

ORGANIZED SESSION and WORKSHOP – FORUM CARPATICUM 2021

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SESSION TITLE

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

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Session and workshop descriptions:

Sustainable development, the paradigm of this century, which humanity has embraced, is a necessity to respond correctly to global change. Tourism is one of the economic fields that, due to the magnitude of the dynamics of tourist flows and the replication of destinations, need solutions for adaptation, innovation, and resilience. Research in the field that has a wide range of topics must become a point of connectivity between policies and local responses in the Carpathian Mountain region. Tourism the Carpathians will continue to change the environment but in the same time it will be an instrument for local increase of welfare. In the present contest of climate change, economic impacts due to the pandemic period, scientists, policy makers, tourism owners are called to join the common interests of sustainable development. Thus, the section invites all to approach to these cutting edge themes:

1. Resilience of tourism to Sars-Cov-2 pandemic;
2. Green innovations in tourism industry;
3. Tourism toward carbon neutral climate;
4. A tourism industry for zero waste by circular management;
5. Behaviors for sustainable tourism.

Any other topics related to the theme are welcome.

The title of the session presentation of the lead convener (Dr. Elena Matei):

Lessons learned for Resilience of tourism industry in the Romanian Carpathians during Sars-Cov-2 Pandemic

Organization:

We propose a session presentations, followed by an hour of discussions, where both scientists and professionals will debate relevant aspect emerged form presentations and experiences facing in the last years. It is expected to be discussed the resilience after pandemic, the targets towards neutral climate in tourism industry, zero waste in tourists' destinations and support for environmental conservation. The session will structure the fundamental scientific reviews, but will encourage a large pallet of research from empirical to deeper assessments. The debates will synthesize main issues and solutions, collecting proposals to improve the sustainable development in the Carpathians for tourism industry in interactions with other activities. All this will be gathered in a report for the Carpathian Convention and S4C to be added in their agendas. Consequently, these outputs may reinforce the need, expressed by the S4C, to link the scientist to the practitioners, to adopt or disseminate good lesson learned in the EU or other mountain area.