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Conference Agenda



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Day 1 of the Conference: – Tuesday, 23 September 2025

Venue: **Casa Academiei Romane** / Calea 13 Septembrie, 13, Bucharest, West wing, P2.

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through Calea Rahovei 176 (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/FwYCd5uyeMXoFhcAA>)

9:30-10:00	Registration to the conference
10:00-10:20	Welcome speeches <i>Monica Mihaela Tudor</i> , Romanian Academy - Institute of Agricultural Economics, President of the ARERA 'Virgil Madgearu', Romania <i>Paweł Chmieliński</i> , President of the ERDN, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland <i>Cecilia Alexandri</i> , Director of Institute of Agricultural Economics - Romanian Academy, Romania <i>Vili Dragomir</i> , Director of Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania
10:20-11:00	Plenary session Recent developments in food consumption in Romania – in the context of concerns regarding the actual economic evolution <i>Cecilia Alexandri</i> ¹ , <i>Bianca Pauna</i> ² , <i>Corina Saman</i> ¹ , ¹ Institute of Agricultural Economics, ² Centre for Macroeconomic Modelling - NIER Building tomorrow's Sustainable Food Systems together: the FOODPathS' way <i>Paweł Chmieliński</i> , President of the ERDN, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development Polish Academy of Sciences (IRWiR PAN), Poland <i>Hugo de Vries</i> , National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment, INRAE, France
11:00-11:30	Coffee break and launch of the FoodPathS exhibition
11:30-13:00	Session I – Food systems Chair: Zbigniew Floriańczyk , European Rural Development Network, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Poland



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	<p>Culinary Tourism: A Pathway to Sustainable Rural Development and Food Systems Transition <i>Savile Gedminaitė-Raudonė</i>, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development, Lithuania</p> <p>Local Food Prices Medium-term Developments in Romania <i>Mihaela-Nona Chilian, Marioara Iordan</i>, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>A systems approach to food security - issues around information and the management of risk <i>Denis Fischbacher-Smith, Katarzyna Zawalińska</i>, University of Glasgow, UK and the Polish Academy of Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland</p> <p>Multi-actor rural innovation ecosystems for transforming agri-food value chains <i>Alina Butu, Steliana Rodino, Marian Butu</i>, National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences, Bucharest, Romania; Institute of Research for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Bucharest, Romania; Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania</p> <p>The Rural Impact of Food Retailers' Sustainability Activities in Türkiye <i>Gülçin Koç, Peyman Uysal, Ali Koc</i>, Department of Economics, Antalya Bilim University; Department of Economics, Akdeniz University, Türkiye</p> <p>Sustainable Food System Governance: Multi-Level Coordination in Moldova's Rural Development Policy <i>Eugenia Lucasenco</i>, National Institute for Economic Research, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Moldova</p>
13.00-14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.00	<p>Session II - Rural development</p> <p>Chair: Monica Mihaela Tudor, Romanian Academy - Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romania</p> <p>Lessons for food systems transitions from a just climate transition in Northern Ireland <i>Jonny Hanson</i>, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland</p> <p>Unlocking rural potential through entrepreneurial education and innovation: initial insights from the ENGINE project mapping of inspiring initiatives and stakeholder engagement in the Province of Foggia (Italy) <i>Juliana Bagetti, Mariantonietta Fiore, Piermichele La Sala, Assunta di</i></p>



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	<p><i>Matteo, Fedele Colantuono</i>, Department of Economics, University of Foggia, Italy, Rete Fattorie Sociali (Social Farms Network), Italy</p> <p>Harvesting Land, Exporting Energy: A Context-Sensitive Social Impact Assessment Framework for Latvia's <i>Weronika Felcis</i>, University of Latvia, Latvia</p> <p>Digital Transformation for Sustainable Rural Development: Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide <i>Krzysztof Janc</i>, University of Wroclaw, Poland</p> <p>Independent but lonely. The Empowerment of Polish Women Farmers <i>Ruta Śpiewak, Klaudia Kryńska</i>, Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Poland</p>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-19.00	<p>Poster session</p> <p>Chair: Camelia Gavrilescu, Romanian Academy-Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romania</p> <p>How to improve agri-rural policy design? Key tools overview <i>Zbigniew Floriańczyk^{1,3}, Barbara Wieliczko^{1,2}, Bogdan Buks^{1,3}</i>, ¹ European Rural Development Network; ² Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences; ³ Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Poland</p> <p>Short supply chains as a component of food system transformation – the environmental impact of transport <i>Norbert Chamier-Gliszczyński, Agnieszka Kurdyś-Kujawska</i>, Koszalin University of Technology, Poland</p> <p>The Soybean Value Chain: A Sustainable Solution for Circular Agriculture and Sustainable Development <i>Tatiana Iatisin</i>, National Institute of Economic Research -Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Moldova</p> <p>The Implications of Climate Change on the Livestock Sector in the Context of the Transitioning to Sustainable Food Systems <i>Diana Maria Ilie</i>, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania</p>



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SOILSCAPE Soil Orchestras. The Living Labs methodology in SOILSCAPE project

Katarzyna Gizińska, European Rural Development Network, Poland

Agricultural Land Price Dynamics in Europe: Convergence, Divergence, and Policy Impacts Across EU Member States

Marcin Gospodarowicz^{1,2}, Adam Wasilewski^{1,3}, ¹ European Rural Development Network, ² Warsaw School of Economics, ³ Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics—National Research Institute, Poland

Elaboration and Implementation of Rural Development Actions in the Frame of the HE Project RURACTIVE

Klaus Wagner, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria

Facilitating transition to a resilient and sustainable future of rural areas through Living Labs. The example of the Austrian Living Lab Nockregion-Oberkärnten in the Frame of the HE Project RUSTIK

Ingrid Machold, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria

Biomass use value chain in Centru Region, Romania

Carmen Beatrice Păuna, Raluca-Ioana Iorgulescu, Boglarka Vajda, Gabriela Bilevsky, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania

Romanian Fruits and vegetable sector transition towards a more sustainable rural area

Cornelia Alboiu, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Romania

Pro-ecological practices in agricultural production

Zofia Koloszko-Chomentowska, Leszek Sieczko, Bialystok University of Technology, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland

The impact of greenhouse gases on wheat production in the South-Muntenia region and directions for a sustainable agricultural transition

Ancuta Marin, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development – ICEADR, Romania

Comparative assessment of economic risk level in meat production

Rodica Chetroiu, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania



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Considerations regarding purchasing trends for agri-food products from local producers - review of the specialized literature

Andreea Daniela Giucă, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development – ICEADR, Romania

Analysis of trade flows and soy consumption at the national level

Alexandra Marina Manolache, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development - ICEADR

Shaping short food supply chains – an aspect of sustainable rural development

Agnieszka Kurdyś-Kujawska, Norbert Chamier-Gliszczyński, Koszalin University of Technology, Poland

Network of Interest (NoI): A Tool for Social Inclusion in Rural Areas

Agnieszka Kurdyś-Kujawska, Koszalin University of Technology, Poland

Key Factors in the Transformation of Regional Food Systems in Poland: A Stakeholder Perspective

Agnieszka Kurdyś-Kujawska, Koszalin University of Technology, Poland

The local producers in the short agrifood supply chains – a participatory vision

Mihai Alexandru Chițea¹, Ioan Sebastian Brumă², Marioara Rusu¹, Meda Gâlea³, Diana Elena Creangă⁴, Lorena Florentina Chițea¹, ¹ Institute of Agricultural Economics, Bucharest, Romania; ² Romanian Academy-Iași Branch; ³ Romanian Academy-Iași Branch; ⁴ Rural Development Research Platform, Lețcani, Iași county, Romania

The Evolution and Challenges of the Vegetable Market in Romania within the European Context: An Analysis of the Horticultural Sector's Performance (2015–2024)

Rozi Liliana Berevoianu, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania

Dynamics of the wine sector in Romania – trends and challenges

Petruta Turek – Rahoveanu, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania

Green Energy Transition in Agriculture vs. Climate and Economic Resilience: Selected Dilemmas. The Case Study from the Łódź Region in Poland

Michał Soliwoda¹, Agnieszka Kurdyś-Kujawska², Jacek Kulawik³, ¹ University of Lodz, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Department of Corporate Finance, Poland; ² Koszalin University of Technology, Faculty of Economic Science, Department of Finance, Poland; ³ Department of Finance and Risk



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	<p>Management, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics-National Research Institute, Poland</p> <p>Evolutions of the agrifood consumption in the Romanian rural area - developments and trends in the post-accession period <i>Sorinel Ionel Bucur</i>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, INCE, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>iSUSTlab – Inclusive Strategies for Sustainable Food Systems: Action Research in Organic and Peri-Urban Districts <i>Elena Claire Ricci</i>, Department of Management, Università degli Studi di Verona, Italy</p> <p>Efficient and resilient mixed farming and agroforestry – challenges and perspectives <i>Camelia Gavrilescu, Monica-Mihaela Tudor, Jacqueline Leonte, Mihai Chițea, Dan-Marius Voicilaș</i>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>Bio-based products – A multi-approach analysis from the perspective of food pillars <i>Ruxandra-Eugenia Pop</i>, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania</p> <p>Regional Inclusive Biobased Entrepreneurship Solutions (RIBES) <i>Marcin Adamski</i>, European Rural Development Network, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Poland</p> <p>The Romanian Food System in Transition to Sustainability <i>Ana Ursu</i>, Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development – ICEADR, Romania</p> <p>Kyiv Region (Ukraine) as a Living Space of the "LandShift" Project <i>Mariia Zavodiana</i>, Land Management Institute of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine</p> <p>Connecting Advisors Toward a European Network for Consumer-Producer Chains <i>Fedele Colantuono, Juliana Carina Bagetti, Mariantonietta Fiore, Gianluigi De Pascale</i>, University of Foggia, Italy</p>
19.00	Dinner at conference venue

Day 2 of the Conference: – Wednesday, 24 September 2025

9.30-11.00	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	<p>Session III - Agri-food</p> <p>Chair: Marcin Gospodarowicz, European Rural Development Network, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland</p> <p>From Data to Decisions: GRANULAR Indicators for Food System Transition <i>Aleksandra Pawłowska</i>, European Rural Development Network; Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland</p> <p>Knowledge valorization approaches in bioeconomy research for rural sustainability <i>Marian Butu^{1,2}, Vili Dragomir², Steliana Rodino^{1,2}, Alina Butu¹</i>, ¹ National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences, Romania; ² Institute of Research for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania; ³ Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania</p> <p>A framework for evaluating the social, economic and environmental performance of a circular production system <i>Steliana Rodino</i>, National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences, Romania; Institute of Research for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Romania</p> <p>The Impact of Financial Instruments on Livestock Farming in Kosovo: An Empirical Assessment of Productivity, Technological Adoption, and Agricultural Sustainability <i>Ekrem Gjokaj¹, Fjolla Gashi², Albana Jupe²</i>, ¹ Public International Business College Mitrovica, ² Agricultural University of Tirana, Department of Finance, Tirana, Albania</p> <p>Bioeconomy in Romania-Possible national strategy <i>Dan-Marius Voicilas, Monica-Mihaela Tudor, Lucian Luca, Camelia-Anisoara Gavrilescu</i>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>Agricultural Land Market Dynamics and Their Economic Implications for Sustainable Development in Poland <i>Marcin Gospodarowicz^{1,2}, Adam Wasilewski^{1,3}</i>, ¹ European Rural Development Network, ² Warsaw School of Economics, ³ Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics—National Research Institute, Poland</p>



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	<p>Session IV – RuralBioUp – Part I</p> <p>Chair: Carmen Beatrice Păuna, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>Biomass use value chain; Case study in Centru Region, Romania <i>Carmen Beatrice Păuna, Raluca-Ioana Iorgulescu, Boglarka Vajda, Gabriela Bilevsky</i>, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>The Role of Networks in Advancing Small-Scale Rural Bioeconomy Solutions: Insights from BioRural and thERBN <i>Boglárka Vajda^{1,2}, Lajos Vajda¹</i>, ¹Asociatia Green Energy; Green Energy Biomass Cluster, Romania, ²The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of International Business and Economics, Romania</p> <p>Co-Creating Rural Bioeconomy Pathways: Stakeholder Engagement and Roadmapping in CEE2ACT <i>Mária -Magdolna Gáspár¹, Boglárka Vajda^{2,3}, Lajos Vajda^{1,2}</i>, ¹Asociatia Asimcov, Agrofood Regional Cluster, Romania, ²Asociatia Green Energy, Green Energy Biomass Cluster, Romania, ³The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of International Business and Economics, Romania</p> <p>Advancing Bioeconomic Transformation through Innovation in Romania <i>Steliana Rodino^{1,2}, Alina Butu²</i>, ¹Research Institute for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development ICEADR, ²National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences, Romania</p> <p>Circular Bio-Based Nanocomposites for Additive Manufacturing of Intelligent Functional Materials <i>Alina Butu^{1,2,3}, Steliana Rodino^{1,4}, Izabela Cristina Stancu², Marian Butu^{1,4}, Vili Dragomir⁴</i>, ¹National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences, Romania, ²National University of Science and Technology Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania, ³Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, ⁴The Research Institute for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Romania</p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break



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11.30-13.00	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	<p>Session V - Rural</p> <p>Chair: Klaus Wagner, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria</p> <p>Strengthening rural development through macro-regional cooperation in the BIOEAST framework <i>Steliana Rodino^{1,2}, Alina Butu¹, Marian Butu^{1,2}</i> ¹ National Institute of Research and Development for Biological Sciences, Bucharest, Romania; ² Institute of Research for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>Smart Village Labs for Social Inclusion: Enhancing Rural Governance through the INSPIRE Project <i>Adam Wasilewski</i>, European Rural Development Network, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Poland</p> <p>Modelling and analysing internal migrations in Poland: the diverse opportunities and paths for the rural areas <i>Jarosław Stańczak¹, Jan W. Owsinski¹, Przemysław Śleszyński², Rafał Wiśniewski²</i>, ¹ Systems Research Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences; ² Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland</p> <p>Path of structural convergence of cee non-euro countries' rurality <i>Monica Mihaela Tudor</i>, Romanian Academy - Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romania</p> <p>Evaluating the Impact of Support for Rural development on Agri-Food Sector and Regional Development: Evidence from Lithuania <i>Genovaitė Beniulienė, Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė</i>, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development, Lithuania</p> <p>Strengthening Moldova's rural development through smallholders' integration in sustainable agricultural practices <i>Alexandru Ceban</i>, National Institute for Economic Research, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Moldova</p>



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11.30-13.00	<p>Session VI – RuralBioUp – Part II</p> <p>Chair: Carmen Beatrice Păuna, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>Bioeconomy, a new stage of economic development</p> <p><i>John M. Polimeni¹, Raluca-Ioana Iorgulescu², ¹Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, United States of America, ²Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania</i></p> <p>A transnational approach for a sustainable rural development in the Danube region: PLAN C project</p> <p>Christina Leucuta, Romanian Cluster Association-CLUSTERO, Romania</p> <p>Perspectives and Trends of SMART Farming in the South-East Region of Romania</p> <p><i>Carmen Cătălina Rusu¹, Luigi Renato Mistodie¹, Costică Voicu², Paul Preda Voicu², ¹Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Manufacturing Engineering, Romania, ²Association for Sustainable Development and Innovation in the South-East Region, Galati, Romania</i></p> <p>Ecosystem services and various ways to assess them in a possible framework of national sustainable development</p> <p><i>Marioara Iordan, Mihaela-Nona Chilian</i>, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy, Romania</p> <p>Integrating Fungal-Based Bioprocesses into Lignocellulosic Biorefineries</p> <p><i>Marina Tišma</i>, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.30-18.00	Study visits
20:00	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Romanian style - Caru' cu Bere Restaurant: Stavropoleos street, 5, Bucharest, 0300 81 (https://maps.app.goo.gl/ekRA3mQRFZJIRANoo8)</p>

Day 3 of the Conference: – Thursday, 25 September 2025

10.00-11.00	<p>ERDN Talk – Communication in science</p> <p>Creative communication for research</p> <p><i>Jonny Hanson, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland</i></p> <p>Today's audiences have short attention spans. Yet in an age of increasing mis/disinformation, and falling trust in experts and institutions, effectively communicating robust research findings to policymakers, students and the general public has never been more important. In this workshop, environmental social scientist and storyteller Dr Jonny Hanson explores how to disseminate research creatively for popular audiences. Drawing on his experience of communicating research findings via books, broadcasting, film, social media and live events, Jonny discusses some key principles and tools, including the importance of simplicity and emotion for effective messaging.</p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.45	<p>Session VII – Agricultural and rural issues</p> <p>Chair: Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</p> <p>Environmental governance in the soy supply chain: effects of the new EU regulation on Brazilian amazon territories <i>Valdemar João Wesz Junior, Federal University for Latin American Integration (UNILA), Brazil</i></p> <p>Beekeeping in Latvia: A Path to Small Farm Resilience <i>Aija Zobena, Renars Felcis, University of Latvia, Latvia</i></p> <p>Re-Place - Reframing non-metropolitan left behind places through mobility and alternative development <i>Alexandra Deliu, Monica Serban, Mdalina Manea, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania</i></p> <p>Challenges and risk management strategies as viewed by small mixed farmers in Romania – case study Iași county <i>Camelia Gavrilăscu¹; Krisztina-Melinda Dobay²; Daniela Matei², ¹ Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Bucharest; ² "Gheorghe Zane" Institute for Economic and Social Research, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch, Romania</i></p>

	<p>BIOEAST Initiative-Lessons learned <i>Dan-Marius Voicilas, Ion Certan, Camelia Gavrilescu</i>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>Factors affecting adoption of agriculture 4.0 technologies: the case of small-scale producers in the coffee value chain in Mindanao, Philippines <i>Larry Digal</i>, Program Leader Agri-aqua Value Chain Laboratory, School of Management University of the Philippines, Philippines</p> <p>Agricultural and rural proofing – why do we need them? <i>Barbara Wieliczko^{1,2}, Zbigniew Floriańczyk^{1,3}</i>, ¹ European Rural Development Network; ² Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences; ³ Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Poland</p> <p>The moderating role of the "make-believe system" in positioning touristic rural destinations <i>Catalin Munteanu</i>, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>BBioNets: Connecting Stakeholders, Sharing Knowledge, Building Sustainable Bioeconomy Pathways <i>Magdalena Borzęcka</i>, Institution: Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute, Poland</p>
13.45-14.00	Closing
14.00-15.30	Lunch

Project event: – Friday, 26 September 2025

10.00-11.30 (9.00-10.30 CET)	<p>Building Synergies for Rural Social Inclusion: Clustering Horizon Projects under the INSPIRE project: "Supporting the inclusion, wellbeing, and growth of rural areas through multi-actor Smart Villages labs for enhanced governance frameworks".</p> <p>Session is open to ALL representatives of Horizon Europe and other EU-funded projects devoted to rural development.</p> <p><i>See the leaflet for details!</i></p>
<p><i>Tue 23 - Thur 25 Sept.: FoodPathS Exhibition (The Hall), presentations: Tue 23 at 11.00 & 17.00</i></p>	