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Title:

Global changes and local responses: Resilience, adaptations, innovations for the sustainable development of Carpathian tourist destinations

Session description:

Contemporary societies face many cross border problems and development dilemmas. Tourism as global social and economic activity becomes a driver of development, but at the same time faces many of these challenges. The goals of sustainable development iterated by the UN for 2030 are of great relevance for the tourism industry in general and that of the EU and the Carpathian countries in particular. Today the EU policies focusing on crucial issues of sustainable development include old and new conditions, such as: climate change consequences, greening economy expectations, social health security, mobility. Moreover, they point at an ambitious goal of carbon neutrality by mid-21st century. In the light of these challenges, from now on, economy, the lifestyle, technology and policy have to adapt, innovate, and find solutions in the entire European space. It is believed that sustainable tourism and related economic activities may be seen as tools for achieving the sustainable development goals in the Carpathian region, especially in its local communities. Based on integrative and simultaneous scientific research and applying the best practices examples, tourism and especially tourist destinations may contribute to the overall effort of long term and sustaining development. In this frame, the subjects of presentation related to the following issues are expected:

1. Climate change and tourism destinations development
2. Mitigating conflicts and fostering community cooperation in tourism destinations
3. Forests and tourism space synergy
4. Low carbon mobility and tourism
5. Greening tourist services in destinations
6. Implementation of responsible alternatives in the tourism sector
7. Adaptation of local societies/communities toward neutral carbon destinations