



*Special Session (SS09) on:
E-Governance and Regional Development*

Organizers:

Joana Costa; Departamento de Economia, Gestão, Economia Industrial e Turismo da Universidade de Aveiro, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal, and Instituto de Engenharia de Sistemas e Computadores, Tecnologia e Ciência, 4200-465 Porto, Portugal; joanacosta@ua.pt

Tiago Santos; Departamento de Economia, Gestão, Economia Industrial e Turismo da Universidade de Aveiro, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal; tms@ua.pt

The aim and scope:

Municipalities are increasingly adopting e-government, recognizing its positive impact on industry and regional development. This session examines the implications of e-government on local governance, emphasizing both advantages—such as administrative efficiency and service innovation—and challenges, including digital exclusion and data privacy concerns. A critical discussion will explore the extent to which municipalities are willing to advance toward smart cities, considering factors such as expropriation, territorial reconfiguration, and the potential repurposing of fire-affected areas. By integrating digital governance with regional dynamics, this session fosters a nuanced debate on the balance between technological progress, territorial equity, and sustainable development in e-government.

SUBMIT ABSTRACT