
10th Conference of ERSA-Greek Section
Economic Crises and Policies for Development and Cohesion
1-2 June 2012, Thessaloniki, Greece¹⁷

The 10th conference of the European Regional Science Association-Greek Section took place in Thessaloniki in 1-2 of June 2012. The conference's title was "Economic crises and policies for development and cohesion" and it was co-organized by the department of Planning and Development Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the department of Economics Science, University of Macedonia. Over 150 academics participated with papers and keynote speeches, which gave the opportunity to debate upon several topics. The agenda of the conference was focused on the role of spatial planning and development policies in the management of the current economic crisis. Furthermore, the themes of the conference attracted papers on:

- Growth concepts and cohesion policy,
- Sustainable development,
- Governance and local development,
- Impacts of crisis and economic restructuring,
- Migration policies,
- Transfer infrastructure,
- Spatial inequalities,
- Real estate practices,
- Innovation and development,
- Strategic planning,
- Tourism policies,
- Urban development and quality of life.

At the end of the second day the overall picture was that the conference proved to be very successful, as the discussions were much lively and the papers presented provided interesting insights and up-to-date information. The success of the conference seemed to reinforce the importance of having a section of ERSA in Greece, as it could play an important role in associating and networking all those who work, research and study regional science in Greece.

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