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Summary of technical details

- **date:** **9th** (Tuesday) **to 11th** (Thursday) **September 2025**
- **venue:** Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University, **Bratislava, Slovakia**
- **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 project, *Carpathian Pastoralism* project
- thematic overlap with **S4C Research Agenda 2022-2030** and SERIGO project

Organisational Structure

- **management committee:** FSES team and S4C collaborators
- **scientific board:**
 - 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

- **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

Thematic Overview of the Conference

- 15+ sessions and side events, nearly 100 abstract submissions
- Amongst the session and events, there will be:
 - **Innovative Methods and Tools for Integrating Economic, Social and Environmental Aspects to Bridge Science-Policy Interface for Better Decisions in Forestry**
 - **Special Session on Ukraine** and collaboration with EU partners

Side events

- **Donors meeting**

- *preliminary confirmation received from: International Visegrad Fund, GIZ EUKI, Habitat for Humanity;*
- *to be approached: Arcadia Fund (Endangered Landscapes), Interreg Central Europe, CERV and Horizon contact points)*

- SERIGO hybrid webinar/workshop on social cohesion in rural areas

- Carpathian producers' and projects' **Market Fair**

- **EU-Ukraine municipal cooperation** meeting

- others (MARGISTAR Cost Action?, S4C meeting, Social-Climate Fund across the Carpathians, and others)

Book Proposal Update

Title: Barriers and opportunities to inclusion and participation of vulnerable groups in the EU Green Deal

MAIN IDEA - to examine the barriers and opportunities to inclusion and participation of vulnerable groups (in general) within the EU green transition

USING - integrating different perspectives, disciplines, vulnerable groups, levels of governance

FOCUS - align with Forum Carpathicum Topics/Papers + by invitation

Keynotes

Policy

Lucia Kiss (Habitat for Humanity, tentatively yes)

Matus Vallo (Mayor of Bratislava, tbc)

Javor Benedek (Representative of the City of Budapest to Brussels, tentatively yes)

Nina Shatberashvili (Sustainable Caucasus)

Science

Carolina Adler (Mountain Research Initiative, tbc)

Ioana Baskerville (Romanian Academy, UNESCO ICH contact point, tentatively yes)

Sonja Vongt (University of Lausanne, tentatively yes)

Florin-Constantin Mihai (University of Iasi, tbc)

Andreas Rodriguez-Pose (LSE, tentatively yes)

Gessa Geissler (Technical University of Berlin, tentatively yes)

Siddharth Saxena (University of Cambridge, tentatively yes)

Thank you for your attention and looking forward to welcoming you at the Forum in September!

Registration open with link and more information available: <https://fses.uniba.sk/zahranicne-vztahy/forum-carpaticum-2025/>

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