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IS ORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
- the 25th edition -
on the theme:**

**"SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND
RURAL AREA IN THE FACE OF CURRENT CHALLENGES"**

**THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ONLINE ON
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

THEME PRESENTATION

The agricultural sector and rural area have to cope with increasing economic, social, ecological and institutional challenges in the form of sudden shocks or stress accumulated over time, to which they must respond adequately so as to ensure the continuity and sustainable development of these systems.

In the present context, in which globalization amplifies and accelerates the spread of crises and responses to these crises, and the European Union is redefining its long-term objectives in the context of climate change, while the humanity is facing a pandemic whose global spread is facilitated by social mobility, the individual resilience of the agricultural and rural economic and social systems has acquired a particular importance.

Both farmers and other rural economic operators are facing more and more uncertainties, such as increased price volatility, frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Moreover, the stress generated by the demographic changes at global level (population growth) and rural level (youth migration), the shift of social concerns to environmental protection, as well as the change in consumers' preferences, require an enhanced adaptive response capacity of agricultural and rural operators and systems.

In the framework of this theme, resilience is understood as the ability of farms, of agricultural and rural systems to withstand and overcome the various challenges they are facing, without losing their basic

functions – supplier of goods and services both, private (agricultural, food) and public (food and environmental security and safety).

The resilience of the agricultural sector and rural areas represents an important objective of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy, which seeks to maintain the stability of agricultural and rural activities through policy and market instruments designed to counteract the effects of challenges facing the sector.

The farms, farmers' organizations, service providers, agri-food chain operators are part of a local ecosystem that defines the forms and functions of the whole and of each of its components. Having in view the diversity of agricultural and rural systems, their resilience must be investigated taking into consideration the local context in which these systems operate.

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 major challenges that agriculture and rural area are facing, as well as the factors that can contribute to the increase of resilience and sustainability of agricultural and rural systems in the face of present and future shocks and changes. Participants are invited to present the results of their recent research work in the investigated fields. This scientific event will be also an opportunity to develop new partnerships and identify new fields of scientific research cooperation.

SECTIONS

Section 1: Resilience of agricultural holdings – influencing factors

- Efficient management of agricultural holdings
- Investments and risk management in agriculture
- Financing and taxation in agriculture
- Conservation and sustainable management of natural resources
- Size and quality of labour resources
- Adapting agriculture to climate change
- Agricultural and rural development policies
- Cooperation, association and integration of agricultural holdings in the agri-food chains
- Bioeconomy and circular economy

Section 2: Agri-food chains and consumers

- 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 and development potential of agricultural markets
- Structural changes in agriculture and food industry

Section 3: Rural area and its ability to adapt to change

- 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 9, 2020	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 23, 2020	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 8, 2020	International conference
February 1, 2021	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: "Agricultural Economics and Rural Development Research" Series (online edition).
2. A selection of the best papers (double blind peer-reviewed) 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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