



UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY
in cooperation with **SDSN BULGARIA**



CALL FOR PAPERS

Third Sofia Conference

For Early-Stage Researchers

Affiliated at the ENGAGE.EU Partner Universities



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Conference Dates


November 21-22, 2024

Venue

University of National and World Economy
Sofia, Bulgaria

Participation Mode

Hybrid: Onsite (in-person) or Online



The conference is co-organized by UNWE and SDSN Bulgaria and is co-funded by the UNWE Research Programme. The event is not part of the ENGAGE.EU 2024 schedule of official events for PhD students and early-stage researchers.





Conference Objectives

The main goal of the Conference is to bring together early-stage researchers affiliated with ENGAGE.EU partner universities who are interested in the current status and challenges of Sustainable Development Goals (e.g., junior faculty members, post-docs, post-graduate researchers, etc.). The Conference aims to facilitate communication and future collaboration among representatives of these target groups as well as to involve interested university partners from SDSN Bulgaria. Participants will have the opportunity to meet either in person or online, and to present their work-in-progress or completed research at an international forum with a strong presence of peers.

There are no explicit limitations on the type of research work that can be presented, whether it be conceptual, empirical, or position papers. After the Conference, the final versions of the submitted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings or other possible channels.

Conference Topics

1. Environmentally friendly production. Policies towards decoupling economic growth from resource use and environmental degradation. Minimizing the exploitation of natural resources throughout the entire production and consumption processes.
2. Circular economy. Sustainable business models. Remanufacturing, Recycling, or Recovering products and materials. Policies towards fostering sustainable production.
3. Green economy. Encouraging innovations for decreasing energy consumption and the overall pressure on environmental resources.
4. Sustainable consumption. Minimizing the utilization of toxic materials, the waste and pollutants generated by mass consumption. Policies encouraging consumption of eco-friendly products with biodegradable components and lower energy inputs.

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission:

July 12

Notification of acceptance of abstract:

July 19

Conference dates:

November 21-22

Deadlines for submission of full papers:

December 13

Registration and Attendance Fees

There are no registration or attendance fees for **presenting participants affiliated with any ENGAGE.EU partner university**. Coffee/tea, buffet lunch and dinner will be provided by UNWE.

There are no attendance fees for **non-presenting participants affiliated with any SDSN Bulgaria partner university**.

In the event of in-person participation, all participants, regardless of their affiliation, are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation costs.

Publication Opportunities

The intention of the organizers is to collect conference papers to be published in **Conference Proceedings**. All submitted final versions of the papers will undergo a blind review process. The proceedings volume will be submitted for indexation by Web of Science Conference Proceedings Citation Index.

If some authors choose not to publish their papers in the Conference Proceedings, there will be other opportunities for publishing (following reviewer's recommendations and respective revision). Every author can choose to submit her/his paper to the **Yearbook of UNWE (Godishnik na UNSS)**, an English language journal published by UNWE-Sofia and indexed in [CEEOL](#) and [IDEAS/RePEc](#).

After a selection process, the best papers will be recommended for publishing in **Economic Alternatives** – a Scopus indexed journal published by UNWE.

Application Information

The application requires a submission of a title, abstract (up to 200 words), and keywords (up to 5). It has to be sent by email to: engage.confer@unwe.bg

Please check the Conference website for more information:

<https://www.unwe.bg/engageeu-conference>

Conference Agenda (draft)

Day 1 – Thursday, November 21st

09:00 - 9:30 Registration
09:30 - 10:45 Official opening & Keynote session 1
10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break
11:15 - 13:15 Plenary session 1
13:15 - 14:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 16:00 Plenary session 2
16:00 - 16:15 Coffee Break
16:15 - 18:15 Plenary session 3
18:15 - 19:00 Dinner
19:00 – 21:00 Sofia City Centre Tour

Day 2 – Friday, November 22nd

08:30 - 9:00 Registration
09:00 - 10:15 Keynote session 2
10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
10:30 – 13:00 Plenary session 4
13:00 – 13:15 Closing session.
Conference Wrap-up
13:15 – 14:15 Closing Lunch
For participants who do not travel back on Friday afternoon/evening:
15:15 – 18:30 Cultural programme

Organizing Committee

Prof. Venelin Boshnakov (Coordinator), Associate Prof. Michael Musov, Dr. Ivan Valchanov, and Zhanet Kalcheva

Accommodation

Participants will receive additional details and booking instructions upon acceptance of their paper abstract as well as full assistance from the Organizing Committee.

Further Information

For any enquiries, please contact us:

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