



## NECTAR Cluster 1 – Networks

# Call for abstracts

## "The Wider Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Networks"

NECTAR Cluster 1 workshop **19-20 May 2016**, Molde, Norway

There is a growing attention towards the impacts of improved accessibility from transport infrastructure investments, in rural as well as in urban transport networks. In some rural networks, research indicates that the economic and social impacts of increased accessibility could be severely underrated, mainly because of spill-over effects from increased competition. These mechanisms can be valid both for surface and air based networks. The exploitation of natural resources (petroleum, fisheries) in rural areas may call for both exchange of key personnel and fast access to markets. In more densely populated areas, impacts on labour productivity have been researched, based on the works by Paul Krugman. A challenging question is to what extent travel distance and the characteristics of the connected parties (e.g. their centrality vs. peripherally in the network) matter. Another question is to what extent the quality of the transport networks affect location behaviour of households and firms, both on the intra- and the inter-national level.

Topics of interest (the list is not exhaustive):

- Transport networks and location
- Wider economic impacts of rural-urban connectivity
- Assessing the social impacts of investment in transport
- Transport networks and industrial diversity
- Air transport networks and infrastructure
- New Economic Geography (NEG) and transport

In the above context, the NECTAR Cluster 1 workshop on "The wider Economic and Social Impacts of Transport Networks" organised by the Faculty of Logistics at Molde University College, Norway aims to discuss and explore the above issues by forming a forum to exchange the latest knowledge and experiences. A number of high quality papers from the workshop will be included in a **Special Issue of Research in Transport Economics (RTE)**. All papers related to the theme of the workshop (even if only indirectly related) are welcome.

## Abstract submission

Abstracts consisting of no more than **350 words**, including the author(s), title(s), affiliation(s), corresponding contact and three keywords to be sent as .doc(x) or .pdf files by e-mail to the **Organising Committee** at Prof Svein Bråthen ( [svein.brathen@himolde.no](mailto:svein.brathen@himolde.no) ) by **Friday 8th January 2016**. NECTAR workshops invite researchers of any level or background, including PhD students, to present finished papers or papers still in progress. To be able to have a seamless peer review, we recommend those of you who want your paper reviewed for publication in the Special Issue of RTE to submit full papers according to the directions of the journal. Please see Author Guidelines in: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/research-in-transportation-economics/>. Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent **by Friday 22st January 2016**.

## The venue

The meeting takes place at Molde University College, Specialized University in Logistics (MUC). MUC is located in Molde, 45 minutes by air north-west from Oslo, Norway.

## Registration & NECTAR membership

NECTAR membership for 2016 is required for all workshop participants. No other registration fee applies. In addition, one night's accommodation and dinner on Thursday 19th May will be provided free of charge for one author of each paper. This is limited to 15 delegates, so please register early. We have space for 15 further colleagues, but at their own meals and accommodation expenses.

To become a NECTAR member, visit: <http://www.nectar-eu.eu> and go to the Membership section. For any queries, please contact Dr Thomas de Graaff ([nectartreasury@gmail.com](mailto:nectartreasury@gmail.com)). NECTAR membership fees are 70€ for one year subscription (2016) and 130€ for two years (2016-17). Discounted rates of 40€ or 70€ respectively apply to prospective young members (30 years old or younger).

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