

## **15th Youth International Conference & Summer School 2026**

# **NextGen SUSTAINABILITY**

We are very pleased to announce  
**the Call for the 15th ASECU Youth International Conference and  
Summer School** hosted by  
the Faculty of Economics and Finance of University of Rzeszów  
in the period **6-10 July 2026, in Poland.**

The research scope of the event is very broad and is addressed to both students and academic staff in the social sciences, including, e.g. sociology, economics, psychology, and political science. Artificial intelligence is now present across all spheres of life and all fields of science. During the conference and workshops, we will introduce the fundamentals of AI in a clear, practical, and stress-free way. If you are starting from scratch, you are in the right place—we will learn together. No prior knowledge is required, as we will begin with the very basics.

*Location:*

**POLAND**



University of Rzeszów  
Faculty of Economics and Finance  
**place of arrival:** *Mieczysławy Ćwiklińskiej 2,  
35-601 Rzeszów*



*Date:*

**6 - 10 JULY**

## **We are waiting for you!**

**The official language of the Conference is English**

# TIMELINE



# Thematic frameworks

## Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Application of AI in achieving selected Sustainable Development Goals
- AI in climate change mitigation and adaptation (SDG 13)
- AI in sustainable energy systems and energy transition (SDG 7)
- AI in precision agriculture and food security (SDG 2)
- AI in public health and healthcare systems (SDG 3)
- AI in education and equal access to learning opportunities (SDG 4)

## AI, ESG and Responsible Innovation

- The role of AI in ESG reporting and monitoring
- AI as a tool for sustainable and responsible business management
- Automation and social responsibility
- Ethical AI, Explainable AI and governance frameworks
- ESG-related risks associated with AI implementation

## Smart Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure

- AI applications in smart cities
- AI-driven management of transport, energy and urban resources
- Digital twins for sustainable urban development
- AI and quality of life in urban environments
- Sustainable urban and regional planning supported by AI

## Circular Economy and Green Technologies

- AI in circular economy models
- Optimization of recycling processes using AI
- AI solutions for reducing resource waste
- Green technological innovations supported by AI
- AI and carbon footprint measurement and reduction

## AI for Social Sustainability

- AI and the future of work and skills
- Social impacts of automation and digital transformation
- AI for inclusiveness, diversity and social equality
- Technology and global inequalities
- AI applications in public policy and governance

### **International and Regional Perspectives**

- Comparative approaches to AI and SDGs in Europe, Asia and the Americas
- Regulatory and cultural differences in AI adoption
- International cooperation for AI-driven sustainable development
- Country case studies from Summer School participants

### **Student Projects and Concept Papers**

- Conceptual papers combining AI and sustainability
- Results of team-based projects developed during workshops
- Proofs of concept, prototypes and business models
- Project pitch decks transformed into academic papers

### **Methodological and Educational Aspects**

- Teaching AI and SDGs in higher education
- Interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability education
- Design Thinking methods in AI projects
- Learning by doing – educational outcomes of the Summer School

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## **Guidelines for preparing papers**



**Abstract  
template**



**Article  
template**

### **Journals:**

- Wiadomości Statystyczne. The Polish Statistician
- South-Eastern Europe Journal of Economics
- Social Inequalities and Economic Growth
- Transborder Economics International Journal on Transborder Economics, Politics and Statistics

*Papers will be reviewed in accordance with the journal's guidelines.*

# Cost of participation

<i>Priority</i> <b>Students of an ASECU member University <u>with paper presentation</u></b>	<b>160 euro</b>
<i>Priority</i> <b>Students of a non ASECU member University <u>with paper presentation</u></b>	<b>200 euro</b>
<b>Students (from ASECU members and/or non ASECU members Universities) <u>without paper presentation</u></b>	<b>250 euro</b>
<b>Professors from ASECU member Universities/ non ASECU member Universities <u>with lecture</u> who accompany at least 3 students</b>	<b>free</b>
<b>Professors from ASECU member Universities/ non ASECU member Universities <u>without lecture</u> who accompany at least 5 students</b>	<b>free</b>
<b>Professors from ASECU member Universities/ non ASECU member Universities accompanying <u>less students than the above mentioned categories</u></b>	<b>100 euro</b>
<b>Accompanying persons (limited number for husbands/wives/children)</b>	<b>250 euro</b>

*The fee covers the cost of accommodation, meals, and participation in summer school activities.*

## Tsekouras Prize for Young Economists

**All the presented papers will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee consisting of the participating professors for the “Tsekouras Prize for Young Economists”!**

**More information:**

**<http://www.asecu.gr/tsekouras-prize-for-young-economist.html>**

# Welcome to Poland, Rzeszów!



Get ready to discover a country where a rich, over a thousand-year-old history and beautiful, diverse nature create a unique whole. Poland is a country with a long tradition – its first historical events are dated back to 966! Moreover, Poland is located in the heart of Europe and is a country of contrasts, mainly due to its diverse terrain – there are mountains (the Tatras, the Sudetes), lowlands, lake districts and highlands. These places are used for both leisure and sightseeing tourism. Poland's cultural tourist attractions include cities with historic buildings, UNESCO World Heritage sites, museums with many valuable exhibitions, and places of religious worship, such as Częstochowa.

The capital of Poland is Warsaw, a city with a population of about two million. Warsaw is located on the Wisła, the longest river in the country. The capital, like the whole country, is a city of contrasts – modern skyscrapers stand opposite historic tenement houses. Warsaw is a dynamic city, combining history and modernity, where modern attractions, monuments, and a rich cultural and entertainment life complement each other. The city is a home to one of the most modern science centres – the Copernicus Science Centre, where visitors can learn about science, nature and technology through experiences, experiments and interactive exhibitions. Visitors can test the laws of physics by themselves, discover the secrets of human body and understand the phenomena occurring in nature.

In the south-east of Poland lies Rzeszów – the capital of the Podkarpackie voivodeship and innovation – a young-at-heart, rapidly developing and lively city. Known for its innovation, universities and friendly atmosphere, it combines modern infrastructure with proximity to nature. Walking through the Rzeszów market square or relaxing by the Wisłok River, it is easy to feel the unique atmosphere of Podkarpacie. The city has two large state universities – the University of Rzeszów and the Rzeszów University of Technology – as well as several private universities.

## Information for travellers:

**Poland belongs to the Schengen area.**

**The official language is Polish, but many people speak English.**

**The climate in Poland is moderate.**

**The currency is Złoty (PLN), but payment cards are widely accepted.**

**Poland has a well-developed train and bus network, so it is worth using public transport.**

# Accommodation



The planned accommodation is at the Merkury and Hilton student halls of residence on the Zalesie Campus on Mieczysławy Ćwiklińskiej Street. These buildings offer comfortable conditions for studying and living. In front of the buildings, there is a sports field and a car park.

The flats in both halls of residence have a segmented layout – each segment consists of two double rooms, i.e. a total of four people. In addition, the residents of a given segment share a hall, a separate bathroom with a shower and a toilet. The building also has shared kitchens and a billiard room.

**About our  
University...**



**...and our city,  
Rzeszów!**

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