

First ENGAGE.EU Conference  
Early-Stage Researchers &  
Young Scholars



# CALL FOR PAPERS

**BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN EUROPE:  
ADDRESSING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES &  
DEVELOPING NEW PERSPECTIVES**

**23-24 June 2022**

University of National and World Economy | Sofia

## Conference Objectives

The major goal of the Conference is to bring together early-stage researchers and young scholars affiliated to ENGAGE.EU partner institutions e.g. junior faculty members, post-docs, and PhD students. It is expected to foster communication and future collaboration between representatives of the target groups from all partner universities.

Participants will have opportunities to meet in person or online and to present their work-in-progress or pieces of finished research work at an international forum with a predominant participation of peers. There are no limits on the type of research work to be presented, including conceptual, empirical, or position papers. After the Conference, the final versions of submitted papers will be published in Conference Proceedings or other possible channels.

## Conference Topics

1. Sustainable business development and innovation: challenges, policies, reactions, perspectives, new insights
2. European businesses and societies in the post-Covid world: challenges, policies, perspectives
3. Perspectives of European integration, security, and conflict resolution: legal and political dimensions
4. Health and wellbeing: inequality, poverty, access to health care, social exclusion
5. Migration policies and practices: management, integration, repatriation

## Conference Programme Board (ENGAGE.EU Team)

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## Local Organizing Committee (UNWE Team)

Dr. Venelin Boshnakov (Coordinator), Dr. Svetla Boneva & Dr. Sabrina Kalinkova

## Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission:

**April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Notification of acceptance of abstract:

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Deadlines for submission of full papers:

(1) for publication in Conference Proceedings only:

**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

(2) for publication in a supporting journal:

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## Participation Fee

There is no fee for participants affiliated with the ENGAGE.EU partners (faculty members or students). Participants need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Coffee/tea, buffet lunch and dinner will be provided by UNWE.

## Prizes and Publication Opportunities

The Conference will provide a set of prizes – a selection Committee constituted by the Conference Board will grant

*"Sofia Best Paper Award for Young ENGAGE.EU Scholar"  
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Prize.*

With the consent of the author, the prize-winning papers will be submitted for publishing in the *Economic Alternatives Journal* (Scopus indexed UNWE journal).

All submitted final versions of the papers will pass a blind review process. Conference Proceedings will be submitted for indexation to Web of Science Conference Proceedings Citation Index.

In the case that authors do not wish to opt for publishing their papers in the Conference Proceedings, there will be other opportunities for publishing (following a reviewer's recommendation and respective revision). These papers can be further submitted to the editorial board of UNWE Yearbook (Godishnik na UNSS – RePEc indexed journal).

### Application Information

Application requires a submission of a title and abstract (max. 200 words). Please check the Conference website for more information:

<https://www.unwe.bg/engageeu-conference>

### Conference Agenda (draft)

#### *Day 0 – Wednesday, June 22nd*

Traveling to the venue

#### *Day 1 – Thursday, June 23rd*

08:30 – 09:00 Registration  
09:00 – 09:15 Official opening  
09:15 – 10:30 Keynote session 1  
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break  
10:45 – 12:45 Plenary session 1  
12:45 – 13:30 Lunch break  
13:30 – 15:30 Plenary session 2  
16:00 – 19:00 Cultural program  
19:30 Dinner

#### *Day 2 – Friday, June 24th*

09:00 – 10:30 Keynote session 2  
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break  
10:45 – 12:45 Plenary session 3  
12:45 – 13:30 Lunch break  
13:30 – 15:30 Plenary session 4  
15:30 – 16:00 Best Paper Awards  
16:00 – 19:00 Cultural program  
19:30 Dinner

#### *Day 3 – Saturday, June 25th*

Traveling home

### Accommodation

Participants will receive additional details and booking instructions upon acceptance of their paper abstract as well as full assistance by the local organizing committee.

**General information:** For any enquiries please contact us: [engage2022@unwe.bg](mailto:engage2022@unwe.bg)

