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### ***NECTAR in the Azores!***

NECTAR 2013 International Conference on  
**“Dynamics of Global and Local Networks”**

St. Miguel, Azores Islands (Portugal), 16-18 June 2013

### **Call for Papers: Networks in the Digital Era**

NECTAR (Network of European Communications and Transport Activities Research) is organizing a set of *Trans-Atlantic* cross-cluster special sessions (3 or 4 papers each) focusing on communication and transportation studies from the perspective of the digital economy. The special sessions aim to bring together leading researchers from Europe, United States and elsewhere. Arrangements for publication of the papers presented are under consideration.

#### **Topics of Interest**

The digital revolution has generated an abundance of digitally collected bottom-up data, the utilization of which in spatial and transport analysis has just started. The breadth of such sources, which include anything from online social networks to passive and active crowd sourcing data, has the potential to assist researchers in better understanding spatial phenomena: from commuting to car speed analysis and from crowd to transport management. In addition, such data sources have the potential to unlock the black box of the spatiality of the digital economy as the different layers of the network society have noteworthy spatial reflections. The digital revolution also gives new opportunities for new forms of transport demand management, such as transport pricing and personalised travel information.

The **Networks in the Digital Era** sessions at the NECTAR International Conference are ideally aimed at discussing the current state of the art in this field. Topics of interest include (not exhaustively):

- Transport analysis and crowd sourcing
- Travel behaviour analysis using GPS-enabled mobile phones
- Transport demand management in the digital era
- Urban and regional modeling using bottom-up, digital data sources



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- The spatiality of the digital economy
- The role of geography in complex community formation

**Deadline for submissions is: 30 November 2012**

Abstracts should be submitted electronically using the form that is available on the Conference website:

<http://www.apdr.pt/NECTAR2013conference/index.html>

**A copy of the abstract** should also be sent to: [e.tranos@vu.nl](mailto:e.tranos@vu.nl),  
[K.T.Geurs@utwente.nl](mailto:K.T.Geurs@utwente.nl), [lschintl@gmu.edu](mailto:lschintl@gmu.edu)

**Registration, meals and accommodation** for 2 nights (16-17/6/2013) will be offered to NECTAR-members, for only one author per paper. All practical details will be communicated through the Conference Website. In order to participate in the Conference, a consecutive two-year NECTAR membership (2012–2013 or 2013–2014) is necessary. Non-members can find details of how to join the association on the “Membership” page of NECTAR’s website:

[www.nectar-eu.org](http://www.nectar-eu.org)

Looking forward to meeting you in St Miguel!

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