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# RSA Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Conference 2024 Dynamically Changing Regions in an Ever-Changing World

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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Lapadska obala 7, Dubrovnik, 20000, Croatia

## Preliminary Programme

### Wednesday, 11 September 2024

15:00-17:00 Registration

16:00-17:30 EEGA Side Event - Opening Plenary

18:00-20:00 Welcome Reception – (Separate registration required)

### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

08:00-17:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 **Welcome to the conference**

Speakers: TBC

09:15-10:45 **Opening Plenary – Future Challenges for Cohesion Policy**

**Speakers:** Anna Wagner, DG Regio, Head of Unit, Policy Development and  
Economic Analysis

Ida Musiałkowska, Poznań University of Economics and Business,  
Poland

Šime Erlić, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

**Chair:** Marijana Sumpor, Director of Euro Ekspertiza, Member of the City of Zagreb  
Assembly, Croatia

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Parallel Paper Session 1

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Parallel Paper Session 2

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Parallel Paper Session 3

19:00-22:00 Conference Dinner – (Separate registration required)

### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

08:30-13:00 Registration

09:00-10:30 Parallel Paper Session 4

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Parallel Paper Session 5

12:30-13:30 Lunch

**13:30-15:15 Closing Plenary – Smart Specialisation in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Speakers:** Maria Giovanna Brandano, Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy

Tamás Sebestyén, University of Pecs, Hungary

Marija Raznatovic, Directorate for Innovation and Smart Specialisation,  
Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation, Montenegro

Ron Boschma, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

**Chair:** Jozsef Benedek, Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Romania

**15:15-15:30 Conference Close**

**Speakers:** TBC