



NECTAR Joint Cluster 1 and Cluster 6 International Workshop

Call for abstracts

Transport Infrastructures for better Accessibility, Equity and Territorial Cohesion

20-21 October 2016, Warsaw, Poland

It is our pleasure to invite all NECTAR members for the joint meeting of Cluster 1 (Networks) and Cluster 6 (Accessibility) which will be held in Warsaw in the fall 2016. The conference will bring together leading researchers and practitioners from Europe and elsewhere. The location of the meeting in Warsaw will be a great opportunity to engage researchers particularly from Central and Eastern European countries into NECTAR activities. We believe that it will be a great possibility to share and exchange latest knowledge and experiences in the field of accessibility and transport analyses.

During the last decade Poland has experienced an enormous development of transport infrastructure: newly built motorway sections, modernized railway lines and several investments into public transport infrastructure, including e.g. bike-sharing systems. Other countries of the region have followed similar path of development. It creates a 'real laboratory' to investigate a complex relations between transport infrastructure development and accessibility issues, including their impact on equity and territorial cohesion. However, such a huge 'big push' to transport infrastructure development is also challengeable, especially in terms of a proper evaluation of implemented or planned investments (i.e. both, ex-ante and ex-post evaluation). Gaining from the experience of the countries that had already faced the similar challenges may only be valuable, especially when defining opportunities and threats (best practices and risks, related to, e.g. overinvestment).

Topics of interest (not exhaustive):

- Transport infrastructure planning and evaluation
- Transport infrastructure development and prioritization
- Transport infrastructure and territorial cohesion
- Accessibility and transport equity measures
- Cost/benefit and socio-economic analysis of transport infrastructure projects
- Comparative accessibility analysis
- Accessibility measures of the (sub-)regions and cities

- Accessibility in decentralized / centralized regions
- Optimal locations
- Multimodal transport systems

Abstract submission

Abstracts consisting of no more than 500 words, 3-5 keywords, and the authors' names and affiliation should be sent as .doc(x) or .pdf files by email to Marcin Stepniak (stepniak@twarda.pan.pl) by **30th June 2016**. The notification of abstract acceptance will be distributed by 14th July 2016. The Organizing Committee invites researchers of any level or background, including PhD students, to present finished papers or papers still in progress. Criteria for acceptance are scientific quality of the abstract and NECTAR membership. Selected papers are planned to be published in a **special issue** of the European Transport Research Review journal.

Fees

Meals and accommodation for one night will be offered to 25 NECTAR-members, for only one author per paper. NECTAR membership for the year 2016 is required in order to attend the meeting. To become a NECTAR member, visit: <http://www.nectar-eu.eu> and go to the Membership section.

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).

Organizing committee

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The conference is organized by NECTAR, Ministry of Economic Development and Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences.



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