



15th International NECTAR Conference
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**Call for papers for the thematic session of Cluster 5:
Tourism, Leisure and Recreation**

Tourism in Open and Happy Cities

Increasing concentration of the world human population in urban settlements and a significant increase of the importance of leisure and tourism activities – in particular in cities – are major characteristics of contemporary economies and societies. Along with the emergence of a wide range of opportunities for the development of innovative services related to entertainment, culture and creativity - potentially addressing different types of visitors and market segments - this double process of growth (related to resident population and visitors) also implies new challenges for the management of cities, in order to ensure a sustainable process of urban development.

In particular, aspects related to mobility and accessibility (for predictable movements of the local population and less predictable – but generally concentrated in specific spots – flows of tourists), livability (shared utilization of green areas or public spaces and services) or accommodation and housing, appear as crucial aspects eventually leading to problems and conflicts when not properly addressed at the urban policy and managerial level. While closely linked to wellbeing and happiness, tourism and recreation activities must also contribute for the economic development, social cohesion and happiness of local residents.

Topics of interest

The topics of interest for the special sessions include, but are not limited to:

- Transport networks and soft mobility in urban tourism
- Tourism and the creative economy
- Tourists and residents interaction models and empirical evidence
- Determinants of urban tourism attractiveness
- Urban tourism policies and management

Deadline for abstract submission: January 21, 2019. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the form available on the Conference website:

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/towards-human-scale-cities-open-and-happy>

A copy of the abstract should also be sent to João Romão (email: joao_romao@me.com)

Criteria for acceptance: scope, scientific quality and NECTAR membership. Authors of selected abstracts are invited to submit an extended abstract (1000 words) before April 30. The extended abstracts will be published on the conference page of the NECTAR website, accessible to NECTAR members only. The number of participants of this thematic cluster session will be limited to 8.

Venue:

The NECTAR conference will be organized by the University of Helsinki and Aalto University. The Venue is the main building of the University of Helsinki. Built in 1832 this historical building is located in the heart of Helsinki, easily reachable by public transport.

Participation and NECTAR membership

Registration, meals and accommodation for two nights will be offered to NECTAR members, for only one author per paper. Two nights of hotel accommodation will be offered to participants who have confirmed their participation by sending copies of travel tickets before April 30, 2019. All practical details will be communicated through the conference website. In order to participate in the Conference, a consecutive and current two-year NECTAR membership is necessary (2019-2020). Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website: www.nectar-eu.eu/membership

Important dates:

Abstract submission: January 21, 2019.

Notification of acceptance: February 25, 2019.

Submission of extended abstracts: April 30, 2019

Confirmation of attendance: April 30, 2019

Looking forward to meeting you Helsinki!

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