ERTA is the grouping of 20 national and linguistic sections with over 2,000 individual members.

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.

Relations with policy makers and the society
- We instigate discussions between academics and policymakers at the European level:
  - Since 2015, we organise joint Academic Lectures with the DG REGIO
  - We participate to the EWRC (University programme: Workshops and Master Class)
- We are supported by other international organisations like OECD.

Prof. dr Jouke van Dijk, President of ERSA

THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES
Conference organized by the Bulgarian Regional Science Association /BRSA/
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.

2019 Lyon, France
2020 Bolzano, Italy
2021 Pecs, Hungary

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

ERSA Journal

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

ERSA Sections Journals

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

ERSA and RAI Journals

- PIRS Papers in Regional Science
- RSPP - Regional Science Policy & Practice

Other Journals

ERSA Congress

2019 Lyon, France
2020 Bolzano, Italy
2021 Pecs, Hungary
ERSA Prize in Regional Science

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

Research Excellence

Relations with policy makers and the society

- We instigate discussions between academics and policy makers at the European level:
  - Since 2015, we organise joint Academic Lectures with the DG REGIO
  - We participate to the EWRC (University programme: Workshops and Master Class)
- We are supported by other international organisations like

Populism voting behavior: the geography of EU discontent and the revenge of the places that don’t matter: the start

Populism voting behavior: the geography of EU discontent and the revenge of the places that don’t matter: follow up

Regional disparities GDP per capita across OECD 2000-2016

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.
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

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, environmental 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

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.

More info

• Our website
  www.ersa.org
• Our sections representatives
  http://ersa.org/about-us/ersa-sections/
• Join us via social networks
• See our videos on our YouTube channel