



Announcement/Call

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE:

“DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES AND LABOR MARKET DYNAMICS - CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ALBANIA, KOSOVO AND THE REGION”

Organized by:

Albanian Academy of Sciences

and

Kosovo Academy of Sciences and Arts

10 - 11 October 2025

Tirana

The main objective of the joint conference organized by the Albanian Academy of Sciences (ASHSH) and the Kosovo Academy of Sciences and Arts (ASHAK) is the scientific study and analysis of issues related to demographic change and labor market dynamics, viewed within a broader perspective, as part of the sustainable development challenges facing Albania, Kosovo, and the region.

The conference will serve as a platform for sharing ideas and presenting concrete studies and analyses focused on the evolving issues of demographic change and labor market dynamics—critical elements in the economic and social development of Albania and Kosovo. The main goal is to present concrete and up-to-date proposals and suggestions from the academic and scientific community, political decision-makers, civil society and international institutions, the business community, and others.

The conference will be organized and held as an international scientific event, featuring prominent international professors and researchers in these fields. It also aims to establish institutional partnerships in its organization with other national and international actors, academic and scientific institutions, and the Governments of Albania and Kosovo, among others.

The complete conference materials will be published in two formats: an abstract summary (to be ready during the conference) and a special publication including all participant presentations (as scientific articles), to be published during the first quarter of 2026.

The conference will consist of a plenary session (preceded by welcoming remarks) with 6–8 presentations, and two thematic sessions with 8–10 presentations each. Additionally, other papers will be accepted for Poster presentations (which will also be included in the publication of the conference materials).

The conference aims to stimulate debate on current developments, new ideas, key approaches and theories, policies and strategies, as well as shared concerns and challenges in the fields of demographic change and labor market dynamics—seen as part of the sustainable development challenges in Albania, Kosovo, and the region:

- Economic growth and employment – key factors for sustainable development.
- “Translating” economic growth into well-being – challenges and policies.
- Challenges of sustainable development in Albania and Kosovo.
- Informality and well-being – influencing factors and future challenges.
- The impact of demographic developments on the labor market, wage policies, and pensions.
- The impact of emigration on demographic changes in Albania and Kosovo.
- The effects of emigration and migration on private entrepreneurship and the labor market.
- Labor market organization and vocational training in Albania and Kosovo.
- Productivity of production factors (labor and capital), economic growth, and sustainable development.
- Digitalization and new technologies as a response to demographic pressures on the labor market.
- Demographic expectations of the population and implications for the development model and public finances.
- Human capital and the labor market – harmonization of professional qualifications and certifications; labor mobility between the two countries; strategies to prevent brain drain.
- Human capital and technology: the role of higher education and scientific research institutions.

-Digital economy and innovation – start-ups and the innovation ecosystem in Albania and Kosovo; artificial intelligence and its role in economic development.

-European integration and economic competitiveness – a stimulus for accelerated economic growth.

-New industrial policies in the context of today's geostrategic and geoeconomic rivalries.

Deadlines:

- 1. Announcement of the call for participation in the conference: May 5, 2025**
2. Expression of interest/proposed topic (plus a short abstract of the topic and a Bio of the author(s): by June 15, 2025
3. Notification of acceptance of the topic by the organizing committee: July 5, 2025
4. Submission of papers by the author(s) in full version: September 30, 2025
5. Conference development: October 10-11, 2025
6. Full publication of the conference materials: April 2026
7. TIRANE

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