

PRESS RELEASE

DISCE Panel Discussion at RENT Conference

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On Thursday, 18th November within [the Rent 2021 conference](#), in the city of Turku, Finland, the research project [DISCE](#) - Developing Inclusive and Sustainable Creative Economies will host an opening panel as part of the 35th Conference on Research in Entrepreneurship - Rent 2021. The panel discussion titled, **Promoting inclusive and sustainable entrepreneurship in the creative economies**, will take place **from 10:10 – 11:00 UCT+2** following the welcome and keynote speech by Prof David Audretsch. Distinguished Professor, Ameritech Chair of Economic Development, Indiana University, USA. Keynote: 'Entrepreneurship & Democracy'.

The Chair and Moderator of the panel will be [Jarna Heinonen](#), Professor of Entrepreneurship and the Head of Department of Management and Entrepreneurship at the Turku School of Economics, University of Turku, who is also the Principal Investigator of DISCE. Jarna is an appreciated policy advisor on entrepreneurship for the European Commission, OECD, ministries and associations. Board member in several scientific foundations. She has conducted research for such bodies and is well connected to entrepreneurship stakeholders nationally and internationally.

The Panel will feature: [Alessandra Faggian](#) Professor of Applied Economics, Pro Rector Vicar, Director of Social Sciences and Vice Provost for Research at the Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy. She is also past President of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), current co-editor of Journal of Regional Science and previous editor of the journal Papers in Regional Science. Dr Faggian's research interests lie in the fields of regional and urban economics, demography, labour economics and economics of education; [Tiffany Fukuma](#) Managing Director of Trans Europe Halles (TEH). TEH is a network of 127 cultural organisations from 36 European countries, that aims to amplify the voice of the cultural and creative sector in Europe by influencing policy-making processes - forging strategic partnerships with business, public administration and academia and get involved in events that can influence public policies; and [Jenni Lahtonen](#), Creative Director and a founding member of TEHDAS 108 which promotes holistic well-being in the society and unleashes the human potential. Jenni is a visionary and adventurer appreciating beauty surrounding her. She believes in inspiration and power that creates change and maintains possibilities for human flourishing.



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This event is organised and hosted by [ECSB](#) (European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship) and [UTU](#) (University of Turku)

Project Framework

DISCE, funded by the European Commission under the Horizon 2020 Programme, aims to reassess the role of CCIs as contributors to growth, quality employment, competitiveness, and to the attractiveness and social cohesion of cities and regions across the EU.

The DISCE project started in January 2019 and will run for a period of 3 years. Its lead coordinator is the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship within the Turku School of Economics (TSE) of the University of Turku (UTU) from Finland. The other research members of the consortium are the King's College London (KCL) from the United Kingdom, the Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI) from Italy, and the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) in Riga, Latvia. The consortium is completed with a Belgian based non-profit consultancy Culture and Media Agency Europe aisbl (CUMEDIAE) and the European network of non-governmental cultural centres based in Sweden Trans Europe Halles (TEH), who will together assume both the communications and stakeholder engagement within the Cultural and Creative Industries.

More information on the project can be found on the project's website www.disce.eu.