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IS ORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH - the 27th edition -
on the theme:**

"The European Green Deal challenges to agriculture and rural areas"

**THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ONLINE ON
DECEMBER 7, 2022**

THEME PRESENTATION

The development and continuous improvement of the European agricultural and food system, supported by the Common Agricultural Policy, has made it possible to achieve high levels of food safety, food security, nutrition and food quality. However, in recent years, agriculture and rural areas have been increasingly facing multiple economic, social, climate, ecological and institutional challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic, the conflict in Ukraine and the energy crisis have added to the intense stressors that the EU has to deal with.

The climate change that we are witnessing, manifested by the increase in frequency and intensity of extreme weather phenomena, such as prolonged periods of very high temperatures, strong drought, devastating floods, have led to significant decreases of crop productions and decline of productivity and animal welfare, producing significant disturbances at the level of agricultural systems, with negative implications on farm viability and performance. The supply of agri-food products has been affected,

resulting in increased price volatility, with disruptive effects on the world markets and finally, on regional and global food security.

Through its new policies proposed for the next years, the EU is improving its collective capacity to transform the economy and society and set them on a more sustainable path. In the framework of the implementation strategy of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations and of the sustainable development objectives, the European Green Deal is an essential integral part. This covers all the sectors of the economy (industry, agriculture, constructions, transport, services, etc.) and is essentially a long-term strategy aimed at adapting the European policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% compared to their levels from 1990 and reaching carbon neutrality in Europe by the year 2050.

Given that the agricultural and food system is responsible for about one third of global greenhouse gas emissions, consumes significant resources and has a significant impact on the population's living standard, health and well-being, the European Green Deal grants it special attention through the Farm to Fork Strategy and the 2030 Biodiversity Strategy of the EU. This aims to accelerate the transition to a sustainable and fair agri-food system, both for producers and consumers, to ensure food safety while maintaining the competitiveness of the EU economy. At the same, it aims to facilitate adaptation to the impact of climate change, to have a positive or at least neutral effect on the environment, to stop and reverse the negative trend of biodiversity.

The long-term vision for rural areas by 2040 highlights the active role that rural areas will play in the transition to sustainable value chains and in reaching the objectives of the Green Deal, of the Farm to Fork Strategy and of the Circular Economy Action Plan. The Commission highlights how preserving natural resources, restoring landscapes, including cultural ones, greening agricultural activities and shortening food supply chains will make rural areas more resilient to climate changes, natural hazards and economic crises.

All these policies, strategies and plans of action aim at transforming the EU into a prosperous society, with a modern, efficient, competitive, sustainable, environment-friendly and climate-resilient agri-food sector and rural area, in which economic growth is decoupled from the use of resources.

OBJECTIVE

The aim of this scientific event is to bring together researchers, academics, experts and decision-makers in the field of agri-food economy, rural development and in other related fields from Romania and Central and Eastern Europe, to debate theoretical, methodological and practical issues regarding the multiple economic, social, institutional, political and environmental challenges that agriculture and rural area are facing, as well as the impact of the European Green Deal on the sustainable development of the agricultural and food sector.

Participants are invited to present the results of their recent research work in the investigated fields. This event will be also an opportunity to create new partnerships and identify new fields of cooperation in scientific research.

SECTIONS

Section 1: The response of agricultural holdings to economic and environmental policies in the European context

- Agricultural and rural development policies; environmental policies
- Adapting agriculture to climate change
- Transition to bio-economy and circular economy
- Sustainable management of natural resources
- Efficient management in agricultural holdings
- Financing and taxation in agriculture
- Investments and risk management in agriculture
- Size and quality of labour resources
- Precision farming, new technologies and digitization

Section 2: Economic, social and environmental challenges to agri-food supply chains

- Stability of the supply of agricultural products and volatility of agricultural prices
- Structural changes in agriculture and food industry
- Competitiveness of agri-food products at national, European and global level
- Consumers' preferences: quality, safety, origin and price
- Evolutions of agricultural markets and development potential
- Response of agriculture to society needs with regard to food safety and health
- Cooperation, association and integration of agricultural holdings in agri-food chains

Section 3: Sustainable rural development – current opportunities and issues

- Economic and social changes in rural areas
- Models and methods for the evaluation of rural policies
- Sustainability and resilience in the rural area
- Regional convergence in the context of rural systems resilience
- Rural household's ability to adapt to challenges
- Competitiveness of rural economy in territorial profile
- Diversification of rural economy
- Innovation and knowledge transfer in a smart rurality context

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 21, 2022	Submission deadline for abstracts in Romanian and in English (title of paper, authors, institutional affiliation, key words, JEL Classification with an abstract of maximum ½ page - 2000 characters), to the address sympoiea@gmail.com (see abstract model)
November 28, 2022	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 7, 2022	International conference
February 1, 2023	Submission deadline for full papers, to the address sympoiea@gmail.com

PUBLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1. The papers presented at the conference will be published, after evaluation, in the Proceedings Volume in the series “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development Research”.
2. A selection of the best papers will be published in English in the journal “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development”, ISSN 1841-0375, indexed in Repec and EconLit.

THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE ARE ROMANIAN AND ENGLISH

THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE

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