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## **International NECTAR Conference on “Dynamics of Global and Local Networks”**

**St. Miguel, Azores, Portugal, 16-18 June, 2013**

### **Cluster 4**

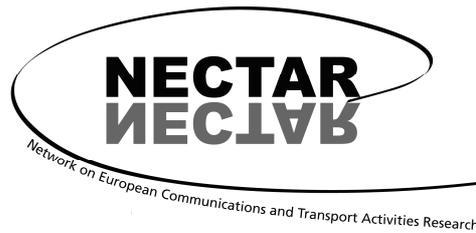
## **Commuting, Migration, Housing and Labour Markets**

### **Call for Papers**

Cluster 4 of NECTAR (Network of European Communications and Transport Activities Research), which focuses on transportation issues related to labour and housing markets, is planning to organize one or two sessions dealing with this topic at the International NECTAR Conference, to be held in St. Miguel, Azores, Portugal, on 16-18 June 2013. The Conference will bring together leading researchers from Europe and elsewhere.

#### **Topics of Interest**

Decisions to move or stay can be caused by a range of factors, such as important life events, different stages of life or family ties. Mobility decisions may also be related to flexibility in transportation, job accessibility, governmental regulations, 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. Various sorting mechanisms may alter neighbourhoods and geographical compositions of populations.



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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.
- Spatio-temporal analyses of changes in population compositions in neighbourhoods and regions.
- Analyses of tipping points and drivers of tipping points.
- Policy-oriented modeling and the use of shocks in empirical analyses on mobility decisions and in exploring the spatial changes in population compositions.

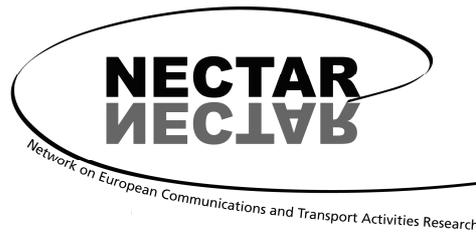
**Deadline for submissions is: 30 November 2012.**

Abstracts should be submitted electronically using the form that is available on the Conference website: <http://www.apdr.pt/NECTAR2013conference/index.html>

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to one of the cluster organizers:

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**Notification of acceptance** will be given in December 2012.



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**Registration, meals and accommodation** for 2 nights (16-17/6/2013) 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 two-year NECTAR membership (2012–2013 or 2013–2014) is necessary. Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website: [www.nectar-eu.org](http://www.nectar-eu.org)

We are looking forward to meeting you in St. Miguel.

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