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***The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference - ESPERA 2021***

***"The crisis after the crisis.  
When and how the New Normal will be"***



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## *The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference - ESPERA 2021*

### *"The crisis after the crisis. When and how the New Normal will be"*

The aim of the NIER international conference "Economic Scientific Research - Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches"- ESPERA, initiated in 2013 by the "Costin C. Kiriteşcu" National Institute for Economic Research (NIER), is to present and evaluate the economic scientific research portfolio, to argue and substantiate the Romanian development strategies - including European and global best practices.

The 2021 edition of the Conference will be held on **9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December**, under the title: **"The crisis after the crisis. When and how the New Normal will be"**.

The event scientific program addresses a wide diversity of themes, bringing together researchers from all NIER institutes and centres, members of the Romanian Academy, Romanian academic researchers and also guests from other countries. Researchers are encouraged to present articles on economic scientific research that they have focused, as much as possible, on paradigm shifts for the world after the COVID-19 crisis, since some deep and long-lasting changes are expected building up a "New Normal".

Singular relevant aspects could be related to complete digitalization and digital sovereignty, people and workforce management, virtual training and reskilling, digital currency, de-carbonization in all production processes, supply chains traceability, cybersecurity, automation, artificial intelligence and machine learning, Internet of Things and Blockchain technologies.

The Conference is intended as a thought-provoking exercise for researchers and it is organized in such a way as to provide an academic platform for debates, covering the broadest approaches, enabling an interactive exchange of ideas and the latest results and findings, including those emerged in economic science arising from both fundamental and empirical researches and promoting evidence-based policy making new vision under crisis circumstances.

The Conference includes an additional section dedicated to PhD and post PhD students, thus providing a conducive framework for scientific debate and their training.

The contributions and views that will be expressed, on a meritorious and wide-ranging level, will be disseminated, as in previous years, in a volume - Proceedings of the International Conference ESPERA 2021, that will be submitted to EBSCO and also for evaluation and inclusion in Conference Proceedings Citation Index by Clarivate, Web of Science.

The 2021 edition of the Conference will take place online and all correspondence with the authors will be done through a dedicated platform, with direct access on ESPERA Conference website.



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### **Conference parallel sessions**

- 1. Romania's sustainable economic and social development. Models, scenarios, evaluations***
- 2. Natural resources patrimony - costs and benefits of its valorisation***
- 3. Knowledge, innovation, smart development and human capital***
- 4. Economy dynamics and structural changes for a competitive growth***
- 5. European integration and globalisation - new challenges***
- 6. Economic instability and stabilisation policies***
- 7. Development and improvement of economic and social forecasting tools***
- 8. Food safety and security – challenges for agriculture economic development***
- 9. Assessment of economic-social and political experiences and thoughts***
- 10. Contributions to the New Encyclopaedia of Romania***
- 11. Quality of life and social policies evaluations***
- 12. Demographic facts and figures***
- 13. Mountain Economy***
- 14. PhD and post PhD students debates***
- 15. Business ethics***



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### Conference schedule

<b>Abstract submission</b>	<b>3<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
<b>Notification of acceptance/rejection</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
<b>International Conference</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Plenary Session</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Paralell sessions</b>
<b>Final Paper Submissions</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>Notification of:</b> - acceptance; - acceptance with minor changes; - acceptance with major changes; - rejection.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>Paper Submissions - final version after review</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>

### Paper Submission

Authors are invited to submit full text papers that report original unpublished research, which are not under consideration for publication elsewhere. For Romanian contributors, the Romanian language version of the paper is also required. The official languages of the conference are English and Romanian.

The **abstracts** should be submitted until **3<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, to the following email address: **espera@ince.ro**. In the e-mail message accompanying the paper the author must submit the **registration of participation**, including:

**Name and Surname of the author/authors:**

**Affiliation:**

**Paper title:**

**Conference section:**

**Contact address(for corresponding author):**

The **papers** should be submitted until **20<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, according to the ESPERA 2021 Conference paper Template and following the Guide for Authors recommendations available on the international conference website, through a dedicated platform, with direct access on ESPERA Conference website [www.conferinte-ince.ro](http://www.conferinte-ince.ro).



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### **Publication of papers**

All the submitted papers will go through a double blind review process, with the help of the Conference Scientific Committee.

The most valuable papers will be published in an Open Access volume - Proceedings of the International Conference ESPERA 2021, that will be submitted to EBSCO and also for evaluation and inclusion in Conference Proceedings Citation Index by Clarivate, Web of Science.

The papers not selected for the Conference Proceedings will be submitted to evaluation, with the agreement of the author, in order to be published in the scientific publications of the international conference partners: Working papers of National Institute for Economic Research, Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting, Romanian Journal of Economics, Revista Calitatea vieții, Revista Inovație socială, Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Global Economic Observer, Financial Studies, all indexed in prestigious international databases.

As for the editions ESPERA 2013 and 2014, after the evaluation, the most valuable 100 papers were selected for the Proceedings of the International Conference ESPERA, published on-line by Elsevier in "Procedia Economics and Finance" (vol. 8/2014 and vol. 22/2015), hosted by Science Direct, indexed in Scopus and further were submitted for evaluation and inclusion in Conference Proceedings Citation Index by Thomson Reuters. As for the editions ESPERA 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019, the most valuable papers were published at Peter Lang International Academic Publishing Group. The volumes were submitted to EBSCO and also for evaluation and inclusion in Conference Proceedings Citation Index by Clarivate, Web of Science.

For ESPERA 2020, the most valuable papers are in progress to be published by SCIENDO De Gruyter and submitted to EBSCO and also for evaluation and inclusion in Conference Proceedings Citation Index by Clarivate, Web of Science.