

Plenary Session 2

Local productive systems, territory and policies for production and innovation

Throughout the last decades, the political and economic global transformations have shed light about the relevance of the social and territorial dimensions of the development process. The largely shared perception about the processes of globalization and standardization of productive activities is, in a dialectical sense, the counterpart of an emphasis in the local character of the productive activities and their inherent diversity.

The understanding that the productive and innovative activities have a territorial nature has led to the implementation of policies devoted to the development of local productive and innovative systems. Nevertheless, the main line of productive policy presents, with few exceptions, a paradoxical trend, which ignores the relevance of the territorial dimension.

The plenary session **Local productive systems, territory and policies for production and innovation** is oriented to debate the territorial dimension of the production and innovation policies. It will also be emphasized the question of how can these policies contribute to build societies and economics which be environmentally and socially sustainable.

Guiding Questions:

1. Have Science, Technology and Innovation Policies taken into account the importance of territory in their formulations?
2. How policies can contribute to a virtuous relationship between local development processes and global economic relations?
3. What are the main roles of government policies in the promotion of local development?
4. How can Science, Technology and Innovation Policies contribute to build societies and economics which be environmentally and socially sustainable?