



Special Session Proposal

Skills on local labour markets

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Abstract

Until May 2024, the European Union has declared the “European Year of Skills”. However, skills are mysterious entities in economic geography and regional science – notoriously difficult to define, identify and measure. Yet, almost everyone agrees on their decisive value for regional economic development and welfare. In recent years, research on skills and their importance for local development has experienced a revolution, both in terms of data, research methods and theories. The aim of this session is to bring together contributions that study or apply for example:

- New (quantitative as well as qualitative) methods and data for measuring the presence and change of local skills
- The structures of local skill portfolios
- Local impact of skill development
- Regional access to skill development
- Evolution of local skill portfolios
- Local skills and structural change
- Skills and local welfare
- Regional policy for skill development
- New and old local skills for the green transition
- Regional skill mismatches