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Fair Transition, Resilience and Cohesion Development in the Frontier Region. Is it possible?

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Fluctuations, risks, and developmental uncertainty characterise the postmodern reality we face today. Scientists and policymakers face multiplying challenges. How can we plan socio-economic development and build social resilience in line with a fair transition to address all problems comprehensively? On the one hand, we are undertaking decarbonization and mitigation measures while grappling with demographic issues and migration; on the other, we must address a dynamic geopolitical situation. These mounting challenges are particularly noticeable in Central Europe, a frontier region where ensuring national security is closely tied to ensuring energy security, driving development, and balancing the needs of diverse social groups in a polarised society. The goal of this session is not only to diagnose the current situation but also to identify directions for socio-economic development, ensuring territorial cohesion, and building a responsive civil society, with a particular emphasis on Central Europe and the Baltic countries.