



Call for Special Session EURA 2018

Standing Group on National Urban Policies in Europe

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Urban problems are back on the political agenda and documents such as the New Urban Agenda (2016) as well as the Pact of Amsterdam (EU Urban Agenda) call for national urban policies as one of the key measures to implement the goals defined in these documents. The European Commission developed over the last decades some instruments and funding schemes that expected to address the urban dimension – not only cohesion policies but also mobility (SUMP) as well as environmental regulation. Still, without significant help in terms of financing but also without appropriate legal instruments that need to be defined by national governments cities will hardly be able to implement the goals of the urban agenda. However, national urban policies do exist but differ to a large degree (from the French *politique de la ville* to the German *Städtebauförderung* or national housing policy schemes). Other member states do not have explicit urban policies and rely on EU measures.

We invite papers that summarize scale and scope of national urban policies, including urban regeneration, mobility, housing but also urban social policies. The group will agree on a common protocol for chapters with the ultimate goal of publishing a book.