



Special Session (SS08) on:

***Smart Specialisation and Place-based Innovation Policies for
Sustainable Regional Development in Islands and Remote
Territories***

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The aim and scope:

This special session aims at exploring in what sense and to what extent emerging regional innovation strategies and other place-based strategies fulfil expectations in stimulating new interpretations of the development potential of islands and outermost regions, namely in what concerns the way local resources can meet global trends (i.e. blue growth, eco-innovation) to unlock their growth potential. Are smart specialisation and place-based approaches opening new windows of opportunity for those regions, laying down the foundations for the design of novel, more effective and inclusive development strategies?

The session will include critical accounts of ongoing experiences and explore possible solutions to overcome barriers and bottlenecks linked to the constraints arising from geographical remoteness as well as the specific governance and policy framework challenges (design, implementation, monitoring) in outermost islands and territories of the EU.

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