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## Editors' foreword

We are happy to present the first special issue of the *European Journal of Comparative Economics* on European Regions, and are grateful to our guest editors, Enrico Marelli and Marcello Signorelli, who have borne the main burden of its preparation. The seven papers and the introductory article by the guest editors of this Special Issue focus on regional issues, on problems of unequal developments in sub-national entities. The *EJCE* is not new to this subject; in fact the paper that opened our first issue dealt with regional inequalities. We hope that this special issue will lead to further contributions of innovative comparative economic studies in this field and thus to a better understanding of economic structures and dynamics at sub-national levels.

We expect to follow this special issue occasionally by further ones.

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