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### **Building Science-Policy Interfaces: co-productive trainings on planning cultures and cross-border spatial planning**

The launch of the UniGR-CBS's Working Group on Spatial Planning (WGSP) in 2016 and its subsequent trainings on planning cultures and cross-border spatial planning has affected the nature and mechanisms of existing science-policy interactions in cross-border spatial planning in the Greater Region. By actively engaging in the co-production of knowledge on cross-border spatial planning and on planning cultures between practitioners, decision-makers and scientists, the newly formed, informal network of academics from the six universities in the Greater Region has added an innovative dimension to the border area's conventional 'science-pull' and 'science-push' models of the science-policy interface (SPI). Thanks to the trainings, the WGSP not only *studies* and *informs* spatial planning practices, but becomes actively associated in *making* these practices.

The main focus of our paper lies on the trainings organized between 2016 and 2021 for researching planning cultures and challenges of cross-border spatial planning. These trainings for (future) practitioners and decision-makers in the field of spatial planning are based on the simulation game methodology and can thus be situated among co-productive SPI models in the area of spatial planning. We will investigate the functioning, underlying principles as well as the strengths and weaknesses of these trainings. Insights from this analysis on knowledge co-production will be used to assess the WGSP's future potential to support the institutional and organisational consolidation and evolution of multi-scalar cross-border cooperation in the field of spatial planning.

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