

## **INFER Working Group on Regional Economics and Economic Geography**

### **General presentation**

This working group is open to discuss all current issues in regional economics and economic geography. These issues may include but are not restricted to : location choices; spatial tax competition; growth and its spatial implications; institutions, innovation and regional development; human capital, knowledge flows and regional competitiveness; clusters and regional policies; dynamics of urban and regional development; spatial implications for the labour market; geography's impact on international trade; proximity; organizing industrial spaces ; regional inequalities.

As such, some topics may overlap with other working groups (e.g. location choices models can be seen in an international economics perspective). Thus, members of other working groups may find this working group interesting as well.

Further, this working group intends to work in close contact with ERSA (European Regional Science Association), RSAI (Regional Science Association International) and its national sections.

### **Objectif**

The general purpose of this INFER Working Group is to foster the exchange of information and to provide a forum for international discussions on the above topics. In order to achieve this aim, the following activities are on the agenda:

- Informal discussions of a specific issue can be arranged. For this, both well known external experts could be invited or some of the working group members could present their work.
- Regular meetings, at least one or twice a year, that can take the form of workshops and/or special sessions organized during regional science annual congresses or INFER Annual Conference. All meetings will be announced in advance in the INFER Newsletter.
- Working Group members are encouraged to use the opportunity to publish their research in the different publication series INFER and/or regional science associations can offer.
- For a direct exchange of information among all members of this INFER Working Group, a newsgroup will be established.

The working group is open to other activities. Proposals from members are welcome.

### **Meetings**

The first working group meeting will take place in September 2011 in conjunction with the INFER Annual Conference 2011. All INFER members interested in the activities of this Working Group are welcome to attend the meetings.

### **Members**

For a list of members please click in the menu "members by working groups" on the Economic Geography and Regional economics working group.

**Contact**

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