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Call for papers

International Scientific Conference

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TIMES OF CHANGE: "INTEGRATING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"

November 21-22, 2025
Korçë, Albania

Conference aim

The aim of the conference "**Regional Development in Times of Change: Integrating Challenges and Opportunities for a Sustainable Future**" is to bring together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and stakeholders from diverse fields to explore the complex and evolving dynamics of regional development in a rapidly changing world.

In the face of pressing global challenges—ranging from climate change and digital transformation to social inequality and economic disparity—this conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge exchange that highlights both the **obstacles and opportunities** regions encounter in pursuing sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development.

By addressing a wide spectrum of interconnected themes—including sustainable development, economic diversification, social cohesion, digital innovation, education, agriculture, governance, and public health—the conference aims to:

- Promote innovative thinking and collaborative approaches to regional development;
- Highlight strategies for integrating sustainability, resilience, and equity into local and regional policy frameworks;

- Encourage cross-sectoral and cross-regional partnerships that support smart and inclusive growth.

While the program is structured around eight thematic areas, the conference welcomes contributions that explore emerging and cross-cutting issues relevant to regional development in the 21st century.

The conference official language: English.

WHERE

University “Fan S. Noli”, Korçë, Albania

WHEN

November 21-22, 2025

OUR PARTNERS



Conference topics

1. Sustainable Development and Climate Change

- Climate Change Impacts on Regional Development
- Sustainable Resource Management
- Green Economy and Circular Economy
- Climate Resilience and Adaptation
- Sustainable Urbanization and Smart Cities

2. Economic development and Regional Disparities

- Inclusive Economic Growth
- Regional Economic Disparities
- Innovation and Technological Gaps
- Globalization and Local Economies
- Economic Diversification

3. Social Inclusion and Regional Integration

- Social Cohesion and Regional Integration
- Migration and Urban-Rural Linkages
- Gender and Regional Development
- Access to Education and Healthcare
- Cultural Heritage and Regional Identity

4. Digital Transformation and Smart Cities

- Digital Infrastructure for Regional Development
- Smart Cities and Regional Planning
- E-Government and Civic Engagement
- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Data-Driven Decision-Making

5. Education, Research, and Innovation for Regional Development

- Education Systems and Regional Development
- Research and Innovation Ecosystems
- Technology and Vocational Education
- Public-Private Partnerships in Education and Research
- Social Innovation and Regional Challenges

6. Agriculture and Rural Development

- Sustainable Agricultural Practices
- Agri-Tech and Innovation
- Rural Diversification and Economic Opportunities
- Food Security and Rural Economies
- Land Use and Resource Management

7. Governance and Regional Policy

- Regional Governance Models
- Decentralization and Local Government

- Collaborative Governance in Cross-Border Regions
- Policy Frameworks for Sustainable Development
- Public-Private Partnerships for Regional Development

8. Health, Well-being, and Regional Development

- Health Systems in Rural and Underserved Areas
- Public Health and Development
- Mental Health and Social Well-being
- Access to Clean Water and Sanitation
- Health Equity in Regional Development

While the conference program is structured around these core themes, we also encourage the submission of proposals that explore other pertinent topics aligned with the broader scope of the conference.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Authors are invited to submit their abstracts and other conference-related documents via email to: konference@unkorce.edu.al

Please ensure your submissions comply with the specified formats. Detailed formatting guidelines for each submission type can be found at the following links:

- [Abstract Submission Format \(Click here\)](#)
- [Full Paper Submission Format \(Click here\)](#)
- [Poster Presentation Format \(Click here\)](#)

All submissions must be received by the deadlines indicated on the conference website. For further information or assistance, please contact the organizing committee at the above email address.

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Participants will have the opportunity to present their work in one of the following formats:

- **Oral presentation** (in-person)
- **Physical poster presentation** (on-site)
- **Virtual presentation** (online)

PUBLICATIONS

The conference will publish a **Book of Proceedings** containing all the peer-reviewed full papers accepted for presentation. The Book of Proceedings will be made available online as a soft copy, accessible to all participants and the wider research community.

Additionally, a **Book of Abstracts** summarizing all accepted contributions will be printed in hard copy and distributed to attendees during the conference.

SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATION PROCESS

All submitted papers will undergo a rigorous peer-review process. Accepted full papers will be published in the online proceedings, while abstracts will be compiled into the printed Book of Abstracts.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 22nd, 2025

Online Publication of Proceedings

Printed Distribution of Book of Abstracts

During the conference

For any questions related to submissions or publications, please contact:

konference@unkorce.edu.al

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION FEE

Participation for UNIKO full-time and part-time academic staff is **free of charge**.

For other participants: conference fee is **50 € per paper**.

For doctoral students: conference fee is **25 € per paper**.

N.B Doctoral students need to provide upon abstract acceptance a certificate of enrolment in a Doctoral Degree program.

- REGISTRATION DEADLINES

June 30 th , 2025	Abstract Submission Deadline
July 4 th , 2025	Abstract acceptance notification
July 18 th , 2025	Fee Payment Deadline
November 14 th , 2025	Power point presentations submission deadline
December 5 th , 2025	Full paper submission deadline

- PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Payment Methods

You can pay your registration fee through a bank transfer as per given information below:

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account owner: TE ARDHURAT E THESARIT DURRES

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Account number: 0504030812

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Please ensure that the payment reference includes the following: **ISCRD 2025,**
followed by the participant's full name (first name and surname).

After sending your registration payment by bank wire transfer, scan the bank receipt and attach the PDF file in an email to: konference@unkorce.edu.al