



Title of session: How can AI, digital technologies, and the green transition foster smart and sustainable growth and wellbeing in regions and cities? Data, methods, and solutions

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Purpose and scope of the special session :

This session examines how tools such as artificial intelligence (AI) and smart specialization strategies can guide policies toward equitable and sustainable development and wellbeing. AI offers strong potential to enhance competitiveness and regional growth, but its uneven adoption risks widening territorial disparities. At the same time, the green transition calls for new economic and productive models. If properly integrated, AI and digital technologies can support emission reduction, more efficient use of resources, and inclusive public policies oriented toward territorial well-being. Speakers share insights and cases, fostering dialogue and recommendations to turn AI, digital, and green transitions into inclusive action globally.