

OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

Spatial productivity for regional and local development – 2nd meeting

4 December 2018 | Trento, Italy

AGENDA



■ The OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

The OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) provides comparative statistics, analysis and capacity building for local and national actors to work together to unleash the potential of entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), promote inclusive and sustainable regions and cities, boost local job creation, and support sound tourism policies. www.oecd.org/cfe



■ The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab (SPL) is a dedicated research laboratory that works with local and global partners to improve our understanding of the spatial dimension of productivity growth, the relevance of links between different types of areas and how regional policy can facilitate productivity growth, creation of better jobs and increased well-being.

The OECD Spatial Productivity Lab at the OECD Trento Centre for Local Development is an integral part of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. The mission of the Trento Centre is to build capacities for local development in OECD member and non-member countries, working directly with policy makers at all levels of government.

■ Venue of the meeting

OECD Trento Centre for Local Development
Vicolo San Marco, 1
38122 Trento, Italy

■ Language

The meeting will be held in English.

■ Website

OECD Trento Centre: www.trento.oecd.org
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Venue: OECD Trento Centre for Local Development, Vicolo San Marco, 1 Trento

16.30-16.45 **Welcome**

Welcome remarks and update on the recent developments of the SPL by *Alessandra Proto*, Head and *Alexandra Tsvetkova*, Policy analyst, OECD Trento Centre for Local Development, OECD

16.45-17.30 **Urban Development, Agglomerations, and Aggregate Growth in Italy**

A recent research project by the Bank of Italy has analysed the role of urban areas as an engine of aggregate growth. In Italy, the share of population that lives in large cities is smaller than in France, UK, Spain, and –less markedly– Germany; the share of value added produced by urban areas is also lower. Partly traceable to historical roots, the weaker relevance of Italian cities can hamper growth by limiting interconnectedness and agglomeration. The research project finds that the magnitude of urban externalities on wages, productivity and innovation tends to be smaller in Italy compared to other developed countries. Another notable finding is that the costs of congestion in Italian cities are high, despite the relatively smaller size and that the high housing costs –explained by both physical constraints and public administration inefficiencies– discourage mobility.

Antonio Accetturo, Head, Economic Research Unit, Bank of Italy - Trento branch

17.30-18.00 **Open discussion**

18.00-18.30 **Spatial productivity: Where do we stand? Results from Regions and Cities at a Glance**

Regions and Cities at a Glance 2018 looks at how regions and cities across the OECD are progressing towards stronger economies, higher quality of life for their citizens and more inclusive societies. It presents regional and metropolitan updates for more than 40 indicators to assess disparities within countries and their evolution since the turn of the new millennium, including a multitude of indicators relevant to spatial productivity.

While also briefly presenting some other highlights from the report (for example with respect to infrastructure investment, jobs or well-being), the presentation will focus on recent developments in spatial productivity. For OECD and selected non-OECD countries, it will present evidence across regions both within and across countries..

Rudiger Ahrend, Head, Economic Analysis, Statistics and Multi-level Governance Section, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

18.30-18.45 **Open discussion**

18.45-19.00 **Closing remarks**

Joaquim Oliveira-Martins, Deputy Director, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

Farewell cocktail

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