XII MEETING ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT / I EUROPEAN MEETING ON GEOGRAPHY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

“GEOGRAPHY IN THE CHALLENGES OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT”

ALICANTE (SPAIN, 2024, JUNE, 3RD TO 5TH)

3RD CIRCULAR LETTER, 2024 JANUARY
Theory and practice are an inseparable whole in a work approach in local development, where theory guarantees an indispensable reference framework for the definition, planning and evaluation of the actions that are carried out in practice. Local development must address all the elements that make up the reality of the local or territorial system to which it is applied. Twenty years have passed since the founding of the Local Development Working Group (GTDL) of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE), we have proposed an international meeting, which is open to both the academic and professional world. From a modern and current meaning, the enforcement of Local Development includes antecedents and experiences such as Community Development, Economic Promotion Agencies (either consortiums or at municipal level), Local Employment Initiatives and Territorial Pacts, Joint management of environmental and cultural resources, Local Action Groups (LAGs), Consortia and Associations, among others.

In addition, training, skill training and research also demand a review and updating of topics that will undoubtedly be enriched by reflection, discussion and proposal. For all this, this meeting wants to be a space to raise the present and future of local and territorial development in which Geography as a discipline has a lot to contribute, but without closing itself to the interdisciplinary approach of which research and professional profile also participate.

In this way, three key themes are configured, which will structure the Meeting and the proposed activities:

- Key themes I. Challenges of local development in professional practice
- Key themes II. Challenges of local development in training
- Key themes III. Challenges of local development in research
### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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Abstracts (attached template) and Extended Abstract (2,000 words maximum) will be written in Spanish or English, in plain text (Arial 10, titles in **BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS**). The structure will be:

- **TITLE**
- **AUTHORSHIP; AFFILIATION; E-MAIL**
- **KEY THEMES**
- **ABSTRACT**: (maximum 300 words). It has to include: (a) Context; (b) Objectives; (c) Design, methodology, materials, approach; (d) Main results; (e) Conclusions

**PUBLICATION**

The extended abstract will be published in a Proceeding book, published by AGE within the Major Series of GTDL publications.

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