
The 17th Conference of the Hellenic Association of Regional Scientists **«The Future of Development and Spatial Planning of Greece»**

Conference Overview¹

In the new programming period 2014-2020 and developments which occur (taking place) in Greece, has been organized the 17th Conference of the Hellenic Association of Regional Scientists on February 25, 2012. The conference, entitled "The Future of Development and Spatial Planning of Greece" has been organized in collaboration with the University of Central Greece, Department of Regional Economic Development Cooperation of the National Technical University, Department of Geography and Regional Planning, and with the participation of the scientific journal "Regional Science Inquiry". President of the Congress was Charal. Botsaris Professor of the University of Central Greece and the Principal Investigator Chr. Ladias Professor of the same University. The realization and success also contributed to the universal support and participation of local actors, particularly the sponsors of this kind.

The conference took place in the city of Delphi, Hall Papadimitriou City Council and the room "school", where 51 papers were presented by scientists from 80 Universities and other scientific organizations in the country. The conference was attended by 75 students of the Regional Economic Development at the University of Central Greece, Athens University of Economics, School of Rural and Surveying Engineering, National Technical University of Athens and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. With their presence on the Court honored the 100 members of academic communities and the Centre for Planning and Economic Research.

The agenda included the following main topics:

-  Developing proposals and presenting research results on economic and regional development
-  Promoting sustainable spatial development objectives through a balanced polycentric development
-  Promoting intraregional cooperation networks
-  Prudent management of natural and cultural resources

The Development Planning with the key elements of the economic planning and financial management and the spatial planning with the basic concern of the serenity of productive activities in space should be consistent for the result to optimize.

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