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# THE 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON AGRI-FOOD LOGISTICS

**Entrepreneurship, Innovations  
and Technologies for Sustainable  
Development of Agri-Food  
Supply Chains under conditions  
of uncertainty**

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## THEME AND BACKGROUND

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are today the most crucial signpost of sustainable development for all economic, social and environmental operators. They also provide vital guidelines for the development of logistics in the agri-food market, which is an essential aggregate of the economies of almost all countries. Their implementation is particularly relevant to the functioning of sustainable food supply chains.

Today, the most critical objectives referred to by the activities of food supply chains is SDG 9 in linkage with SDG 17. The first one concerns building resilient infrastructure, promoting sustainable industrialisation and supporting innovation while the second challenges partnerships to achieve the goals. The primary task of supply chains in this context remains integration and cooperation, based on which innovations generate in collaboration with both suppliers and other stakeholders in the supply chain. It leads to open innovation, builds sustainable development targets and strengthens infrastructure for necessary activities within the food supply chain. It is essential to innovate and support the partners by transferring knowledge, technologies and integrate their needs and aspirations into strategies implemented within the most efficient and effective global supply chains.

To make the 2030 Agenda a reality, broad ownership of the SDGs must translate into a strong commitment by all stakeholders to implement the global goals. The Forum aims to help

facilitate this engagement by opening scientific discussion on the ways to align food supply chains practices with UN SDGs, in particular, SDG 9 in linkage with SDG 17. They embrace ISO 14001 environmental management system, strategic supply chain collaboration, supply chain integration system, supplier sustainability assessment and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Sustainable food supply chains are a guarantee of ensuring countries' food security in terms of quantity and quality while reducing the negative impacts on the environment. The task is not an easy one. The dynamic changes in eco-systems like technological development (e.g. digitisation processes), internationalisation and globalisation of supply chains, social changes (which generate pressure for the greening of logistical operations, especially material recycling and reduction of waste) makes it even more difficult.

The conditions of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, even more, highlighted all the previous challenges. Its occurrence contributes to changes in the existing logistical paradigms. The changes that are taking place in global supply chains (seeking solutions for, among other things, supply disruptions, new ways and techniques of monitoring and controlling them, etc.) have provoked heated discussion both among practitioners and scientists. They jointly undertake to work out solutions that would make it possible to anticipate such situations in the future, or at least partly counteract them, or mitigate their effects.

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## MAIN TOPICS

- 1) Sustainable food supply chains
- 2) Application of new techniques and IT in supply food chain
- 3) Food losses and waste in the agribusiness sector
- 4) Agri-food clusters and their linkage with the development of innovation and sustainability principles
- 5) Legal determinants of the functioning of food supply chains
- 6) Corporate Social Responsibility in the agri-food system

## POSTER SESSION

This year, we would like to promote young scientists participation. The poster session is mainly devoted to presentations of Bachelor, MSc and PhD students.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**March 15, 2021** – Submission of extended abstracts

**March 30, 2021** – Notification of abstract acceptance

**April 15, 2021** – Early bird registration and payment

**June 23-25, 2021** – International Forum days

**July 15, 2021** – Full paper submission

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**The Conference is planned in a hybrid form (depending on the situation, on-site and/or online sessions are scheduled) - Up-to-date information will be posted on the website - see:**

„Important information”:

<http://www1.up.poznan.pl/agrifoodlogistics/en/>

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Two books are planned to be published within the Conference:

1. **Contemporary challenges of sustainable food supply chains**
2. **Legal aspects of sustainable development of food supply chains**

If you are interested in preparing a chapter, please contact the Organising Committee.

Submitted extended abstracts (2-4 pages) in English, after positive acceptance, will be published in the conference proceedings.

Please also note that it is possible to publish the full paper in one of the forth journals, which partner with our Conference. These are:

**AGRICULTURE**

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**EKONOMIKA I ORGANIZACJA LOGISTYKI**

**JOURNAL OF AGRIBUSINESS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**INTERCATHEDRA**

The publishing of the full paper will be possible after fulfilling the requirements of the Publisher.

Detailed requirements can be found on the conference website:

Publication opportunities – please see website:

<http://www1.up.poznan.pl/agrifoodlogistics/en/publikacja/>

More information and registration form can be found on the conference website:

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