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IS ORGANISING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
- the 30th edition -
on the topic:

AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN A HYBRID FORMAT (ON SITE AND ON LINE)
ON **DECEMBER 16, 2025**

CONTEXT OF SCIENTIFIC DEBATE

The future of agriculture and rural areas is an important topic of discussion starting from current agricultural, food and rural development policies, within which it is worth observing the vulnerabilities and prospects of the agri-food sector and rural areas based on debates that bring forward the main topics of interest in the agri-food sector, civil society, rural communities and academia. The context of this scientific session is defined by the necessity to address the main challenges and requirements for the transformation and adaptation of agriculture and rural areas, through the formulation of appropriate and evidence-based agricultural policy recommendations.

The debate is initiated and scheduled in the context of important societal pressures to which the agri-food system and the 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 issues add to the recent rising economic and political tensions, which increase the challenges that European and Romanian rural communities and agriculture are facing. The call for continuation of these debate series also lies on the

background of widening societal conflicts that are intertwined with a deepening of gaps between rural and urban areas.

In this context, concrete policies and actions are required to adequately address all these challenges. The necessary policies and transformations must be designed so as to lead to a more resilient agri-food systems and rural areas, focusing on sustainability and competitiveness in the context of limited resources and also being fair to society. Thus, the creation of an agri-food system that is economically, socially and ecologically balanced is envisaged, aiming mainly at optimizing the benefits and defining the responsibilities of all actors involved – rural communities, society and the political actors – drawing on both individual and collective responsibility in order to overcome the current challenges.

Dialogue, cooperation and rural development policies are important aspects for the transformation of rural areas and value chains, just as agricultural and food policies remain key elements in ensuring food security. At the same time, broader significance must be paid for the role of young generations who need to be more actively included in the transformation of agriculture and rural areas. Also, the importance of markets and value added on the value chain including better integration of their externalities, need to be better targeted. Last but not least, the opportunities provided by new technologies and innovation will contribute to the creation of a sustainable economic and social environment and will represent the vectors that can lead to the transformations proposed by the EU, CAP Strategies, including the recommendations of the EU Strategic Dialogue report.

For Romania, agriculture and rural areas continue to be strategic sectors that require both substantial political determination and policy adaptability to local needs in order to stimulate these key sectors, in line with the potential of national resources, as well as a higher awareness of the challenges that agriculture and rural development are facing in relation to climate change and available natural resources. The expected results of the conference debates can contribute to a realistic assessment of what the EU programming periods after Romania's accession have represented for our country's agricultural sector and rural area; and also what socio-economic and environmental effects have been produced by the CAP implementation and the agricultural policies and decisions taken at national and/or European level, what was their impact, the advantages and disadvantages created, and in particular how certain policies and effects that did not meet the expectations of the actors involved can be corrected.

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 discuss policies, theoretical concepts, methodologies and practical issues regarding the main challenges that agriculture and rural areas are facing. The event welcome all stakeholders that wish to contribute to the transition to resilient agricultural and food systems and sustainable rural communities.

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: 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 the new CAP orientations

- Stabilization 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 the supply chains

Section 3: Sustainable rural development in a medium and long-term vision

- 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 inclusive rural society
- Prosperity and quality of life in rural areas
- Rural economy diversification
- Innovation and knowledge transfer in the context of smart rurality

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 21, 2025	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, 2025	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 16, 2025	Works of the conference
February 1, 2026	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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