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“Green transformation in European rural areas”
11–13 September 2024
Vilnius, Lithuania

Programme of the conference

Day 1 of the Conference: – Wednesday, 11 September 2024

The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences (Gedimino Ave. 3, Vilnius)

9:00-9:30	Registration to the conference
9:30-10:00	<p>Opening of the conference.</p> <p>Host Moderator: dr. Rasa Melnikienė, Deputy director of the Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences, Head of the Institute of Economics and Rural Development</p> <p>Welcoming words by:</p> <p><i>prof. dr Paweł Chmieliński, President of the ERDN, Polish Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p><i>prof. Jūras Banys, President of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p><i>dr. Boguslavas Gruževskis, Director of Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences</i></p>
10:00-11:30	<p>Plenary session I.</p> <p>Moderator: dr. Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</p> <p>Scientific and social achievements for a green transition <i>Mr. Juozas Olekas, Former Member of the European Parliament (2019-2024)</i></p> <p>Systems approach in the European Green Deal – challenges and the role of the Network(s) <i>prof. dr Paweł Chmieliński, President of the ERDN, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development Polish Academy of Sciences (IRWiR PAN)</i></p> <p>The EU Rural Pact <i>Ms Pascale van Doren, Leader of the Rural Pact Support Office, AEIDL</i></p>

	<p>Green transformation of Lithuanian agriculture: challenges and solutions <i>dr. Arūnas Svitojus, President of the Lithuanian Chamber of Agriculture</i></p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:30	<p>Plenary session II.</p> <p>Moderator: prof. dr Paweł Chmieliński, European Rural Development Network, IRWiR PAN</p> <p>Clusters as approach to strengthen innovation, development and green transformation in the agri-food sector <i>Klaus Wagner, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research (BAB), Viena</i></p> <p>“Green” transformation of the Common Agricultural Policy and Its Impact on Farm Income Disparities <i>Dr. Aleksandra Pawłowska, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p>Rural Economic Developments and Social Movements: A New Paradigm for Transformation in Rural Areas <i>Dr. Rita Lankauskiene, Dr. Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Dr. Dalia Vidickienė, Dr. Vitalija Simonaitytė, Erika Ribašauskienė</i></p> <p>Green Transformation in Kosovo's Rural Areas: Opportunities, Challenges, and Implications <i>Prof. Dr. Ekrem Gjokaj, Mihone Kerolli-Mustafa, Lindar Krasniqi, Public International Business College Mitrovica (IBCM)</i></p> <p>How to support positive systems transformations - evaluator lens <i>Weronika Felcis, Latvijas Universitate/International Evaluation Academy</i></p> <p>Funding possibilities under programme Horizon Europe: Cluster 6, EU Missions "Adaptation to Climate Change" and "A Soil Deal for Europe". <i>Irena Kuzminskienė and Lina Liepytė, National Contact Points (NCP) for Cluster 6: of the Horizon Europe, Research Council of Lithuania, Jolanta Revaitienė, National Contact Point (NCP) for the EU Missions "Adaptation to Climate Change", "A Soil Deal for Europe", Research Council of Lithuania.</i></p>
13:30-15:00	Lunch at Novotel hotel (address: Gedimino Ave. 16, Vilnius). 5 min. walk from conference venue.
15:00-16:30	<p>Plenary session III.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Tomasz Napierała, University of Lodz</p> <p>Usefulness of prioritisation methods in designing CAP Strategic Plans <i>Dr. Barbara Wieliczko^{1,2} and Dr. Zbigniew Floriańczyk^{1,3}</i></p>

	<p><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.</i></p> <p>Rural prosperity in Romania from vision to action <i>Dr. Monica Mihaela Tudor, Institute of Agricultural Economics – Romanian Academy</i></p> <p>Agriculture 4.0 in Italy: analysis of entrepreneurs' preferences and diffusion forecasts <i>Prof. Ruggiero Sardaro, Antonio Urbano, Snour Ahmadi, Piermichele La Sala, Department of Economics, University of Foggia, Italy</i></p> <p>Interaction between stakeholders and levels of governance in Green Infrastructure plans: Lessons learnt from two strategic planning processes in Galicia and The Netherlands <i>Rocio Losada-Iglesias, Emilio Díaz-Varela, David Miranda, University of Santiago de Compostela, EPSE</i></p> <p>BioRural toolkit as support for development pan-European Rural Bioeconomy Network <i>Dr. Magdalena Borzęcka, Ms. Małgorzata Wydra, Mr. Bas Paris, Dr. Thanos Balafoutis, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Poland</i></p>
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00-18:00	<p>Poster session</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marie Trantinova, Fellow of the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information – UZEI, Czechia</p> <p>Sustainability of farms of various production types - economic and environmental assessment <i>Dr. Zofia Koloszko-Chomentowska¹, Dr. Aiste Galnaityte², Dr. Virginia Namiotko², 1. Bialystok University of Technology, 2. Institute of Economics and Rural Development (Vilnius)</i></p> <p>Thermal insulation materials from local sheep wool <i>Dr. Virgilijus Skulskis. LCSS Institute of Economics and Rural Development, Dr. Sigitas Vėjelis, Vilnius TECH</i></p> <p>Analysing nitrogen use efficiency in cereal farms: insights from Lithuanian agriculture <i>Dr. Tomas Baležentis, Dr. Vida Dabkienė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development Lithuania</i></p> <p>A systematic literature review on gender equality norms, constraints and adoption of women's innovations in agriculture <i>Dr. Vida Dabkienė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania</i></p>

	<p>Lessons to be learned from the Implementation of the Lithuanian Rural Development Programme 2014–2020 Measure "Agri-Environment and Climate" <i>Dr. Aistė Galnaitytė, Dr. Virginia Namiotko, Dr. Irena Kriščiukaitienė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Evaluating the interaction between agricultural activity and the environment – the impact of mineral fertiliser use <i>Dr. Vaida Šapolaitė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Institutional public tenders as a tool for the development of local supply chains <i>Dr. Nele Jurkėnaitė, Dr. Rasa Melnikienė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Unpacking household food waste in Lithuania: quantities, composition, and causes <i>Ovidija Eičaitė, dr. Tomas Baležentis, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Development of a Sustainable Food System in the Context of the European Union Long-term Vision for Rural Areas <i>Erika Ribašauskienė, dr. Tomas Baležentis, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Biomass supply potential analysis at national and regional levels in Poland <i>Anna Jędrejek, Małgorzata Kozak, dr. hab. Rafał Pudełko, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation - State Research Institute</i></p>
19:00-22:00	<p>Gala dinner for Conference participants</p> <p>Venue: Novotel hotel (address: Gedimino Ave. 16, Vilnius).</p>
TBC.	<p>Afterparty (Sanatorija, Vilniaus st. 22, Vilnius)</p>

Day 2 of the Conference: - Thursday, 12 September

Bus will leave from Novotel hotel (address: Gedimino Ave. 16, Vilnius)

Field trip on innovative activities in rural areas.

- Leaving for a field trip (8.30): Leaving for a field trip from Novotel hotel (address: Gedimino Ave 16, Vilnius). Please arrive 10 min. before bus departure.
- Field visit I (10.00-11.00)
- Lunch (12.00-13.00)
- Field visit II (13.30-14.30)
- Educational trip (15.00-18.00)
- Dinner with degustation (18.00-21.00)
- Returning to Vilnius I (21.00-22.45)

Day 3 of the conference: – Friday 13 September

Novotel Vilnius Centre Hotel (Gedimino Ave. 16, Vilnius)

<p>9:30-11:00</p>	<p>Plenary session I</p> <p>Moderator: Zbigniew Floriańczyk, European Rural Development Network</p> <p>Developing visions for rural areas through science, society and policy interfaces <i>Dr. David Miller¹, Dr. Gerald Schwarz², 1. James Hutton Institute, 2. Thünen Institute of Farm Economics</i></p> <p>Geographical variability of agricultural cyclical set-aside in Poland: Effectiveness of the complementary EU instrument <i>Dr. Katarzyna Leśniewska-Napierała, Dr. Marta Nalej, Dr. Tomasz Napierała, Faculty of Geographical Sciences, University of Lodz</i></p> <p>An empirical analysis of specialized dairy farms in Lithuania in the context of selected EU countries <i>Rūta Savickienė, Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences</i></p> <p>Research on the state of the Romanian Bioeconomy Strategy <i>Prof. Dr. Dan-Marius Voicilas^{1,2}, Dr. Monica-Mihaela Tudor¹, Dr. Lucian Luca¹, Dr. Camelia-Anisoara Gavrilescu¹, Dr. Elisabeta-Stefania Rosu¹, Dr. Anca-Marina Izvoranu¹, Dr. Florentina-Cornelia Alboiu¹, Dr. Sorinel-Ionel Bucur¹, Dr. Mihai-Alexandru Chitea¹, 1. Romanian Academy-Institute of Agricultural Economics; 2. Hyperion University-Faculty of Economic Sciences</i></p> <p>Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Agriculture Industry: current status and future developments <i>Dr. Karolis Andriuškevicius, Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences</i></p>
<p>11:00-11:30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11:30-13:00</p>	<p>Plenary session II</p> <p>Moderator: Klaus Wagner, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research (BAB), Vienna</p> <p>Community farming in Northern Ireland: definitions and impacts <i>Jonathan H. Hanson^{*1}, Ciaran Collins², Tiziana O’Hara³ and Matthew N. Williams⁴, * Corresponding author, 1. Queen’s University Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2. CiCo Consulting, Monaghan, Ireland, 3. Co-operative Alternatives, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 4. Jubilee Community Benefit Society, Larne, Northern Ireland</i></p> <p>Instruments and forms of support for Romania by the National Strategic Plan 2023-2027</p>

	<p><i>Dr. Irina Adriana Chiurciu¹, Prof. Dr. Dan Marius Voicilaş^{2*}, Dr. Aurelia-Ioana Chereji³, Dr. Andreea-Roxana Firăţoiu¹, 1. University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest, Faculty of Management and Rural Development, 2. Romanian Academy - Institute of Agricultural Economics, Bucharest, 3. University of Oradea, Faculty of Environmental Protection, * corresponding author</i></p> <p>Where there are good digital ground for green transformation? Spatial distribution of internet quality in Poland</p> <p><i>Dr. Krzysztof Janc, University of Wroclaw</i></p> <p>Geoheritage as territorial capital for potential sustainable development of rural peripheries</p> <p><i>Dr. Vladimir Szekely, Institute of geography, Slovak Academy of sciences</i></p> <p>Integrating bioeconomy in the Common Agricultural Policy: Strategic planning and action plan insights from Poland and the BIOECO-UP Project</p> <p><i>Piotr Jurga¹, Prof. Stelios Rozakis², 1. Department of Bioeconomy and Systems Analysis, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, State Research Institute (IUNG-PIB); 2. Bioeconomy and Biosystems' Economics Lab, School of Environmental Engineering, Technical University of Crete</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p>Poster session I</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Rita Lankauskienė, Dr. Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</p> <p>Rural Environmental Registry (CAR): Strategic Tool for Environmental Conservation in Brazil</p> <p><i>Dr. Fátima de Souza Freire¹, Dr. Valdir Adilson Steinke², Dr. Carlos Henrique Pires Luiz², University of Brasília, 1. Faculty of Economics, Administration, Accounting, and Information Science, 2. Department of Geography, Graduate Program in Geography</i></p> <p>Multivariate exploration of factors influencing perceptions of ecological transformation through circular economy in rural European areas</p> <p><i>Dr. Fabricio Guevara, Dr. Juan Diego Valenzuela Cobos, Dr. Jaime Coello Viejo, Fernando Pacheco Olea, Universidad Estatal de Milagro, Ecuador</i></p> <p>Evolution of CAP SP preparations: challenges, lessons and possibilities from Lithuanian experience</p> <p><i>Dr. Vitalija Simonaitytė, Dr. Rita Lankauskienė, Dr. Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p>

	<p>Livestock farming and land use: Demonstrating connections using the example of Austrian chicken fattening</p> <p><i>Dr. Heidelinde Grüneis, Karin Heinschink, Lisa Eller, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Wien</i></p> <p>Green Transformation in Finland and the Baltic States: Comparative Analysis of Transition to Renewable Energy Sources</p> <p><i>Eglė Norgren¹, Prof. Dr. Jelena Stankevičienė², 1. Institute of Economics and Rural Development, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Vilnius, Lithuania, 2. Department of Finance, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania</i></p> <p>Rural living labs as a way to support rural development policies</p> <p><i>Dr. Barbara Wieliczko^{1,2} and Katarzyna Gizińska¹, 1. European Rural Development Network; Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, 2. Polish Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p>Challenges for enhancing social innovations in marginalized rural areas: Lithuanian case</p> <p><i>Dr. Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, dr. Rita Lankauskiene, dr. Vitalija Simonaityte, dr. Dalia Vidickiene, dr. Rasa Melnikiene, Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Remote sensing monitoring as part of the eco-scheme "Water retention on permanent grasslands</p> <p><i>Dr. Anna Jędrejek, Dr. Rafał Pudełko, Dr. Małgorzata Kozak, Dr. Krystian Mocny, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation - State Research Institute</i></p> <p>Social innovations for collaborative transformation in Lithuanian rural area</p> <p><i>Dr. Rita Lankauskienė, Dr. Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Dr. Dalia Vidickienė, Dr. Vitalija Simonaitytė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Institute of Economics and Rural Development</i></p> <p>Multi-actor Innovation Platforms MAINSTREAMING small-scale BIO-based solutions across rural Europe</p> <p><i>Dr. Magdalena Borzęcka, Dr. Małgorzata Wydra, Dr. Piotr Skowron, Dr. Damian Wach, Dr. James Gaffey, Dr. Liselotte Puggaard, Dr. Beatriz Deltoro, Dr. Johan Börjesson, Dr. Ana Casillas, Irene Paredes, Peter Borisov, Bert Annevelink, Rommie Vanderweide, Kimberly Wevers, Dr. Anastasios Karakostas, Dr. Anastasios Galatsopoulos, Dr. Katerina Valta, Dr. Alexandros Altsitsiadis, Dr. Yannis Kostopoulos, Dr. Evangelia Tsagaraki, Dr. Leonidas Parodos, DR. Georgios Spyridopoulos, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Pulawy, Poland</i></p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:15	<p>Poster session II</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Katarzyna Leśniewska-Napierała, Faculty of Geographical Sciences, University of Lodz</p>

	<p>Regional Inclusive Biobased Entrepreneurship Solutions (RIBES) <i>Dr. Adam Wasilewski, European Rural Development Network</i></p> <p>Green transformation in rural areas: what really matters? <i>Dr. Agnieszka Kurdyś-Kujawska, Koszalin University of Technology</i> <i>Dr. Barbara Wieliczko, European Rural Development Network, IRWiR PAN</i></p> <p>BBioNets Forest and Agriculture Network <i>Dr. Magdalena Borzęcka, Dr. Malgorzata Wydra, Dr. Patrizia Borsotto, Dr. Mara Lai, Dr. Francesca Giarè, Dr. Macarena Ureña Mayenco, Dr. Elias Atienza Alonso, Dr. Sofía Sánchez Seda, Dr. Nathalie Chavier, Dr. Paula Rosa Álvarez, Dr. Evdokia Krystallidou, Dr. Elisavet Papadopoulou, Dr. Macarena Leyva Manchón, Dr. Conchita Mira, Dr. Antonio Alvear Almunia, Dr. Iakovos Delioglani, Dr. Ephy Kouzi, Dr. Dafni Delioglani, Dr. Marie Kubankova, Dr. Valentina Galantari, Dr. Jan Nedelnik, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Pulawy, Poland</i></p> <p>Giving Rural Actors Novel data and re-Useable tools to Lead public Action in Rural areas <i>Dr. Barbara Wieliczko^{1,2}, Zuzanna Floriańczyk¹, Prof. Dr. Paweł Chmieliński^{1,2} and Dr. Aleksandra Pawłowska^{1,2}, 1. European Rural Development Network; 2. Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p>Empirical investigation of catch crops as a carbon sequestration technique: A case study of the Carbon Farming CE initiative <i>Dr Jerzy Kozyra¹, Mr Piotr Jurga¹, Ms Beata Jurga², Dr Robert Borek¹, Krystian Mocny¹</i> <i>1 Department of Bioeconomy and Systems Analysis, 2 Department of Plant Nutrition and Fertilization, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research institute, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute IUNG-PIB, Poland</i></p> <p>Spreading Open and Inclusive Literacy and Soil Culture through Artistic Practices and Education <i>Dr. Barbara Wieliczko^{1,2}, Zuzanna Floriańczyk¹, Katarzyna Gizińska¹, Dr. Cezary Klimkowski^{1,3} and Prof. Dr. Paweł Chmieliński^{1,2}, 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</i></p>
17:15-17:30	Conference closing remarks by organisers