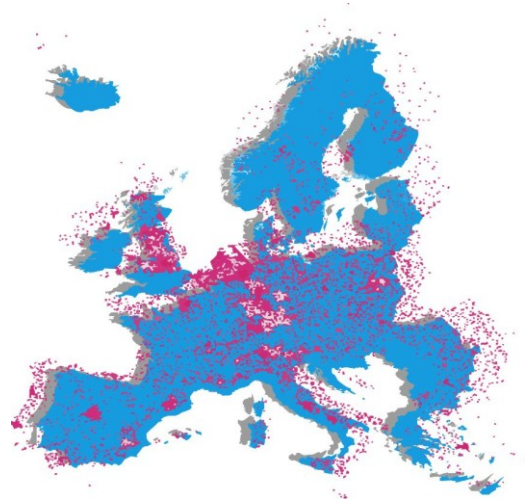


## The Role of the Territorial Dimension in Future Cohesion Policy

**International Seminar - 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2026**

**Faculty of Economics, Via Columbia 2, 00133  
Room TL, Building A, ground floor**



- 9.00 Welcome coffee
- 9.30 **Institutional welcome**  
 Nathan Levialdi Ghiron- Rector of the University of Rome Tor Vergata  
 Lucia Leonelli - Dean of the School of Economics - University of Rome Tor Vergata  
 Martina Conticelli -Head of the Department of Management and Law -University of Rome Tor Vergata  
**Seminar**
- 9.45 Angela D’Orazio - Department of Management and Law, University of Rome Tor Vergata  
**Introduction and the reason for the seminar**
- 10.00 Christer Johannes Bengs - Emeritus in Urban Planning, Aalto University, Espoo  
**Policy relevant Research or Research relevant Policy?**
- 10.15 Frédéric Santamaria - Institut d’urbanisme et de géographie alpine - Laboratoire Pacte -Université Grenoble Alpes  
**The Territorial Dimension of EU Cohesion Policy: Between Scientific and Political Misunderstandings**
- 10.30 Joaquín Farinos - Departamento de Geografía, Instituto Interuniversitario de Desarrollo Local -Universitat de València  
**Two challenges for EU Cohesion: 'Right to Stay' asks for coherent territories for political action**
- 10.45 Stella Kivelou - formerly Panteion University Athens - Eastern Mediterranean Sea-basin Expert, European MSP-Platform  
**European Islands and the New Geography of Cohesion, Resilience and Geopolitics**
- 11.00 Eduarda Marques da Costa - Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal  
**Small and Medium-Sized Towns: an Utopia Worth Fighting for in Cohesion Policy**
- 11.15 Luigi Scrofani - Department of Economics and Business - Catania University  
**The role of peripheral areas versus new centralized trends in the 2028-2034 European budget**
- 11.30 Nuno Marques Da Costa -Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal  
**The Role of EU Transport Policy in the Cohesion Policy**
- 11.45 Piera Petruzzi - EGCT ESPON 2030 - Research and Policy Manager  
**ESPON contribution to the EU Cohesion Policy**
- 12.00 Peter Schön - formerly Federal Institute for Research on Buildings, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development, Bonn  
**From Evidence to Action: Research Supporting the Territorial Dimension of Future Cohesion Policy**
- 12.15 Pietro Elisei -Department of Management and Law University of Rome Tor Vergata  
**Rapporteur, Q&A**
- 12.45 Michele Pigliucci -Department of Human Sciences, Link Campus University  
**Closing words**
- 13.00 Maria Prezioso - Department of Management and Law, University of Rome Tor Vergata  
**Acknowledgements and greeting**
- 13.30 Lunch