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IS ORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH - the 26th edition -
on the theme:

**"Farm viability and sustainable rural development in the context of the
current EU priorities for agriculture and the environment"**

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ONLINE ON
DECEMBER 8, 2021

THEME PRESENTATION

Farm viability is a topic that generates extensive debates in the business and academic/research environment. In defining and measuring it, multiple economic and social factors must be considered, and viability can be analyzed in economic, ecological, sociological, demographic terms, etc.

Long-term economic viability of farms is mainly influenced by three factors: performance, size and resilience. Performance measures efficiency, expressed by the farm's ability to generate profit per unit of production. Farm size (correlated with efficiency) gives its ability to generate sufficient incomes so as to provide, besides profit, suitable livelihood for the farmer families. Resilience maintains the long-term viability of farms.

The viability and sustainability of farms is an essential part of the strategy *From Farm to Fork*, as part of the European Green Deal. Alongside with the other objectives of the strategy – supply of healthy, accessible and sustainable foodstuffs to European consumers, environmental protection and biodiversity conservation, fair distribution of profit among all actors in the food chain, combating climate change – it represents the basis for defining complex actions aimed at achieving a healthier and more sustainable European agri-food system. The *EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030*, also part of the European Green Deal, complements the overall picture with its specific objectives of reducing the use of pesticides, restoring farmland biodiversity, reversing the decline of pollinators, increasing the share of agricultural land under organic farming system, implementing the good agro-ecological practices.

The green transition and the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic are the key challenges facing the EU and its rural areas. The pandemic highlighted the most vital needs of rural areas: employment, farm

diversification, response to climate change and conservation of bioeconomy, digitization that should be addressed in a sustainable manner.

The actions aimed at reaching these objectives have in view to facilitate the transition to a resilient, sustainable and environment-friendly European agri-food system.

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 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 factors that can contribute to the increase of farm viability and sustainability.

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: Farm resilience and the economic and environmental policies in the European context

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

Section 2: Response of supply chains to economic, social and environmental challenges

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

Section 3: Sustainable rural development – current opportunities and problems

- Economic and social changes in rural areas
- Models and methods for the evaluation of rural policies
- Sustainability and resilience in rural areas
- Regional convergence in the context of resilience of rural systems
- Rural economy competitiveness in territorial profile
- Rural household ability to adapt to challenges
- Environmental issues in territorial profile
- Rural economy diversification
- Innovation and knowledge transfer

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 19, 2021	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 26, 2021	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 8, 2021	International conference
February 1, 2022	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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