



Special Session Proposal

Multi-Level Governance through the Core Network for Sustainable Development –Building Green and Digital Skills for Sustainability

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Abstract

Special Guest (TBC): László Borbély, State Councilor at the Prime-Minister's Office, Coordinator of the Department for Sustainable Development, Government of Romania

The starting point of this session is represented by the theoretical insights coupled with best practices and lessons learned during the implementation – by the Department of Sustainable Development of the Romanian Government – of the project entitled „Sustainable Romania - Development of the strategic and institutional framework for the implementation of the National Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Romania 2030” (SIPOCA code 613, Reference No: 4283422-019-2). The National Scientific Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection – with 3 of

this special session's convenors –provides consulting activities to this project, while the Romanian Regional Science Association has hosted quality contributions on this topic at its recent international conference.

The special session's topic is also conceived as a continuation and a response to the debates initiated at the ERSA Congress 2021 by Zoltán Gál and Magdolna Sass in the special session entitled "Geo-economic challenges: the role of FDI revisited in the Central and Eastern European regions". Thus, we consider that multi-level governance through the core network for sustainable development, with emphasis on building green and digital skills for sustainability are essential requirements for turning into action the strategic objectives related to SDGs in Central and Eastern Europe.

Based on these considerations, our special session aims to encourage debates and exchange of ideas focusing on (but not limited to) the following issues:

- Multi-level governance in an entrepreneurial policy making in the Agenda 2030 framework.
- Redefining competitiveness and related strategies at regional level in the context of sustainable development goals.
- The full exploit of the links between the concept of competitiveness and the goals and targets established in the SDGs at regional level.
- Identifying possible connections and indicators which can track the impacts that sustainability strategies could have on competitiveness and their usefulness for increasing the effectiveness of the SDGs and for reducing the implementing and monitoring costs of policies.
- Formalization of new skills demand for multidimensional political and institutional integration and coherence.
- Improving the SDGs implementation process management through innovative monitoring – big data and spatial analysis tools.
- Innovating multi-level governance.
- Redesign the education – work – society ecosystem at national and regional levels.