

# URP II 2020



## WELCOME TO THE URP2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues,

We like to share with you some news related to the URP2020 conference topics last year. Enjoy reading!

Sigrun & Stephan

### Call for Papers in Journal Land

Until the 30th of September, 2021, the scientific journal MDPI Land is accepting manuscript submissions for the Special Issue “Urban-Rural-Partnerships: Sustainable and Resilient”. The creation of the special issue was announced at the URP2020 conference and looks to combine results from the conference through individual contributions. An increased impact factor of Land is encouraging contributions.

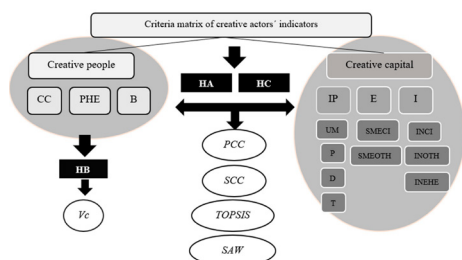
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### Paper: Transitioning towards a Sustainable Wellbeing Economy—Implications for Rural – Urban Relations

The contribution looks at regional development strategies and how adopting the perspective of a wider definition of wellbeing compares to a narrow focus on economic terms. The Article has been accepted for publishing in the MDPI Land scientific journal and can already be found online.

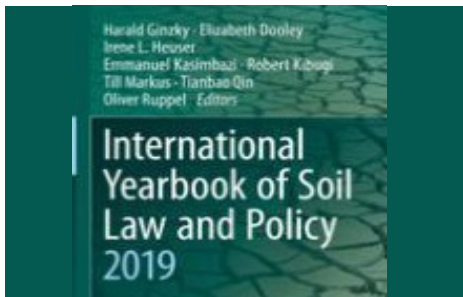
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### Paper: The Nexus between Creative Actors and Regional Development

The role of creative actors for regional development are analyzed in this contribution to the MPDI Land scientific journal. Correlations between the creative actors and the emergence of small and medium sized businesses, as well as other aspects, are measures and interpreted with this contribution.

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### Book Chapter: The UN-Habitat Urban-Rural Linkages Guiding Principles: Assessment of the Adoptability to Topical Land Management Challenges in Germany, Kenya and Tanzania

The connection between land management and the urban-rural context can no longer be ignored. Using the UN-HABITAT Urban-Rural Linkages Guiding Principles as a framework for integrated territorial development, the contribution discusses how this may address the heterogeneity of territorial potentials and the direct link to land and soil.

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### Call for Papers Journal Spatial Research and Planning „Urban-Rural Partnerships“

The special issue was announced following the URP2020 conference. Both German or English language papers focusing on urban-rural partnerships are welcomed for submission. Interested authors may first submit an abstract of between 150 and 250 words in length in order to ensure that the proposed paper is thematically appropriate for the special issue.

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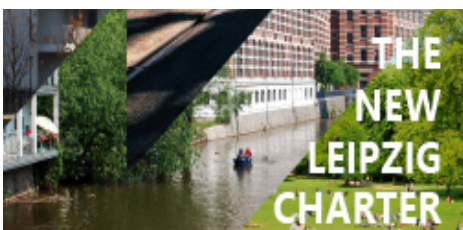
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„STADT-LAND-PARTNERSCHAFTEN“ |  
„Urban-Rural Partnerships“  
Deadline: 15 Jan. 2022  
Guest Editors: Dr. Stephan Bartke, Dr. Uwe Ferber, Lutke Blecken



### Newsletter UN-HABITAT on Urban-Rural Linkages

Following the publishing of the “Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles” from UN-HABITAT, the newsletter “Urban-Rural Linkages” informs about international activities on the subject. Many exciting activities, including those with the IBA Thüringia and other German partners are all reported upon in the newsletter.

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### New Leipzig Charter 2020

The New Leipzig Charter, as a central part of the German EU presidency, was one main motivation for the organization of the URP2020 Conference. The revised version of the charter was published shortly after the URP2020 conference and it reaffirms the importance of urban-rural partnerships for integrated and sustainable development.

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### URP2020 on YouTube

Already half a year has passed since the URP2020 was held. Nevertheless, we would like to continue the discussion! In order to make the concepts of urban-rural partnerships available to the general public, many of the URP2020 presentations have published on YouTube through a dedicated channel. We hope to encourage the exchange of ideas and stimulate the ideas of urban rural partnerships beyond the confines of the official conference framework.

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### Recently published Misson Paper for “100 Climate-neutral Cities by 2030”

Maria Vassilakou, who was a keynote speaker during the opening session of the URP2020 conference, presented upon the main components of the “Proposed Mission: 100 Climate-neutral Cities by 2030 – by and for the Citizens”: new model of city governance, new roles for citizens, Climate City Contracts as well as new integrated funding. The publication has now been published and is available online.

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### METREX Expert Group ‘Metropolitan Landscapes’

The METREX group recently established an Expert Group on “Metropolitan Landscapes” to look at the rural-urban connections in Europe. This is in recognition of the central role of both of these areas for increasing and safeguarding the quality of life in European metropolitan areas.

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### PLATFORMA - European platform of local and regional authorities for development



In order to help deal with the plethora of networks and cooperations between territorial bodies, PLATFORMA has become a central organization for the communication of territories with EU institutions especially when it comes to drafting policy. Civil society, territorial entities and others involved in community development and cooperation are all involved in the platform.

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### Driving Urban Transitions to a Sustainable Future (DUT)

As presented by Margit Noll at the URP2020 conference in her Keynote Speech, the DUT is an initiative to drive transition in urban areas. Within the framework of Horizon Europe, the DUT partnership looks to build upon the experience gathered by JPI Urban Europe to create innovative change which addresses the many challenges left to be addressed in Europe.

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