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IS ORGANISING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
- the 29th edition -
on the topic:**

**"RESILIENCE, SUSTAINABILITY AND PROFITABILITY IN THE
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND RURAL AREA"**

**THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN A HYBRID FORMAT (ON SITE AND ON LINE)
ON DECEMBER 5, 2024**

CONTEXT OF SCIENTIFIC DEBATE

Starting from the Common Agricultural Policy and the two strategies of the European Green Deal, namely the "Farm to Fork Strategy" and the "Biodiversity Strategy", the European Union continues the consultations on the transformations of the agri-food sector. The future of agriculture and rural areas is an important topic of discussion, also addressed in the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture that was launched in January 2024, which brought together major stakeholders from the European agri-food sector, civil society, rural communities and academia to reach a consensus on the transformation of agriculture and rural areas on the basis of a set of guidelines and recommendations.

The dialogue was initiated in the context of important societal pressures to which the agri-food system and rural areas are subjected as a result of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, which currently represent some of the most important challenges worldwide. These problems add to the increasing economic and political tensions that increase the challenges facing the communities, agriculture and rural

areas in Europe. The need for these transformations also appears against the background of increasing societal conflicts that are intertwined with the widening rural-urban gaps.

In this context, concrete policies and actions are needed in order to face all these challenges. The transition and necessary transformations must be designed in such a way as to lead to most resilient, sustainable, competitive, profitable and fair agri-food systems for society. Thus, the creation of a balanced agri-food system in economic, social and ecological terms is envisaged, mainly aiming to optimise the benefits for all the actors involved in agriculture – rural communities, society and political environment, appealing both to individual responsibility and to concepts such as resilience, sustainability and profitability.

Cooperation and dialogue represent the most important points in the development/transformations of value chains, as agriculture and food production remain key elements in ensuring European security. At the same time, emphasis must be placed on the role of young generations that will participate in the transformation of agriculture and rural areas, on the importance of markets and added value in the value chain, including the better integration of their externalities. Last but not least, the opportunities provided by the new technologies will contribute to the creation of a sustainable economic and social environment and will be the vectors that can lead to the transformations proposed by the EU and CAP strategies, including the recommendations of the EU Strategic Dialogue Report.

On the other hand, the European Union also aims to involve the non-EU countries in this transition to sustainable and profitable food systems, using its position as the largest exporter and importer of agri-food products worldwide, by increasing global standards (thus avoiding outsourcing of non-sustainable practices), as well as by changing food consumption patterns (including reducing food waste).

All these strategies, policies and plans of action of the EU aim to move towards agricultural and food systems that are sustainable, competitive and resilient to climate change, conflict challenges and social pressures.

OBJECTIVE

The aim of this scientific event is to bring together researchers, academics, experts and decision-makers in the field of agri-food economy and rural development, as well as from other related fields from Romania and other countries to debate theoretical, methodological and practical issues regarding the main challenges that agriculture and rural area are facing. The event highlights the concerns of all stakeholders to contribute to the transition to agricultural and food systems and rural communities that are more resilient, sustainable, profitable and fair for the entire society.

Participants are invited to present the results of their recent research works 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: Profitability and sustainability of agricultural holdings. Agricultural and rural development policies; environmental policies

- Transition to circular economy and bio-economy
- Precision farming, digitalisation and adoption of new technologies
- Adapting agriculture to climate change
- Sustainable and efficient resource management
- Sustainability and resilience of agricultural systems
- Investments, financing and taxation in agriculture
- Risk management in agriculture

Section 2: Transformation of agricultural markets and supply chains in the context of current challenges

- Stabilisation and integration of supply chains
- Evolutions of agricultural markets and development prospects
- Stability of supply and price volatility of agricultural products

- Structural changes in agriculture and food industry
- Dimensions of food security and safety
- Competitiveness of agri-food products at national, European and global level
- Changes in consumer preferences and restructuring of food demand
- Cooperation, association and integration of agricultural holdings in supply chains

Section 3: Sustainable rural development in a long-term vision – opportunities and challenges

- Support public policies for sustainable and resilient development of rural areas Climate change challenge and impact on rural economies
- Economic and social changes in rural areas
- Rural human capital in the context of societal challenges
- Infrastructures and connectivity in the rural world
- Governance and an inclusive rural society
- Prosperity and quality of life in rural areas
- Economic diversification of the rural economy
- Innovation and knowledge transfer in the context of smart rurality

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 18, 2024	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 25, 2024	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 5, 2024	Online conference
February 1, 2025	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 in Romanian, after evaluation, in the Proceedings Volume in the series “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development Research” (publication with ISBN).
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 WILL BE ROMANIAN AND ENGLISH

THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE

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