

OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

# OECD Spatial Productivity Lab

The world changed by COVID-19

Policy, economy, society

*Spatial productivity for regional and  
local development – 8<sup>th</sup> meeting*

7 May 2020 | DIGITAL EVENT

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## 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](http://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

### Virtual meeting over ZOOM

Link with log-in details sent to all registered participants

## ■ Language

The meeting will be held in English.

## ■ Website

OECD Trento Centre: [www.trento.oecd.org](http://www.trento.oecd.org)

OECD Spatial Productivity Lab: [oe.cd/SPL](http://oe.cd/SPL)

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## 14.00-14.20 **Welcome remarks**

*Alessandra Proto*, Acting Head of the OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

*Joaquim Oliveira Martins*, Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD

*Philip McCann*, Chair in Urban and Regional Economics, The University of Sheffield, UK

## 14.20-14.40 **Short-term economic effects of the Covid-19 outbreak**

The current coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has upended the usual ways of economic and social life across the world. No country appears to be immune to the crisis and its multifaceted manifestations. Disrupted Global Value Chains had a profound negative impact on manufacturing, while medical equipment producers and suppliers are under great pressure to meet the exploding demand. Unemployment surged after the shelter-in-place and social distancing orders were introduced in many hard-hit countries followed by a drastic drop in commuting and tourism as well as enterprise closures. What are the regional patterns of changes in economic activity? What are the expected economic consequences of the crisis across the regions?

*Paolo Veneri*, Head of Regional Analysis and Statistics Unit, CFE, OECD

*Alexandra Tsvetkova*, Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

## 14.40-15.00 **Policy implications of the Covid-19 outbreak**

The unprecedented economic and social challenges posed by the Covid-19 outbreak call for adequate, timely and precise policy actions. How did regions and countries respond to the pandemic? How should policy steps be selected, designed and communicated to be most effective?

*Mattia Corbetta*, Policy Analyst, OECD Trento Centre for Local Development

*Mirco Tonin*, Professor of Economic Policy and Vice Dean for Research, The Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy

## 15.00-15.40 **Discussion | World changed by the crisis: Policy, economy, society**

*Joaquim Oliveira Martins*, Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD

*Philip McCann*, Chair in Urban and Regional Economics, The University of Sheffield, UK

## 15.40-16.00 **Closing remarks**

*Raquel Ortega-Argiles*, Chair of Regional Economic Development, University of Birmingham, UK

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