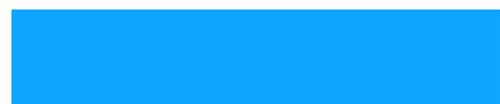


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**EU AFTER THE COVID-19 CRISIS:
OUTCOMES, LESSONS LEARNED,
PERSPECTIVES**



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Via Microsoft Teams Platform

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused dramatic human losses worldwide and poses an unprecedented challenge to public health, employment and the economy. The economic and social collapse caused by the pandemic is devastating: tens of millions of people are at risk of extreme poverty, and millions of businesses face an existential threat. Those employed in the informal economy are particularly vulnerable, as the majority lack social protection and access to quality health care. In the COVID-19 crisis, food security, public health and employment are major challenges. Particular attention should be paid to the situation of women. The COVID-19 pandemic is much more than a health crisis: it affects societies and economies at their core. The impact of the pandemic varies from country to country and is likely to increase global poverty and inequality, making sustainable development goals achievement even more difficult.

The EU's response to the pandemic includes a number of actions in different directions – providing vaccines, financial support for overcoming the economic and social consequences of the pandemic, greater investment in research, steps to create a EU health union, combating misinformation and fake news, etc.

Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on society, the economy and vulnerable groups is essential to better target the response of the EU institutions and Member States to the crisis. In such a context, the Bulgarian European Studies Association (BESA) invites scholars from different fields in social sciences to join this discussion on the widest range of specific scientific and applied issues related to the effects and lessons of the pandemic.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

10.00 – 10.20 - Official opening

10.20 – 12.30 - Module I. "*Institutional, Legal and Political Implications and Responses*"

12.30 – 13.30 - Lunch break

13.30 – 15.30 - Module II. "*Economic and Social Implications and responses*"

15.30 – 16.00 - Final remarks and Conclusions

Conditions for participation

1. The deadline for the submission of proposals is the 15th of February 2022 to the following e-mail: dimitar_h@abv.bg. The application should include: report title, author's name and first name, abstract and key words. The abstract should consist of up to 300 – 350 words in each of the conference languages – Bulgarian and English. The report may present an individual or collective work.
2. The abstract is reviewed by the Editorial Board and the candidate is informed whether his/her report has been admitted to the conference by March 1, 2022.
3. During the conference each participant makes a short presentation (10–15 minutes) of his/her report and takes part in the discussion.
4. The final manuscripts for publishing in the Conference Proceedings (in Bulgarian or English) shall be sent to the above e-mail address by April 1, 2022 at the latest. The Editorial Board shall review the manuscripts and, if necessary, give additional instructions to the authors.
5. The Conference Proceedings will have an ISBN and will be published on the BESA website [/www.becsa-bg.eu/](http://www.becsa-bg.eu/).

Guide for authors

1. Manuscripts should be between 4,500 and 7,000 words in length (including references, tables and figures).
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9. Reference style – Citations in the text should follow the Harvard referencing style. In the section "References", the references should be arranged first alphabetically and then further sorted chronologically if necessary. More than one reference from the same author(s) in the same year must be identified by the letters "a", "b", "c", etc., placed after the year of publication.
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