Allain-Dupré, Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division (RDG), OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)

14:15-14:20

Presentation of the OECD project “Shrinking smartly and sustainably”

Ana Moreno Monroy, Regional Inequalities and Demographic Change Programme Manager, CFE/RDG

14:20-15:05

Perspectives on Shrinking

Moderator: Miquel Vidal Bover, Policy Analyst, CFE/RDG

Demographic prospects for depopulating areas

Albert Esteve, Director, Demographic Studies Centre (CED) and Professor Department of Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

Multi-level governance and service provision in depopulating areas

Josefina Syssner, Senior Associate Professor, Linköping University, Sweden

Land-use, housing, environment and spatial planning

Tiit Oidjärv, Senior Consultant, EY, Estonia

Shrinking small towns and cities

Elisa Vilares, Chair, OECD Working Party on Urban Policy, and Head, Division of Territorial Development and Urban, Directorate-General for Territory, Portugal

15:05-15:25

Q&A

15:25-15:30

Closing

Jose Enrique Garcilazo, Deputy Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division (RDG), OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)

About the OECD Regional and Rural Policy Unit

Rural areas have a variety of different characteristics and geographies – from well-serviced communities near urban areas to remote sparsely populated places with limited access to basic services – as well as differing cultures. Our work aims to strengthen and support the economies and inhabitants of all types of rural area and reinforce their resilience in a fast-changing world.

For more information, visit our website: <http://www.oecd.org/regional/rural-development/>

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