

#EURegionsWeek University Sessions 2018

[The European Week of Regions and Cities](#) (#EURegionsWeek) is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance. Over the years, the event has grown into the key event on EU Regional Policy. During the event earlier this month, nearly 6700 participants (local, regional, national and European decision-makers and experts) attended the event to engage in the 100+ workshops, debates, exhibitions and networking opportunities.

In 2018, we were also the leading partner in several University sessions, including:

- [Revitalising Regional Economies through Smart Specialisation and Industry 4.0](#) – You can read a blog post about this session by Phil Tomlinson, University of Bath [here](#).
- [Global linkages and territorial imbalances in Europe and beyond](#)
- [Circular & Smart Cities-Innovating Sustainability and Resource Efficiency in European Cities and Regions](#)
- [European Year of Cultural Heritage: cultural heritage and the built environment](#)
- In addition, the RSA was also involved in the session: [Migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and regional economic development](#)

To see photos of the event, please access the gallery of the European Week of Regions and Cities here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/euregionsweek/albums>

"#EURegionsWeek is a unique European forum that brings together some 5,000 policymakers from local, regional, urban and national government authorities – as well as academics – for an intensive week of knowledge exchange on regional and urban development. Conferences, seminars and workshops throughout Brussels will be debating development challenges and opportunities in areas like climate change, migration, energy transition, innovation, smart specialisation, digitalisation, governance and many other topics. Particularly through the RegionsWeek University, policymakers are keen to hear from academics about the latest research and how it could be relevant for current and future policy. The week provides a distinctive opportunity for academic researchers to disseminate findings to an international audience, get European-level exposure, create contacts and initiate new relationships for longer term knowledge exchange." **John Bachtler, Professor of European Policy Studies, Director of the European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde**

"The #EURegionsWeek is the place for networking on urban and regional development between academics and policy makers/practitioners from the EU institutions and European regions. The many sessions, the informal meeting areas and the fact that everyone is there, makes it a must." **Sally Hardy, Chief Executive, Regional Studies Association**

