AGENDA

14 February 2023 | 14:00-15:30 | Paris | Virtual

Kick-off event
Shrinking Smartly and Sustainably
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■ The Webinar

This kick-off event marks the start of the new OECD project *Shrinking Smartly and Sustainably*. The project aims at improving policies for adapting to shrinking populations in regions and countries experiencing sustained and strong population losses. After introductory remarks and a presentation of the project, the event will feature academic and policy practitioners covering four main topics: 1) demographic models and data; 2) land-use, housing, spatial planning & environment; 3) multi-level governance and service provision; and 4) urban perspectives on shrinking. The event will close with a Q&A on the policy trade-offs and challenges of population shrinking for different types of regions.

■ Key Information

Tuesday 14 February 2023, 14:00-15:30 (CET/Paris time)

The event will be virtual and can be followed via Zoom. Please register below:

REGISTRATION

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| 14:00-14:15 | Welcome Remarks                                   | **Anna Wagner,** Head of Unit, Policy Development and Economic analysis (REGIO.B.1), Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission  
**Dorothée Allain-Dupré,** Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division (RDG), OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) |
| 14:15-14:20 | Presentation of the OECD project “Shrinking smartly and sustainably” | **Ana Moreno Monroy,** Regional Inequalities and Demographic Change Programme Manager, CFE/RDG |
| 14:20-15:05 | Perspectives on Shrinking                         | **Moderator:** Miquel Vidal Bover, Policy Analyst, CFE/RDG  
**Demographic prospects for depopulating areas**  
**Albert Esteve,** Director, Demographic Studies Centre (CED) and Professor Department of Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain  
**Multi-level governance and service provision in depopulating areas**  
**Josefina Syssner,** Senior Associate Professor, Linköping University, Sweden  
**Land-use, housing, environment and spatial planning**  
**Tii Oidjärv,** Senior Consultant, EY, Estonia  
**Shrinking small towns and cities**  
**Elisa Vilares,** Chair, OECD Working Party on Urban Policy, and Head, Division of Territorial Development and Urban, Directorate-General for Territory, Portugal |
| 15:05-15:25 | Q&A                                               |                                                                                 |
| 15:25-15:30 | Closing                                           | **Jose Enrique Garcilazo,** Deputy Head, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division (RDG), OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) |
About the OECD Regional and Rural Policy Unit

Rural areas have a variety of different characteristics and geographies – from well-serviced communities near urban areas to remote sparsely populated places with limited access to basic services – as well as differing cultures. Our work aims to strengthen and support the economies and inhabitants of all types of rural area and reinforce their resilience in a fast-changing world.

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