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AI and Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development

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University of Donja Gorica,
Podgorica, Montenegro



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FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Podgorica, Montenegro

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

The ANSO Conference on AI and Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development brings together researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, business leaders and young professionals to examine how artificial intelligence and digital technologies can contribute to environmental sustainability and ecosystem resilience.

Organised by the University of Donja Gorica in partnership with the University of Science and Technology of China, the conference builds upon the long-standing academic cooperation between the two institutions and their shared commitment to international scientific exchange. It provides a platform for connecting European and Asian perspectives and for transforming research knowledge into practical, scalable and policy-relevant solutions.

Over three days, the programme will address the application of AI and data-driven technologies in environmental risk assessment, food systems, One Health, agriculture and resource management. It will also explore sustainable entrepreneurship, responsible innovation, governance and international research cooperation. Scientific panels, business discussions, student presentations, institutional showcases and research networking sessions are designed to encourage dialogue across disciplines and sectors.

Particular attention is given to students and early-career researchers, whose participation is essential to building future scientific and innovation capacity. By connecting science, technology, business and public policy, the conference aims to initiate new partnerships, joint research projects, mobility activities and funding proposals.

The conference contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those concerning clean water, clean energy, innovation, climate action and the protection of terrestrial ecosystems. Its broader ambition is to demonstrate how international scientific cooperation can support more resilient societies and a more sustainable future.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO ANSO

The University of Donja Gorica and the University of Science and Technology of China gratefully acknowledge the support of the Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions (ANSO).

ANSO's support has made it possible to bring together researchers, innovators, policymakers and young professionals from different countries and disciplines, strengthening scientific cooperation and creating new opportunities for joint research and innovation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to ANSO and its Secretariat for their trust, guidance and commitment to advancing international scientific cooperation for sustainable development.

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CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

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DAY 1: MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2026
ECOSYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE: DIGITAL FRONTIERS AND LOCAL RISKS

08:00–09:00
Registration

09:00–10:00
Opening Session

10:00–11:30
AI, Data and Earth-System Risks

11:30–12:00
Coffee Break

12:00–13:30
Smart Surveillance and One Health

13:30–14:30
Lunch Break

14:30–16:00
UDG–USTC Research and Innovation Ecosystem Showcase

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DAY 2: TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2026
INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

09:00–09:45
Registration

09:45–11:15
Scaling Sustainability through Innovation

11:15–11:45
Coffee Break

11:45–13:15
Governance and Policy Integration

13:15–14:15
Lunch Break

14:15–15:30
Student Research, Innovation and Art Showcase

3

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2026
RESEARCH NETWORKING AND FUTURE COLLABORATION

09:00–09:30
Registration

09:30–10:00
Networking Coffee

10:00–10:30
Research Connections - Moderated Discussion

10:30–12:00
Research Matchmaking and Partnership Meetings

12:00–12:15
Conference Closing and Group Photo

12:15–13:00
Optional Networking

DAY 1

ECOSYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE: DIGITAL FRONTIERS AND LOCAL RISKS

VENUE: AS AMPHITHEATRE (BASEMENT LEVEL)

23.11.2026.

MONDAY

08:00 - 16:00

01
REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS **08.00 - 09.00**

02
OPENING SESSION **09.00 - 10.00**

Moderator: ***Andrija Leovac***

- **Prof. Veselin Vukotić,** Rector, University of Donja Gorica

The Role of Universities in Building a Sustainable Future

- **H.E. Mr Chen Xufeng**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Montenegro

Advancing China–Montenegro Cooperation for a Sustainable Future

- **Dragana Ćetković, M.Sc.,** Director-General for Higher Education and Student Standards, Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro

A Strategic Vision for Science, Innovation and Digital Ecosystems in Montenegro

- **Prof. Wei Jiuchang**, Dean, University of Science and Technology of China School of Public Affairs

Strengthening International Partnerships in Digital Science and Innovation

- **Prof. Marija Orlandić**, *Dean of Chinese Studies at UDG and Director of Cooperation with Asia*

Remarks on UDG's Academic Cooperation with China

03
PANEL 1: AI, DATA AND EARTH-SYSTEM RISKS **10.00 - 11.30**

Moderator: ***Sanja Nikolić***

- **Prof. Li Yina,** University of Science and Technology of China

Data-Driven Risk Governance and Resilient Decision-Making

- **Prof. Karina Ochiș**, Monarch Business School Switzerland

When AI goes MAD: Reassessing the cyber-nuclear nexus

- **Dr Ivana Vojinović,** Centre for Climate Change, Natural Resources and Energy, University of Donja Gorica

From Climate Risk Data to Policy Decisions: The Montenegrin Perspective

- **Prof. Tomo Popović**, University of Donja Gorica

Intelligent Systems for Agricultural and Environmental Risk Monitoring

Format: Four presentations of 15 minutes, followed by a moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience.

GROUP PHOTO

All participants are invited to join the official conference group photo before the coffee break.

DAY 1

ECOSYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE: DIGITAL FRONTIERS AND LOCAL RISKS

04
COFFEE BREAK **11.30 - 12.00**

05
SMART SURVEILLANCE AND ONE HEALTH **12.00 - 13.30**

Moderator: ***Amil Orahovac***

- **Prof. Werner Ruppitsch**, Medical University of Innsbruck / University of Donja Gorica

Genomics and Pathogen Surveillance in One Health Systems

- **Prof. Jelena Milešević**, Institute for Medical Research, University of Belgrade

Integrating Dietary Intake Monitoring into Smart Surveillance Systems for Public Health

- **Dr Meline Beglaryan**, Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies, National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia

Connecting Environmental and Food Monitoring Data for One Health Risk Assessment

- **Giuseppe Paderni,** Faculty of Food Technology, Food Safety and Ecology, University of Donja Gorica

Verifying the Authenticity of Traditional Foods through Laboratory Analysis and Digital Traceability

Format: Four presentations of 15 minutes, followed by a moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience.

06
LUNCH BREAK **13.30 - 14.30**

07
UDG–USTC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM SHOWCASE **14.30 - 16.00**

Moderator: ***Milica Milošević***

A joint presentation of the research institutes, centres, laboratories and innovation capacities of the University of Donja Gorica and the University of Science and Technology of China.

Programme

- 14:30–14:40 — Introduction to the UDG and USTC research ecosystems
- 14:40–15:10 — Presentation of UDG institutes and centres
- 15:10–15:40 — Presentation of USTC institutes, centres and laboratories (**Chen Jingxue**, University of Science and Technology of China, China)
- 15:40–16:00 — Questions and open discussion

Each institution will briefly present its mission, principal research areas, major projects, available infrastructure and opportunities for international cooperation.

08
SPEAKERS' AND PARTNERS' NETWORKING DINNER **19.00 - 21.00**
Venue: TBA, by invitation.

DAY 2

INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

VENUE: ENTREPRENEURIAL NEST (GROUND FLOOR)

24.11.2026.

TUESDAY

09:00 - 15:30

01
REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS **09.00 - 09.45**

02
BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL: SCALING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH INNOVATION **09.45 - 11.15**

Moderator: ***Ivan Jovetić***

- **Prof. Srđan Krčo**, DunavNET / University of Donja Gorica
Can AI and Robots Feed the World?

- **Prof. Lu Wei**, University of Science and Technology of China
Corporate Finance and Green Entrepreneurship

- **Prof. Adam Sulkowski**, Babson College
Law, Business and Sustainability: Building Accountability into Innovation Ecosystems

- **Prof. Stefania Zerbinati**, Bayes Business School, City St George's, University of London
Entrepreneurial Ecosystems for Sustainable and Responsible Innovation

- **Prof. Dan Ke**, Economics and Management School, Wuhan University, China
The Rise of Agentic Commerce: Opportunities and Challenges for Digital Business

Format: Five presentations of approximately 10 minutes, followed by a moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience.

03
COFFEE BREAK **11.15 - 11.45**

04
PANEL: GOVERNANCE AND POLICY INTEGRATION **11.45 - 13.15**

Moderator: ***Miljana Rakočević***

- **Prof. Wei Jiuchang**, University of Science and Technology of China
Disaster-Risk Governance and Sustainability in China

- **Prof. Aleksandra Martinović,** FoodHub Centre of Excellence, University of Donja Gorica / FAO Expert
Science–Policy Interfaces for Sustainable Food Systems

- **Ilija Mugoša,** EIT Community Officer for Montenegro
Leveraging EIT Instruments to Strengthen Sustainability Innovation and Cross-Border Collaboration

- **Dr Murat Güneş,** Founder, Soleil MNT; Chair of the Bridging Science and Business Working Group, Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)
Overcoming Technology Transfer Barriers for Green and Blue Deep Tech Spin-offs

Format: Five presentations of approximately 10 minutes, followed by a moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience.

DAY 2

INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

05
LUNCH BREAK **13.15 - 14.15**

06
STUDENT RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND ART SHOWCASE **14.15 - 15.30**

An interdisciplinary showcase bringing together student research, innovative ideas, digital prototypes and artistic works addressing artificial intelligence, sustainability, environmental resilience and the relationship between technology, nature and society.

Programme

- 14:15–14:25 | Opening and Introduction

Welcome remarks and introduction to the Student Research, Innovation and Art Showcase.

- 14:25–14:45 | Student Innovation Presentations
  - **Stefan Toljić (University of Donja Gorica, Faculty of Information Systems and Technologies)** — LogGuard: Low-Cost Acoustic Detection of Illegal Logging in Prokletije National Park
  - **Ersan Hodžić (University of Donja Gorica, Faculty of Applied Sciences – Electrical Engineering and Computing)** — Repair, Don't Replace

- 14:45–15:30 | Student Research Poster & Innovation Exhibition

An interdisciplinary exhibition featuring student research in food technology, food safety, environmental science, artificial intelligence and digital innovation, alongside creative artistic works exploring sustainability, technology, nature and society. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the authors, explore their projects and discuss their findings, ideas and innovative solutions.

Venue: UDG Main Hall.

07
SPEAKERS' AND PARTNERS' NETWORKING DINNER **19.00 - 21.00**
Venue: TBA, by invitation.

DAY 3

RESEARCH NETWORKING AND FUTURE COLLABORATION

VENUE: VISION HALL (5TH FLOOR)

25.11.2026.

WEDNESDAY

09:00 - 13:00

01
REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS — **09.00 - 09.30**

02
NETWORKING COFFEE — **09.30 - 10.00**

An informal opportunity for students, researchers and conference guests to meet and continue conversations from the first two days.

03
RESEARCH CONNECTIONS - MODERATED DISCUSSION — **10.00 - 10.30**

Invited speakers share ideas for future collaboration and discuss them with students, researchers and other participants.

04
RESEARCH MATCHMAKING AND PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS — **10.30 - 12.00**

Participants with shared interests meet to explore joint research, student and researcher exchanges, and opportunities for project collaboration.

05
CONFERENCE CLOSING AND GROUP PHOTO — **12.00 - 12.15**

Representatives of UDG and USTC reflect on the conference and outline possible next steps, followed by a group photo.

06
OPTIONAL NETWORKING — **12.15 - 13.00**

Participants who wish to stay can continue their discussions and arrange follow-up conversations.

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS

Bringing together perspectives from science, policy, business and innovation.



PROF. VESELIN VUKOTIĆ

Rector, University of Donja Gorica

Prof. Veselin Vukotić is Rector and one of the founders of the University of Donja Gorica. An economist and university leader, he has played a central role in developing UDG's interdisciplinary and entrepreneurial model of education, which connects knowledge, creativity, research and innovation with the challenges facing contemporary society.



H.E. MR CHEN XUFENG

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Montenegro

H.E. Mr Chen Xufeng serves as Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Montenegro. His diplomatic engagement focuses on strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation in science, education, innovation, culture and sustainable development. At the conference, he will address the importance of advancing China–Montenegro cooperation for a sustainable future.



DRAGANA ĆETKOVIĆ, M.SC.

Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro

Dragana Ćetković is Director-General of the Directorate for Higher Education and Student Standards at Montenegro's Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation. She draws on her teaching experience at secondary and university levels in her work on higher education policy and student support.



PROF. WEI JIUCHANG

Tsinghua University and University of Science and Technology of China

Prof. Wei Jiuchang is Dean of the School of Public Affairs at the University of Science and Technology of China and Xinghua Chair Professor of Tsinghua University. His research addresses risk and crisis management, organisational reputation and strategic behaviour. At the conference, he will contribute Chinese perspectives on disaster-risk governance, sustainability and international scientific cooperation



PROF. MARIJA ORLANDIĆ

Dean of Chinese Studies at UDG and Director of Cooperation with Asia

Prof. Marija Orlandić is Director of Cooperation with Asia at the University of Donja Gorica and leads its Chinese Studies programme. Her academic work focuses on natural resources, sustainable development and the Chinese economy. She completed her doctoral research at Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu.



PROF. LI YINA

University of Science and Technology of China

Prof. Li Yina contributes expertise in data-informed governance, risk analysis and resilient decision-making. Her participation connects the scientific use of data with the institutional and policy frameworks needed to anticipate complex risks, strengthen preparedness and support cooperation in research infrastructure and digital innovation.

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PROF. KARINA OCHIȘ

Monarch Business School Switzerland, Switzerland Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Prof. Karina Ochiș is Professor of Management and Associate Dean at Monarch Business School Switzerland. She teaches at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and researches leadership, generational change and how organisations adapt to new technologies. She is the author of Gen Z in Work, published by Routledge.



DR IVANA VOJINOVIĆ

Centre for Climate Change, Natural Resources and Energy, University of Donja Gorica

Dr Ivana Vojinović is affiliated with the Centre for Climate Change, Natural Resources and Energy at the University of Donja Gorica. She holds a doctorate in environmental policy, and her work focuses on climate change and environmental governance in Montenegro.



PROF. TOMO POPOVIĆ

University of Donja Gorica

Prof. Tomo Popović works in information technologies, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things and data-driven systems. His research includes the application of digital technologies in agriculture and environmental monitoring, with an emphasis on practical solutions that connect sensors, data platforms and intelligent decision support.



PROF. WERNER RUPPITSCH

Medical University of Innsbruck / University of Donja Gorica

Prof. Werner Ruppitsch is a specialist in molecular microbiology, genomic epidemiology and pathogen surveillance. His work applies advanced genomic methods to the detection, characterisation and tracing of infectious agents, supporting integrated surveillance approaches that connect human, animal and environmental health.



DR MELINE BEGLARYAN

Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies, National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia

Dr Meline Beglaryan heads the Food Security and Nutrient Assessment Group at the Information-Analytical Center for Risk Assessment of Food Chain within CENS. Her research focuses on chemical contaminants, dietary exposure and health risk assessment, connecting environmental monitoring with food safety and public health.



PROF. JELENA MILEŠEVIĆ

Institute for Medical Research, University of Belgrade

Prof. Jelena Milešević is a nutrition researcher whose work focuses on dietary assessment, food-consumption data and public health. Her research supports the development of evidence-based approaches for monitoring diet and nutritional status and for integrating nutrition information into broader public-health surveillance systems.

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS

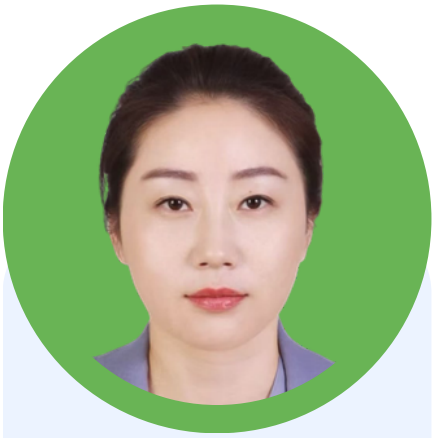
Bringing together perspectives from science, policy, business and innovation.



GIUSEPPE PADERNI

Faculty of Food Technology, Food Safety and Ecology, University of Donja Gorica

Giuseppe Paderni is Deputy Director of the Centre of Excellence (FoodHub) and Head of the Food Quality and Safety Laboratory at the University of Donja Gorica. He trained in industrial chemistry at the University of Parma and worked as a researcher and technologist in industry. At UDG, his work focuses on food quality and authenticity, including laboratory testing of honey and wine and the use of digital tools for traceability.



CHEN JINGXUE

University of Science and Technology of China

Chen Jingxue is Deputy Director of the School Office at the School of Management, University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), with responsibility for foreign affairs approval procedures. Her work supports the school's administration and international activities.



PROF. SRĐAN KRČO

DunavNET / University of Donja Gorica

Prof. Srđan Krčo is an expert in the Internet of Things, digital platforms and technology-based innovation. Through DunavNET and international research initiatives, he has contributed to the development of smart-agriculture solutions that combine sensors, connectivity, data analytics and artificial intelligence.



PROF. LU WEI

University of Science and Technology of China

Prof. Lu Wei contributes expertise in corporate finance, entrepreneurship and business development. His conference contribution examines how financial decision-making, investment models and entrepreneurial capacity can support green innovation and enable sustainability-oriented ideas to move from research towards implementation and market application.



PROF. ADAM SULKOWSKI

Babson College

Prof. Adam Sulkowski is a scholar of law, business and sustainability. His work examines corporate responsibility, environmental governance and the legal frameworks that shape organisational behaviour. He brings a multidisciplinary perspective to the design of accountable, transparent and sustainable innovation ecosystems.



PROF. STEFANIA ZERBINATI

Bayes Business School City St George's, University of London

Prof. Stefania Zerbinati researches entrepreneurship, innovation and the institutional environments in which new ventures develop. Her work considers how entrepreneurial ecosystems, organisations and public institutions interact and how these relationships can encourage sustainable and responsible forms of innovation.

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PROF. DAN KE

Economics and Management School, Wuhan University, China

Prof. Dan Ke is a professor at the Economics and Management School of Wuhan University, China, and holds a PhD in Business Information Systems. His research focuses on electronic commerce and consumer behaviour on digital platforms, including how consumers build trust in online retailers, make repeat purchases and recommend products to others.



PROF. ALEKSANDRA MARTINOVIĆ

FoodHub Centre of Excellence, University of Donja Gorica / FAO Expert

Prof. Aleksandra Martinović is an expert in food safety, food systems and One Health. She leads and contributes to research and capacity-building initiatives that connect scientific evidence with policy and practice, supporting safer, healthier and more sustainable food systems in Montenegro and internationally.



ILIJA MUGOŠA

EIT Community Officer for Montenegro, Centre for Finance

Ilija Mugoša supports the development of connections between Montenegro's innovation community and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. His work promotes access to European innovation programmes, entrepreneurial support, skills development and opportunities for international and cross-border cooperation.



DR MURAT GÜNEŞ

Soleil MNT / Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA)

Dr Murat Güneş is the founder of Soleil MNT and Chair of the Bridging Science and Business Working Group at MCAA. His experience spans micro- and nanotechnology, entrepreneurship and technology transfer. His current MSCA project examines barriers to commercialisation and spin-off development in green and blue deep tech.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

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Prof. Veselin Vukotić
University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro

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Prof. Wei Jiuchang
University of Science and Technology of China, China

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- Prof. Milica Vukotić, University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro
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- Prof. Tomo Popović, University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro
- Prof. Lu Wei, University of Science and Technology of China, China
- Prof. Li Yina, University of Science and Technology of China, China

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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- Ivan Piper, University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro
- Milica Milošević, University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro
- Miljana Rakočević, University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro
- Sanja Nikolić, University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro
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- Liu Yinghua, University of Science and Technology of China, China
- Chen Jingxue, University of Science and Technology of China, China

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

University of Donja Gorica
Oktoih 1, 81000 Podgorica
Montenegro

All conference sessions will take place on the University of Donja Gorica campus. Directional signs and conference volunteers will assist participants in reaching the appropriate rooms.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk will be located at the main entrance of the University of Donja Gorica. Participants are kindly requested to collect their conference badge and materials before attending the first session. Conference badges should be worn throughout the event.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will be held in a hybrid format, with participants attending in person and online. Registered online participants will receive the access link and technical instructions by email before the conference. Participants are kindly requested not to share the access link publicly.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the conference is English.
All times in the programme refer to local time in Podgorica, Montenegro.

PRESENTATIONS

Speakers are kindly requested to submit or upload their presentations before the beginning of their session.
Presentation format: Microsoft PowerPoint or PDF
Screen format: 16:9
Speakers should arrive at the session venue at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start.

INTERNET ACCESS

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available to conference participants.
Network: UDG_Studenti
Password: Student111UDG

COFFEE BREAKS AND LUNCH

Coffee breaks and lunches are included in the conference programme and will be served at the designated areas on the UDG campus. Please inform the Conference Secretariat in advance of any dietary restrictions or allergies.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

The Student Research, Innovation and Art Showcase will take place on 24 November from 14:15 to 15:30.

CONTACT

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The organisers reserve the right to introduce minor changes to the programme where necessary. Any updates will be communicated to registered participants and published through the official conference communication channels.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Montenegro is a small country of remarkable natural and cultural diversity, where the Adriatic coast, historic towns, mountain landscapes and protected natural areas are all within a short distance. Its capital, Podgorica, is the country's principal administrative, educational and economic centre and a growing hub for research, innovation and international cooperation.

Positioned between the Mediterranean and the Western Balkans, Montenegro has a rich cultural heritage and a strong tradition of hospitality. Conference participants are encouraged to use their stay as an opportunity to experience the country's landscapes, cuisine and culture.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Currency
Euro (EUR)

Official language
Montenegrin. English is widely used in universities, hotels, restaurants and tourist areas.

Local time
All conference times follow local time in Podgorica.

Weather
November is generally mild but changeable. Layered clothing and protection from rain are recommended.

Electricity
230 V, 50 Hz. Type C and Type F plugs are commonly used.

Drinking water
Tap water is generally safe to drink.

Airport
Podgorica Airport is the closest international airport to the conference venue.

Emergency number
112

FOOD AND LOCAL CUISINE

Montenegrin cuisine combines Mediterranean, Balkan and continental influences. Local specialities include Njeguški prosciutto and cheese, kačamak, cicvara and priganice, while coastal cuisine features fish, seafood, olive oil and vegetables. Vranac and Krstač are distinctive local wine varieties.

LOCAL CUSTOMS AND HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is an important part of Montenegrin culture. Guests are often welcomed with coffee, food or a local drink, and sharing a meal is regarded as an opportunity for conversation and friendship. A handshake is appropriate in formal settings, while social gatherings generally have a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

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