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> 9.000 Our Community globally

> 2.000 MEMBERS

A unique international network

Serving local needs

20 SECTIONS

24 Board Members

> 800 Presentations in our Congresses

10 JOURNALS

Knowledge production and sharing

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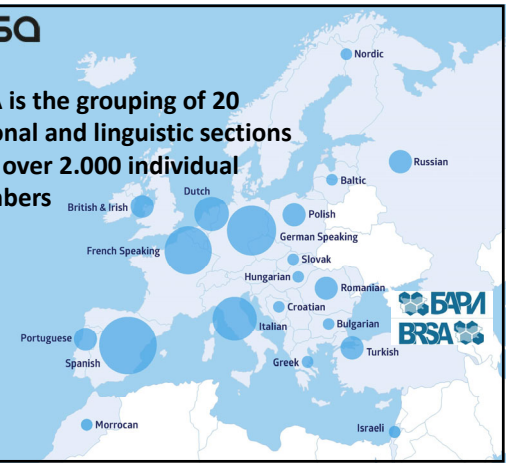
ERSA is the grouping of 20 national and linguistic sections with over 2.000 individual members



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World Regional Science Network

- The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) is composed of four supraregional groupings of individual national and international sections or associations: The European Regional Science Association (ERSA), The North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organisation (PRSCO) and The Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Associations (LACRSA).
- RSAI has a world-wide membership of over 4,500

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Relations with policy makers and the society

- We instigate discussions between academics and policymakers at the European level:
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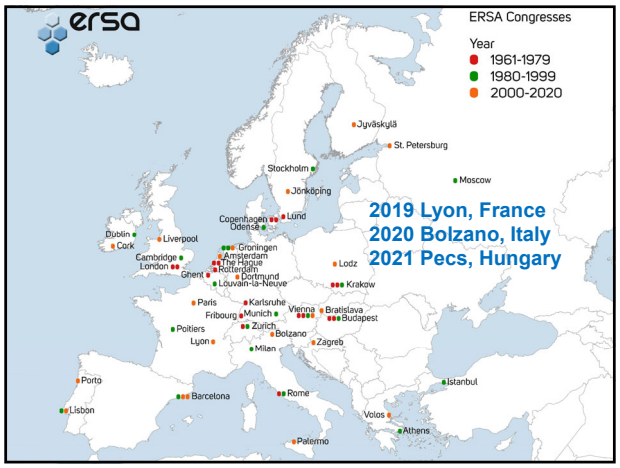
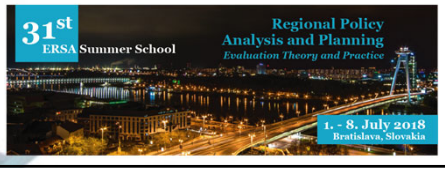
ERSA Congress

- We organize an **Annual Congress** since 1961.
- With **over 800 participants** from all continents, this is the largest Congress of regional scientists worldwide.
- We stimulate sharing cutting-edge research between proven and young scholars and policy makers.



Summer and Winter Schools

- With this programme format, we **foster education and skills training**
- We target **PhD students** and junior researchers with less than 10 years of research experience
- The program includes lectures and presentations by participants



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Winter and Summer Schools

- On our 2019 Agenda

Cities and regions in the process of transformation

16-22 June 2019
Katowice, Poland

ersa Summer School

REGION

ERSA Journal

- **100 % Open access** published by ERSA since 2014
- **Indexed** in Scopus, RePEc, DOAJ, ECONSTOR, Google Scholar,..
- **Peer-reviewed articles** in Regional Science, Regional Economics, Economic Geography, and related fields
- Special Issues

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Other Journals

ERSA Sections Journals

Include

- Spatial Economic Analysis
- Revue d'Economie Régionale et Urbaine (Reru)
- Review of Regional Research
- Italian Journal of Regional Science
- Spoločnosť pre regionálnu vedu a politiku
- Journal of Regional Research
- Romanian Journal of Regional Science

RSAI Journals

- **PiRS** Papers in Regional Science

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- **RSPP** - Regional Science Policy & Practice

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Research Excellence

ERSA Prize in Regional Science

- Is awarded to **distinguished scholars at the European level**
- For **their prolific and outstanding academic achievements in the field regional science**
- Prize is given during the ERSA Congress
- 2018 prize winner is Prof. **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose**

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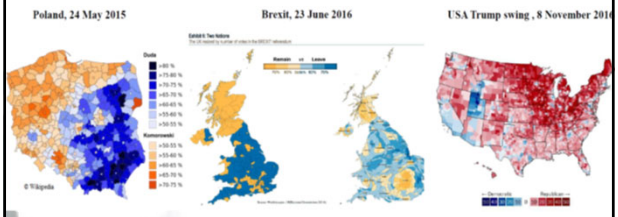

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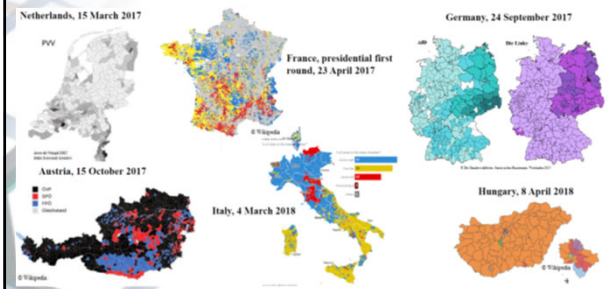

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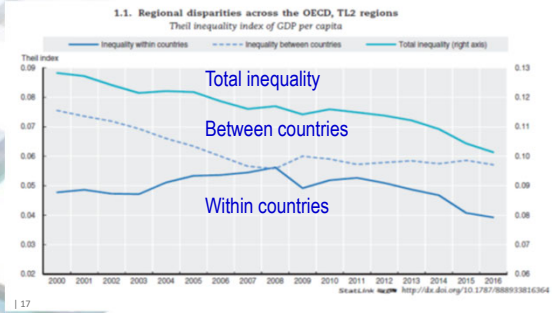
Regional disparities GDP per capita across OECD 2000-2016



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How to solve this problem?

- Discussion in meetings of sections can be of crucial importance for proper understanding of the problems and efficient and effective policy measures underpinned with evidence based scientific research of researchers who know the region combined with interaction with policy makers.
- **Perfect example:** this conference organized by the Bulgarian Regional Science Association scientific - practical conference about: EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES.

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This conference

- EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES: KEY ISSUES:
  1. Transport connectivity in Danube region - prerequisite for achieving sustainable mobility and connectivity of the countries in region
  2. Innovation and technology transfer to create an optimal business environment in the region
  3. The expected benefits of a Circular Economy transition - economic, social and environmental

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EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION

Four pillars:

(1) Connecting the Danube Region: improve infrastructure, energy, promote culture, tourism

(2) Protecting the Environment in the Danube Region: water quality, environ-mental risks, preserve biodiversity, landscape

(3) Building Prosperity in the Danube Region: knowledge society, invest in people and skills

(4) Strengthening the Danube Region: improve institutional capacity and cooperation

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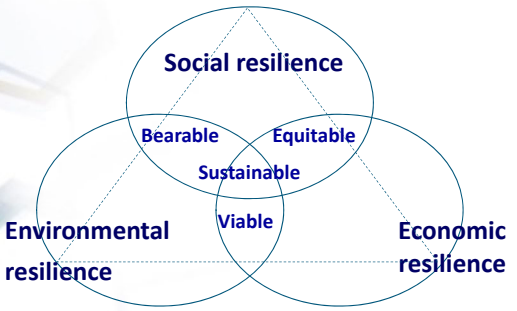
Resilience of regions



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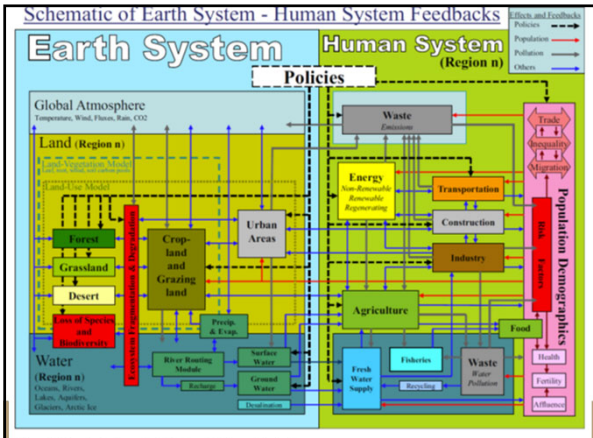

Figure 6. Schematic of a Human–Earth System with drivers and feedbacks.

Thank you for your attention!

I wish you all a very good conference and hope to see many of you at the next ERSA conference in August 2019, Lyon.

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