



## Special Session Proposal

1. The Special Session title:

**National public policies for regional development in the European Union. North-South differences and similarities between Member States**

2. The names of the organizers, with affiliations and emails identifying the chair:

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3. The aim and scope of the Special Session:

Twenty-five years after the creation of the European Union cohesion policy, it is important to analyze to what extent this policy contributed to the refinement of the definition and implementation process of national public policies for spatial planning and regional development in Member States.

In this sense, this Special Session aims to contribute to this discussion, and to evaluate the extent to which EU Cohesion Policy standardized or not, the national specificities regarding the design, implementation and monitoring processes of this national public policies, and analyze differences and similarities between Member States. Is there a “South Way” to do it?