

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

EEPIT 2026

November 4–6 in Barranquilla, Atlántico, Colombia

The Network of Experts in Paradiplomacy and Territorial Internationalization **-REPIT-** invites the academic community, researchers, policymakers, and professionals to the Fourth Conference on Studies in Paradiplomacy and Territorial Internationalization **EEPIT "REDEFINING THE GOVERNANCE OF TERRITORIAL INTERNATIONALIZATION,"** to be held in **Barranquilla, Colombia,** from **November 4 to 6, 2026.** This multicultural conference serves as a vital forum for reflection, exchange, and knowledge-building regarding territorial internationalization. In its 2026 edition, **EEPIT** incorporates significant new features that reinforce its global reach and practical focus.

A CONFERENCE WITH A GLOBAL REACH:

Traditionally held in Spanish, **EEPIT 2026** will expand its scope by incorporating sessions in **English** and **Portuguese**, establishing itself as a **multilingual event.** This expansion aims to strengthen international dialogue, attract new academic and professional communities, and place discussions on territorial internationalization on a global scale.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AND HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS:

The EEPIT will combine academic presentations with specialized roundtables, designed as forums for critical dialogue and the exchange of experiences among academics, technical experts, and institutional representatives. In addition, there will be hands-on workshops on regional internationalization, aimed at building capacity, sharing methodologies, and translating theoretical knowledge into tools applicable to public administration and territory.

BARRANQUILLA AS A STRATEGIC HOST CITY:

As a port city, a logistics hub, a leader in regional economic development, and a key player in subnational internationalization processes in Colombia and the Caribbean, Barranquilla offers a living laboratory for analyzing the opportunities, challenges, and best practices of territorial internationalization. Its experience in international cooperation, investment attraction, urban diplomacy, and public-private partnerships makes the city an ideal setting for this EEPIT.

AN INVITATION BEYOND THE ACADEMY:

In keeping with the spirit of REPIT, the conference brings together not only academics and researchers, but also policymakers, local authorities, consultants, professionals, and stakeholders from the public and nongovernmental sectors. The goal is to foster a diverse dialogue that bridges academic discourse with decision-making and local action.

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THEMATIC AREAS:

Economic transformations and the restructuring of territorial governance

Regional competitiveness agendas are transforming the role and capabilities of subnational governments. Guided by concepts such as global value chains, the relocation of economic activities (FDI and nearshoring), and localized development initiatives, this research track aims to explore new forms of multi-stakeholder, multi-level governance, as well as regional strategies for positioning themselves within a globalized and asymmetrical economic landscape.

The Impact of International and Regional Mechanisms on Territorial Internationalization

This research track seeks to understand how rules, agreements, and organizations established at the international or regional level (such as the European Union, Mercosur, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, or global climate agreements) impact the international work of cities and regions. The aim is to determine whether these norms open doors to cooperation and access to resources, or whether, on the contrary, they impose limits and conditions, forcing territories to make commitments.

New players in the processes of regional internationalization

The aim is to identify and analyze the emerging role of non-central government actors, as well as non-state organizations that contribute to the international visibility of these regions. Among these, there has been a growing presence of regulatory bodies, regional environmental authorities, civil society organizations, cooperatives, and university consortia, among others.

Institutional innovation and capabilities for internationalization

This line of work focuses on the design, management, and evaluation of the structures, tools, and skills necessary for effective territorial internationalization. The topics to be addressed include the establishment of international affairs offices, information systems, instruments for decentralized cooperation, training for civil servants, digital information, impact metrics, and adaptive governance in response to global issues.

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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS IS

APRIL 24, 2026

Proposals may be submitted in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.

Publication of the call for applications: March 17, 2026

Notification of acceptance of proposals: May 11, 2026

Submission of papers: August 30, 2026

Proposals for thematic panels:

Submissions must include the title of the session, an abstract (between 200 and 300 words) describing the topic, objectives, and relevance of the session, the name of the session organizer(s), indicating institutional affiliation and contact email address, and a brief biography of each (between 50 and 100 words), as well as the proposed duration of the session (60 or 90 minutes). Furthermore, the proposal must specify the expected outcomes of the session, such as public policy recommendations, research agendas, avenues for cooperation, or proposals for institutional coordination. Each panel may include between three (3) and five (5) participants.

Workshop proposals:

must include the name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the organizers, the title of the workshop, its duration, a brief description, the main objectives of the activity, the target audience, and any necessary materials and technical requirements. Additionally, the proposal must detail the working methodology and the expected outcomes of the session.

Proposals for individual presentations:

They must include the name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s), the title of the paper, and an abstract of the presentation (between 200 and 300 words).

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