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IS ORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
- the 28th edition -
on the topic:

"CHALLENGES FOR THE TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION"

THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE

ON DECEMBER 7, 2023 at Casa Academiei (Calea 13 Septembrie, no. 13, sector 5, Bucharest)
and ON-LINE on December 8, 2023 – under the aegis of ERDN (in English)

THEME PRESENTATION

The complex challenge of the sustainable development of European agricultural and food systems in the conditions of climate change has determined the European Commission to adopt the Farm to Fork (F2F) Strategy, as part of the European Green Deal and of the UN Agenda on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The ambition of this strategy is to enrol the EU's agricultural and food systems on a sustainable path, sustainability being understood by the triad "fair, healthy, ecological"; in this context, there is an urgent need to reduce the dependence of agriculture on pesticides and antibiotics, to reduce excessive fertilization, to develop organic farming, improve animal welfare and reverse biodiversity decline.

The core objective of the “Farm to Fork” Strategy is to create a food chain that works for producers, consumers, climate and environment. The main results aim a neutral or positive environmental impact of the food chain, as well as guaranteeing everyone’s access to sufficient, nutritious and sustainable foodstuffs, at reasonable / affordable prices.

In order to ensure a sustainable food production, it is necessary to transform the production methods, to capitalize on the potential of circular economy based on ecological agriculture, on the production of biofuels, protein feeds, bioenergy and biogas, through the valorisation of crop and livestock residues.

On the other hand, the EU aims to involve the rest of the world in this transition to sustainable food systems, using its position as the largest exporter and importer of agri-food products in the world, by increasing global standards (thus avoiding the outsourcing of unsustainable practices), as well as by changing the food consumption patterns (reducing food waste inclusively).

All these strategies, policies and plans of action of the EU aim to move towards sustainable, competitive, environment-friendly and climate resilient agricultural and food systems.

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 Central and Eastern Europe, to debate theoretical, methodological and practical issues regarding the many conditionalities and challenges that agriculture and rural area are facing, in the effort to shift to efficient and resilient agricultural and food systems.

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: Challenges of the agricultural and environmental policies for the agricultural holdings

- Agricultural and rural development policies; environmental policies
- Transition to circular economy and bioeconomy
- Precision agriculture, digitalization and adoption of new technologies
- Climate change adaptation in agriculture
- Sustainable and efficient management of resources
- Investments, financing and taxation in agriculture
- Size and quality of labour resources
- Risk management in agriculture

Section 2: Adapting supply chains to the new challenges

- Stabilization and integration of supply chains
- Evolutions of agricultural markets and development prospects
- Supply stability 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 world level
- Changes in consumer preferences and the restructuring of food demand
- Cooperation, association and integration of agricultural holdings in supply chains

Section 3: Sustainable rural development – opportunities and challenges

- Sustainability and resilience of agricultural systems

- Evaluation of the effects of rural policies
- Economic and social changes in rural areas
- Capacity of rural household to adapt to challenges
- 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 20, 2023	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 27, 2023	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 7 – 8, 2023	International conference
February 1, 2024	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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