



Both participation ways – in person and online - are appreciated and supported by organisers

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The main topics of the Scientific Conference:

Topic 1. Biosystems Engineering for Sustainability

1. Biomass Engineering and Renewable Energy Resources;
2. Innovative Water and Land Engineering;
3. Smart Agriculture Technologies;
4. Sustainable Engineering Systems, Climate Change Mitigation.

Topic 2. Climate Smart Agriculture and Food Technologies

1. Agroecological Transition Towards Sustainable and Resilient Agriculture;
2. Towards Chemical Pesticide Free Agriculture;
3. Decarbonisation and Digitalisation in Agriculture and Food;
4. Carbon Farming and Soil Health;
5. Agricultural and Food Biotechnologies;
6. Food systems for healthy and sustainable food production;
7. Alternative proteins and food innovations.

Topic 3. Multifunctional Approach for Sustainable Use of Bio-Resources

1. Forests for Society, Biodiversity and Climate;
2. Sustainable forest management;
3. Modelling the Food-Energy-Water (FEW)-Nexus.

Topic 4. Social Research and Innovations for Strengthening Rural Areas

1. Innovative Rural Development Strategies: Thematic, Smart, Start-up, Eco, Zero Carbon Villages;
2. Management of Crisis and Extreme Conditions in Rural Regions;
3. Bioeconomy Development and Contribution to the European Green Deal and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
4. Management of Sustainable Biobusiness, Development of Local Food Systems, Short Food Supply Chains, Logistics and Marketing;
5. Development of Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) and Sustainable Entrepreneurship;
6. Strengthening of Environmental Awareness, Values, and Pro-environmental Behaviour in Rural Areas and Regions;
7. Governance of Accounting and Finance Towards Sustainability of Organisations and Territories;
8. Green Financial Instruments, Markets and Role in Transformation of Economy.

Political, Business and Science panel discussion **“Adopting to Global Change and Building a Resilient Bioeconomy” will be held during the Conference**

Keywords: Agriculture, Bioeconomy, Biosystems, Global Challenges, Resilience, Rural development

Important dates and deadlines:

- Until **June 30th, 2025** – early bird registration
- Until **July 7th, 2025** – payment of early bird participation fee
- Until **August 31st, 2025** – late bird registration
- Until **September 5th, 2025** – payment of late bird participation fee
- Until **September 19th, 2025** – article submission
- January **2026** – publishing of the Conference proceedings

Important note: only one contribution as first author and maximum one contribution as co-author for one person will be accepted.

Papers should be submitted on-line at <https://ejournals.vdu.lt/index.php/rd>.

The papers are the subject of two independent reviews. After the conference date all the peer-reviewed conference papers will be published in open access Proceedings of the conference (online ISSN 2345-0916, print ISSN 1822-3230). Proceedings of International Scientific Conference “Rural Development” are published periodically every two years since 2003 and indexed by EBSCO (Academic Search Complete).

For registration please fill in the registration form provided in the Conference website here [Online Registration on the conference website](#).

| Participation fee | In person (EUR) | Online (EUR) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Early bird authors and co-authors until July 7th | 300 | 170 |
| Late bird authors and co-authors until September 5th | 400 | 220 |
| Students | 150 | 100 |
| Participants | 150 | Free of charge |
| For Ukrainian authors and co-authors (if all authors are from Ukraine) | 150 | 100 |

Participation fee in person covers not only the Conference proceedings, but also coffee breaks, lunches and gala dinner. The costs of accommodation, cultural (social) programme and transport should be covered by the participants of the Conference.

The participation fee can be paid online [on the conference website](#).

Speakers of the conference pay the participation fee after receiving information about the confirmation of the abstract of the presentation, but no later than deadlines. Confirmation will be sent to the participants during the five workdays after filling in the registration form).

Detailed information on paper preparation, the Conference, arrival to Kaunas, accommodation, cultural programme and all operative news are available in the Conference website <https://www.ruraldevelopment.lt/>.

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