

# **Issue 23: Building Resilient and Sustainable Regional Economies - The Role of Place-Based Strategies**



## **Call for Papers**

**Regions E-Zine 2025: Transforming Regional Economies**



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As we move through 2025, *Regions E-Zine* continues to explore the theme of **Transforming Regional Economies**, in alignment with the **Regional Studies Association (RSA)** research priorities. The global landscape of regional development is evolving rapidly amid technological change, environmental pressures, and shifting geopolitical dynamics. In this context, *Regions E-Zine* serves as a platform for reflection, dialogue, and innovation—connecting policy, practice, and research to reimagine the future of regional economies.

Our **Issue 23**, *Building Resilient and Sustainable Regional Economies - The Role of Place-Based Strategies*, focuses on how regions can navigate uncertainty and foster long-term prosperity through locally grounded approaches. Amid economic shocks, climate challenges, and societal transitions, resilience has become a defining feature of successful regional policy and development. This issue invites contributions that examine how sustainability, circularity, and place-based thinking can drive regional transformation.

We welcome contributions that address (but are not limited to) the following themes:

- The role of local actors and governance networks in fostering economic resilience.
- Circular and regenerative economies as pathways to sustainable regional transformation.
- Entrepreneurship, innovation systems, and clusters as drivers of regional regeneration.
- The changing nature of industrialisation and reindustrialisation in regional contexts.
- Place-based policy approaches to climate adaptation and green transition.
- Lessons from peripheral, remote, and cross-border regions.

This issue aligns with **RSA research themes** including *Sustainability Transitions and the Environment*, *Circular Economies*, *Agglomeration and Clusters*, and *Peripheral, Remote, and Cross-Border Regions*.

## Who Should Contribute

*Regions E-Zine* encourages diverse perspectives and welcomes contributions from:

- **Policymakers** who wish to translate research into actionable insights for regional governance and development.
- **Early Career Researchers**, seeking to showcase innovative work and engage with academic and policy communities.
- **Practitioners and regional development professionals**, sharing applied experiences, reflections, and lessons learned.

## Key Dates

- **Open submission period:** 1 November – 31 December 2025
- **Submission deadline:** 8 December 2025

▪ **Publication date:** Second week of December 2025

## **How to Submit**

If you are interested in contributing, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at **office@regionalstudies.org**

Our editorial team will work closely with you to shape your contribution to engage our best readership of academics, policymakers, and practitioners.

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