



Invitation: Call for author contributions to the  
18<sup>th</sup> IRDO International Conference  
**INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE and  
SOCIALY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2023:**  
*Empowering Society, Environment and Economy for Sustainability.*  
(INOVATIVNA TRAJNOSTNA in DRUŽBENO ODGOVORNA DRUŽBA 2023:  
*Opolnomočiti družbo, okolje in gospodarstvo za trajnost.*)  
**8–9 June 2023, Maribor, Slovenia, European Union, ONLINE**  
*The conference SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2023 is also the 3<sup>rd</sup> IRDO & Citizens'  
Initiative for an Integral Green Slovenia National Conference.*



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#### Dates:

- ✚ 30 December 2022 – call for papers opening
- ✚ 10 February 2023 – abstract submission
- ✚ 20 February 2023 – information of acceptance
- ✚ 10 April 2023 – paper submission
- ✚ 10 May 2023 – conference programme
- ✚ 8-9 June 2023 – **IRDO 2023 International Conference**

#### Conference venue

ONLINE

#### Official language:

✚ English

#### Organiser Info:

IRDO – Institute for the Development of Social Responsibility (IRDO – Inštitut za razvoj družbene odgovornosti),  
Cesta 13. julija 65 a, SI-1261 Ljubljana – Dobrunje, Slovenia, Europe,  
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are kindly invited to the **18<sup>th</sup> IRDO International Conference INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE and SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2023: *Empowering Society, Environment and Economy for Sustainability***, to be held on 8 and 9 June 2023 **online**, with your contribution (paper) and/or participate as a participant.

*In 2022 we have recognised that the current global environmental, social, economic, and political crisis is destroying life on Earth, including humankind. We need to accept this fact, and we must, and we can try to solve this disastrous development in order to enable the current and coming generations to survive. **Action for a more innovative, sustainable, and socially responsible society is urgent. Join-in to the conference and suggest what and how to empower all segments of our socio-economic environment to support the ecosystems self-governing mechanisms.***

»We are in the fight of our lives.

And we are losing.

Greenhouse gas emissions keep growing.

Global temperatures keep rising.

And our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible.

We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator.«

(UN Secretary-General António Guterres, UNFCCC COP 27, 2022).

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*A similar warning was also exposed at the 2022 UN conference on biodiversity. **Nature requires human society to either be innovative, sustainable, and socially responsible or disappear from Earth. This trouble results from human lack of social responsibility, mostly.***

In 2022, the energy and gas supply crisis, a rise in food prices, inflation, and more than thirty war-like processes remind us to **balance our needs and the planet's resources by innovation and respecting sustainability and social responsibility**. *Interdependence, holistic and systemic approach, and everyone's responsibility are not practiced enough (ISO 26000).* **You are asked to contribute, join us and report on your findings and suggestions, please.**

**Conference theme: *Empowering Society, Environment and Economy for Sustainability***

Therefore, we kindly invite you to participate in the conference to share your experiences, views, and suggestions with researchers, top consultants, experts, and experienced practitioners from around the globe. Young authors, high school and university students involved in educational processes are warmly welcome, too.

We kindly invite You to present original papers and report about your contributions and plans in creating a local or global, scientific or applied way out of the current crisis towards a more balanced, innovative, sustainable, and socially responsible way of living and working! **Every viewpoint matters. So far, over 1 500 authors from all over the world have participated in the previous seventeen IRDO conferences.** Previous conference proceedings can be found here: <https://www.irdo.si/en/irdo-conference/>



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**Submission documents:**

1. The registration form
2. Copyright statement to the organisers of the Conference & Your Paper Abstract
3. A Word Template with technical instructions for Your Paper

**Abstracts** should contain up to 250 words (12–15 lines) and be complemented by up to 6 keywords. Authors submitting relevant abstracts will be invited to present short papers at the conference.

**Short Papers** should be 2 500–4 000 words long (5–8 pages). Conference papers will be double peer-reviewed. Accepted papers will be published in an electronic book of papers (ISBN), the IRDO book series “Social Responsibility”.

Selected conference papers may be adapted to **full papers** and invited for submission to scientific journals, e.g. Our Economy, <http://www.ng-epf.si/index.php/ngoe>. There they will undergo the journal editorial processes.

**Language:** the official conference language is English.

## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration fee (it depends on the form of participation)	Online registration fee	
	Early bird (until 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023)	Regular (from 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023)
• Regular Authors (individuals and companies)	100 €	150 €
• IRDO and affiliated organisations members, second and third paper of authors of accepted papers	80 €	120 €
• Registration fee for participants without author's papers	50 €	75 €
• Students (under 30), unemployed and retired authors and/or participants	For free	For free

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**Donations and sponsorships:**

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Please send us your registration form and abstract proposal as soon as possible to: [info@irdo.si](mailto:info@irdo.si).



**Payment due date and instructions:**

The registration fee must be transferred no later than 31 May 2023.

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Proof of payment: Participants will receive an original invoice as proof of payment of the conference fee.

**Additional information:**

The registration fee includes lectures at the conference, and proceedings. VAT is not included in the stated conference fee (IRDO is not liable for VAT). The official language of the conference is English, unless only Slovenian-speaking participants will be present at a particular session. Invited lecturers in plenary lectures do not pay the registration fee for the conference. All other authors pay the conference fee as written in the table. Students and seniors need to identify their status. An invoice will be issued based on your payment. In case of cancellation before 10 May 2023, 50 % of the registration fee will be refunded, after 10 May 2023 the registration fee will not be refunded. Participants without copyright contributions must also register for the conference with an application form and pay the registration fee.

Kindly invited,

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