



NECTAR 2017 International Conference
May 31 – June 2, 2017, Madrid, Spain

**Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 4 - Travel, Migration,
Housing and Labour Markets**

Technology, mobility and migration

Decisions to move or stay can be caused by a range of factors, such as important life events, different stages of life, change of job, family ties. Mobility decisions may also be related to flexibility and technology in transportation, job accessibility, governmental regulations e.g. to achieve environmental goals, a desire to change residence or to obtain certain amenities on specific locations. The decisions may be characterized as rational forward looking choices. They may also be related to various types of spatial or aspatial shocks governed by more or less urgent needs and based on limited information. As a result of these processes existing patterns of settlement may be strengthened or weakened, tipping points may occur and commuting patterns may change. Migration shocks and various sorting mechanisms may alter neighbourhoods and geographical compositions of populations.

Topics of interest

On this background the topics of interest for the special sessions might include, but are not limited to:

- Analyses exploring determinants of mobility decisions.
- Mobility decisions (migration and commuting) focusing on differences by gender, household types and various ethnic and socioeconomic groups.
- Methodological papers on how to determine what causes migration decisions relative to the selection of people at various residential places.
- Methodological papers focusing on the analysis of (geo-) spatial data.
- Spatio-temporal analyses of changes in population compositions in urban areas.

- Policy-oriented modeling and the use of shocks in empirical analyses on mobility decisions and in exploring the spatial changes in population compositions.
- Analyses studying the interactions of housing and labour markets in an urban economy.

Deadline for abstract submission: 30 January 2017. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the Conference website:

<http://eventos.ucm.es/go/nectar2017conference>

Criteria for acceptance: the scientific quality of the abstract and NECTAR membership. The number of participants will be limited to 8.

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to Liv Osland (email: liv.osland@hsh.no)

Notification of acceptance: 26 February 2017.

Venue:

The NECTAR conference will be organized by three institutions: Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC), University Complutense of Madrid (UCM) and the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM). Venue is the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM), Madrid, Spain.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals and accommodation for two nights (May 31, June 1) will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. All practical details will be communicated through the conference website. In order to participate in the Conference, a consecutive and current two-year NECTAR membership is necessary. Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

Looking forward to meeting you in the spring of 2017 in Madrid!

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