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Forum Carpathicum 2025

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15th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee
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Science for the Carpathians



Summary of technical details

- date and venue: 9th (Tuesday) to 11th (Thursday) September 2025, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University
- organisers: FSES UK, RESDI, S4C
- partners: Carpathian Convention Secretariat, SERIGO project
- funding: Horizon Europe SERIGO project, RESDI's European Climate Foundation project, FSES+RESDI's EUKI
- thematic overlap with S4C Research Agenda 2022-2030 and SERIGO project

Organisational Structure

- management committee: FSES team and Lubos Halada from SAC
- scientific committee: S4C + FSES team representatives + international advisors from outside the network (Sustainable Caucasus, University of Cambridge, Technical University of Berlin)

Thematic focus

- General title: “Taking stock and building partnership for sustainable development of the mountain and rural areas”
- Sub-theme I: “Building capabilities and facilitating participation of vulnerable groups in rural and mountain regions through SSE in multi-level sustainable development policy”
- Sub-theme II: “Bridging natural and social sciences for sustainable development through transdisciplinary approaches”

Thematic Areas of the Conference

During the abstract submission, participants will choose their preferred thematic area relevant for their paper. Based on the chosen thematic areas and submitted panels and papers, sessions will emerge. Additionally, it should be stressed that papers that in some form or capacity explore the role of social innovations in marginalized communities or the topics of transdisciplinary approaches in these topics are encouraged. The below list is not exhaustive but forms tentative thematic areas based on the **S4C Research Agenda 2020-2030**:

- Climate Change
- Water Resources and Management
- Natural Hazards and Risks
- Land Use and Land Cover Change
- Integrated landscape management and governance for better regional development policy
- Forests, their management and governance
- Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
- Ecosystem services and human well-being
- Urban and rural development
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Tourism
- Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge
- Education for Sustainable Development
- Participatory research, multi-actor dialogues and knowledge co-production
- Social innovation to promote sustainable development
- Green energy and energy efficiency
- Data Management

Added Value

- Funders' meeting (European Climate Foundation, EUKI, Villum Fonden and others)
- Publishers' meeting
- Policy agenda, meetings and outputs - e.g. Aarhus platform/initiative for Roma Communities
- Project workshops and planning meetings for cross-regional scientific collaboration?
- Young scholars programme
- Workshops/training on transdisciplinary and participatory methodologies
- Workshop/training on scientific writing and publishing
- Science communication workshop
- A networking session/event with colleagues from other networks (if present, from the Caucasus, Pyrenees, and Alps) or cooperation possibilities discussion panel
- Presentation of Carpathian ESD Expert Network
- Invitation extended to local stakeholders with potential simultaneous translations (to Slovak or other languages)
- Civil society or local stakeholders presentations and workshops (to allow additional science-practice-policy bridging)
- Yuriy Bihun prize/award for best Master's/Doctoral thesis/other scientific achievement?

Timeline for CfPs, Submissions and Acceptance

- **Announcement of the event with call(s) for papers and panels/events/workshops by the end of September/mid-October**
- **Call for sessions/side events/workshops:** 15 October 2024-30 November 2024
 - (with a form that includes session abstract, name of organizers, format (e.g. paper session, poster session, roundtable, pico session (sensu EGU), discussion panel, etc.), envisioned no. of participants – in case of workshops...)
 - if agreed by the session organizers/conveners, they can be responsible for abstract evaluation and qualification for their sessions and the additional promotion of these sessions in their communities
 - Session title (no more than 25 words)
 - Overview and description of the session, including themes (chosen from the proposed list of thematic areas)
 - Session Chair and Co-Chair details
 - Envisioned no. of participants
- **Call for panels:** 15 December 2024-31 January 2025 (**Extended deadline for panels:** 31 March 2025)
 - Panel title and abstract (2-5 pages)
 - Panel subject and theme (chosen from the proposed list of thematic areas)
 - Email addresses of the Panel Chair and Discussants
- **Call for papers:** 15 December-28 February 2025 (**Extended deadline for papers:** 15 May 2025)
 - Title of the paper
 - Abstract (400 words), 3-8 keywords, 1-3 themes chosen from the proposed list of thematic areas
 - Email address of each paper presenter and co-author (if applicable)
- **Panel acceptance notification:** 15 February 2025 (15 April 2025)
- **Abstract acceptance notification:** 15 March 2025 (15 June 2025)
 - In the past we sent out the abstracts to be evaluated by session organizers and then discussed the placement in sessions together, last time this was decided by the organizing team/ session organizers; final programme had to be reshuffled though based on the actual number of presentations and participant schedules/presence, some consolidation of sessions also happened. Two weeks to assess submissions was tight but doable, esp. if session organizers would start with the abstracts coming in.

Timeline for Registration and Registration Policy

Timeline for Registration

- **Registration opens:** 1 January 2025
- **Early bird fees deadline:** 15 April/30 April 2025
- **Regular fee deadline:** 30 June 2025
- **Late registration deadline:** 30 August 2025