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Registration

Participants are kindly asked to pre-register by 1 July 2010. Pre-registration and registration will be available through the seminar website at www.118-eaae-ruraldevelopment.org

Participation fees

Any participant of an EAAE-Seminar must be a member of the EAAE.

Registration will be possible until 20 August 2010, but reduced rate subscription is offered up to 1 July 2010.

	EAAE membership	
	YES	NO
before 01/07/2010	250 €	295 €
after 01/07/2010	300 €	345 €

The fee includes lunches on both seminar days, dinner on the first day, coffee during the breaks and a copy (or CD-ROM) of the conference proceedings. Accommodation is not included.

* EAAE Membership remains valid until August 2011

Important dates

Abstract submission:	1 March 2010
Author notification of paper and poster acceptance/rejection:	30 April 2010
Early registration deadline:	1 July 2010
Deadline final papers:	1 August 2010
Deadline registration:	20 August 2010



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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



Rural development:
governance, policy design
and delivery

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Background

Rural areas in the EU are today confronted with numerous challenges. Those shared with the rest of the society refer to tightened economic conditions, increased volatility in factor and product markets and continuous internationalization of trade, with an expansion of niche markets (eg. ethical trade, geographical brands, speciality products) as a side-effect. Other challenges are more specifically affecting rural areas: including gradual decline of the economic significance of agriculture, increased diversification of the rural economic base, growth in demand for products and services stemming from the positive externalities of land-based activities (most notably agriculture), and the functional transformation of some rural areas from production to consumption spaces. Rural areas also face particular environmental challenges. Added to this, rural society is developing an increasing complexity of social interactions. Consequently, rural governance is shifting from a top-down, subsidy-based model to a broader family of policies designed to improve the competitiveness of rural areas. In policy targeting, one can perceive a shift of development effort towards a multisectoral approach, targeting synergy and complementarity between sectors.

With growing complexity of policies dealing with rural development, particularly concerning support actions for non-agricultural rural employment, or measures targeting non-commodity outputs (e.g. public goods, quality of life), many policy research questions remain unresolved or controversial. The demand for complex, integrated modelling frameworks is increasing. The seminar offers a platform for researchers to express views and exchange experience on this topic.

Objectives and scope

The seminar aims to provide a comprehensive overview of current theoretical and empirical work dealing with social, economic and policy aspects of rural development. The seminar will focus on the following topics:

- (i) changing and increasingly complex rural governance models and approaches,
- (ii) paradigm shift and new approaches in rural development policy design and delivery,
- (iii) rural livelihoods and structural change – socio-economic aspects and methods applicable to rural areas,
- (iv) tools for evaluating rural development policies.

Experts from a wide range of economic disciplines (eg. development policy, economic modeling, regional economics, political economy, environmental and resource economics, institutional economics) are invited to provide state of the art papers addressing any of the above listed topics, singly or in combination.

Expected topics to be addressed by the papers are likely to bear a direct relevance also for policymakers dealing with rural development. The seminar aims to contribute towards the enhancement of frameworks and tools for rural policy making, including better targeting, and better monitoring of rural development programmes in the future.

Call for papers

Participants who would like to present a paper (or poster) are requested to submit an extended abstract in English before 1 March 2010. It should indicate: the question addressed, the concepts and theories to which it relates, the methodology used and the results obtained. Submission of abstracts and further correspondence with authors will be carried through an application on the Seminar web page.

Notification of acceptance/rejection will be communicated by 30 April 2010. The deadline for submission of the full version of accepted papers is 1 August 2010.

Invited papers and a selection of contributed papers will be published in the IAMO Studies series after an external review process..

Location

The seminar will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia, at the campus of the Biotechnical Faculty.

Visitors often describe Ljubljana as ‘beautiful’, ‘enchanting’, ‘friendly’, ‘lively’, ‘cosy’, and similar. Besides its urban flair, one can also enjoy its picturesque rural surroundings just at the brink of the city.

The campus is located about two kilometers from the city centre and is easily reachable by public transport. A list of suitable hotels, as well as information concerning transport, will be provided on the Seminar web page.

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