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This year we expect 235 presentations in 55 panels and welcome 300 guests from 46 countries. We are especially happy to welcome a large number of young scholars. It is refreshing to see the interest in urban planning and politics research, this gives us hope that the EURA conference will continue to thrive in years to come. We have exciting key notes on Thursday morning with our guests Matthew Carmona from the UK and Tina Saaby from Denmark. On Friday morning we will have a meeting with practitioners where our partners from Reykjavík city will introduce some of their most innovative projects in relation to planning and social innovation in the city. Conferences are an important venue to make new scientific friendship and there is multitude of social events to help with that such as twelve mobile workshops on Thursday afternoon organized by our partners from the city of Reykjavík where we get to complete the day at the opening reception at the Reykjavík City Hall. The Conference Dinner takes place at the old culture house in downtown Reykjavík.

On behalf of the organizing team, I wish you all a successful conference and a pleasant stay in our beautiful city.

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Here in Reykjavík, you are enjoying exchanging views with friendly scholars from many different countries. Why not build on this fruitful experience and offer a contribution to the increasingly influential EURA Conversations series on the EURA website?

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Please come by to have a chat and to let us know your views and suggestions.

During lunch we will be at the **EURA CONVERSATIONS CORNER**.



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4B) Proximity bias and effective governance

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Abstract

This paper presents the results of an online citizen science project aimed at identifying critical social preferences and needs in Poland's urban and rural areas concerning a long-term development strategy initiated by the Government. The project, which was conducted between May and September of 2022 in Poland, focused on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and involved five waves of surveys, public discussions, and online activities devoted to Education, Life quality, Green Transition, and Social relations. The analysed sample consists of 1824 unique responses. The results of the project suggest the presence of a proximity bias in each thematic wave, which has implications for participatory decision-making processes at the local and central levels. Proximity bias refers to a tendency for people to prioritize the needs and concerns of their immediate community, or "proximity," over those of more distant communities. This bias manifests in a variety of ways, such as individuals or social groups placing greater importance on local issues and neglecting broader, regional or national concerns. The paper uses logit/probit and pooled OLS models, as well as the discourse analysis to examine the significance of the proximity bias, its geographical pattern (urban vs. rural), and its potential influence on the feasibility of development policy in the context of other factors. The paper contributes to the ongoing discussion on social participation and the delegation of responsibilities between local and central levels of Government in the development of an optimal model of development policy in Poland and other European countries. The paper is most relevant for the "Cities and democracy" conference track as it reflects on the patterns of social participation and decision making from the citizens perspective.

4B) Strategies to transform the common space, from the "protagonist participation" of childhood and adolescence: "A Vila do Mañá"

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Abstract

"A Vila do Mañá" is an educational and action project, whose main challenge is for children/adolescents to be actively present in the construction processes of the common space. The project arises from the right to the city, whereby the people who live in it have the right to enjoy it, to transform it and to reflect their way of understanding community life. It gives a voice to those who normally do not have it, children/adolescents, promoting their right to be part of an active citizenry, since they will be the ones who inherit and develop the future city, for which "protagonist participation" is encouraged with the Art/ Architecture as tools to carry it out. Architecture has an inalienable responsibility in the face of a society that is being redefined. The need to rethink a quality public space that does not prevent socialization and enjoyment of shared spaces is evident. "A Vila do Mañá" takes children out into the street to explore and build these spaces through play, turned into "homo ludens" who, with a limited series of elements, will freely organize their environment, their New Babylon, the Constant Nieuwenhuys' utopia in which the nomadic society constantly adapts its own environment. Their experience does not end in a week of partying in the city, but rather allows them to reconquer the space as their own and generate synergies that spread to the rest of society. It is necessary to observe the unprejudiced look of those who are used to exploring for the first time and who, faced with the reservations of the adult world, allow themselves to be carried away by curiosity. The project works in search of a new city model where childhood/adolescence are part of active citizenship and have a "protagonist participation" in the creation/transformation of the common space.

4B) The organizational determinants of Spanish local councils' active transparency compliance

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