



International Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Forum for Scholars in the Field of social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and humanities to present their latest achievements and to discuss innovative trends in all areas of sustainable development, including environment, economy, energy, infrastructure, health, social development, cultural issues, etc. The conference participation is expected to be live in Sofia, Bulgaria. However, in the current situation, online participation can be arranged. Official languages of the conference are: Bulgarian and English. The conference proceeding will be submitted to Web of Science for coverage in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI).

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Thematic Fields

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Long-term sustainability for the circular economy

The panel focuses on topics related to the emergence and challenges of the transition to the circular economy, analysis and delivering of good practices for transforming the economic relations from linear to circular models in various sectors and strategic industries, analysis of value added chains through the prism of the circular economy. National and global policies and business strategies to implement the circular economy model (incl. sustainable consumption and production patterns), the benefits for the human health and public wellbeing, and the future challenges are also in the panel discussions. Sustainability thinking and eco design implementation in products and operations are also among the topics.

2

Resource efficiency and environmental benefits

The panel will discuss the challenges arising from climate change, its consequences and negative impacts on the environment, as well as innovative solutions to overcome them. Among the main topics in the panel will be the development of the models of green and blue economy in industry, services, tourism, eco-design, legislative changes and effective management solutions to reduce resource consumption, create materials, products, services and business models for longer use and preserve their value. Sustainable development goals through increasing security of supply will be discussed key raw materials, repair and reuse, waste generation and management, trade in secondary raw materials within and outside the EU.

3

Financial aspects, investment strategies and accountability in the circular economy

The panel will discuss and seek solutions for topics related to problems of financing the circular economy, innovative trends in environmental accounting, applications of environmental reporting standards. Major economic, legal and political challenges arising from the lack of standardization, as well as micro- and macro-level efforts to overcome their negative impacts will be the focus of the panel.

4

Critical infrastructure protection - from security to resilience

Critical infrastructure and the operations impact all aspects of sustainability. Infrastructure and especially critical infrastructure is crucial for the development of economies. Studying these impacts on the surrounding environment in the course of building the infrastructure is of utmost importance in the current dynamic and turbulent political and economic space and time. Predicting the processes and implementing adequate measures to overcome the negative impacts of the facilities on sustainability would allow to integrate preventive, corrective and ongoing maintenance to ensure the critical infrastructures within desired limits will be among the aspects discussed in the panel.

5

EU sustainable development - the european values for social justice, democratic governance, social market economy and environmental protection

The objectives of the EU set out in the Treaty of Lisbon are related to defending and promoting its values and interests. They are achieved through actions leading to peace contribution, security and sustainable development. The Glasgow Declaration for a smooth and sustainable green transition highlights the need for solidarity, shared interests and approaches to fair management of resources and profits. The contribution to democratic governance, mutual respect between peoples, the path to more complete liberalization of trade, the protection of human rights, fair social market economy will be the focus of the discussions in this panel.

6

Floor of young scientist

Doctoral students and young scientists will have the opportunity to present results of their research, exchange ideas and experience in the fields of sustainable development, circular economy, sustainable management of strategic infrastructures and others.

Partners

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Programme



16:00 – 17:00 Registration
17:00 – 20:00 Welcome session
Keynote & Introduction of participants.
Networking and sharing good practices



08:30 – 09:30 Registration
09:30 – 09:45 Conference opening
09:45 – 10:30 Plenary session
10:30 – 11:15 Panel Discussion „Sustainable Development Policies – National and European Dimensions and their Impact on Research and Education.“
Key speaker
11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00 Sessions by sections
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30 Sessions by sections
15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
15:45 – 17:30 Sessions by sections
17:30 – 18:00 Summary discussion
18:00 – 21:00 Cocktail and social program



09:00 – 11:00 Discussion panel
11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30 Summary by sections and discussion with moderators of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Closing remarks.

Important Dates

March 31, 2023 Abstract submission	April 07, 2023 Abstract approval	April 30, 2023 Submission of extended abstract /paper's draft	May 18-20, 2023 Conference	May 30, 2023 Submission of final version of the paper	June 20, 2023 Author's notification of peer review decision
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Fees

90 EUR Conference Early Bird Fee (Only available until January 20, 2023)	100 EUR Conference Regular Fee (Available from January 21, 2023 to April 30, 2023)	-50% Conference Fee for doctoral students and students is reduced 50%	50 EUR Conference Regular Fee participants without presentation
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Indexing

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- The conference proceedings will be published with open access under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0) and registered in the National reference list of NACID.
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