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Title:

Towards a stronger role of universities in regional development – methods, case studies, best practices

Session description:

The session will bring together proposed presentations, which are dealing with participatory action research, transdisciplinary approaches, and collaboration of higher educational institutions with rural communities, practical experts and policy-makers. The aim of the session is to exchange experiences and get ideas for stronger integration of universities in the implementation of the Carpathian Convention.