

International Conference

NextGen SUSTAINABILITY

Data, Artificial Intelligence and Sustainable Transformation

Date: 6 July 2026

Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Place: Aleksandra Zelwerowicza 8b,
35-601 Rzeszów – **D9-108**

Plenary Session - 10:00 - 12:00

From Reliable Statistics to Responsible Innovation

Paul Schmerold - Holy Cross College at Notre Dame USA
Centers for Teaching and Learning in an AI-informed World

Marek Cierpiął-Wolan - *President of Statistics Poland*
Big Data and Artificial Intelligence in a Changing World: Challenges and Directions for Development

Rifat Hossain - *Director of Development - World Health Organisation*
Intelligence for Equity: Governing AI so that Sustainable Development Reaches Everyone - Lessons from Global Health./ Switzerland

Grzegorz Kunicki - *FormalFoundry*
Verified AI, Verified Economics: How Formal Proof Systems Will Reshape Finance, Law, and the Decisions You'll Make/Poland

coffee break - 12:00 - 12:30

Panel discussion I - 12:30 - 13:30

Evidence-Based Sustainability: Statistics, Data Quality and AI for the SDGs

- **Renata Bielak** - *Deputy President of the Polish Statistics*
- **Grigoris Zarotiadis** - *Member of the Board of Governance of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/ President Association of South Eastern Europe Economic Universities (ASECU)*
- **Leonid Nakov** - *Saints Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje/ North Macedonia*
- **Fuad Ganbarov** - *Institute of Economics of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan/ Baku/ Azerbaijan*

Panel discussion II - 13:45 - 14:45

AI-Driven Regional Innovation: Business, Universities and Sustainable Development in Practice

- **Prodromos Prodromidis** - *Centre for Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) Athens/Greece*
- **Jarosław Reczek** - *Subcarpathian Chamber of Commerce – General Director/ Poland*
- **Robert Celó** - *Vice Dean at the Faculty of Economics at "Eqrem Çabej" University in Gjirokastra, Albania*
- **Mateusz Zych** - *Deloitte Central Europe BSC – Senior Operational Excellence Manager, Rzeszów / Poland*
- **Ivan Dimitrov** - *University of World Economy, Sofia/Bulgaria*



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