

## **SS6. Cultural and Creative industry in the development of regional centres**

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Knowledge, innovation and creativity, key areas to be explored in themes related to urban and economic development. In addition to the social and economic environment of cities, the cultural milieu is increasingly becoming installation factor. Since the change of regime, but also after the millennium, the development of knowledge-based economic sectors has become a key theme in national, regional and international economic strategies. Spatial differences in creative and knowledge-intensive sectors within the urban network show a significant pattern.

The session will elaborate the following subthemes:

- 1) The place and role of the regional centres in the spatial structure of Romania and Hungary
- 2) Assessment of the economic role and potential of the creative industries sector in CEE countries and second tier cities
- 3) The role of the university and the higher education in the urban development and the creative-culture sector
- 4) The impact of COVID-19 on the lives of people living in regional centres (acceleration of suburbanisation, emergence of second homes in rural areas, transformation of the housing market)
- 5) Local resource map for regional centres
- 6) Harness on the potential of the cultural landscape.

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