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Conference venue: ONLINE from Slovenia

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are kindly invited to participate at the **19th IRDO International Conference INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE and SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2024: ESG (environmental, social, governance) aspects in theory and practice & Learning and action for sustainability and green transition**, to be held on **12-13 June 2024, online**, as authors and/or members of active audience. The conference SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2024 includes also the **4th IRDO & Citizens' Initiative for an Integral Green Slovenia Conference**. Organizers are **IRDO – Institute for the Development of Social Responsibility, University of Maribor, Citizens' Initiative for an Integral Green Slovenia, and Science and Research Centre Koper**.

UN Global activities within Agenda 2030 and its 17 sustainability development goals ([UN, 2015](#)) provide significant incentives to change our world. [Paris Agreement](#), signed in 2015 focuses on climate change and our impacts on them (UNFCC, 2015). From 2019, the EU is focusing its policies, legislation, and practices towards green transition ([European Council, 2019](#)).

Yet changes are slow, and some targets have experienced no progress or, even worse, regression below the 2015 baseline, as stated in [The Sustainable Development Goals Report](#) (UN, 2023). Today we face a triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. We have transgressed many planetary safe zones. None of the environmental SDGs and the main internationally agreed environmental goals (e.g. Paris Agreement) will be achieved. The prospects for achieving the social and economic SDGs are also bleak. On the other hand, solutions that are already being implemented bring opportunities for the well-being of all.

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The environmental, social, and governance aspects of our daily lives are guiding us towards fostering awareness about our lifestyle choices, identifying challenges, and recognizing their long-term consequences. The call for sustainable engagement, transparent reporting, and responsible governance necessitates the adoption of innovative tools, methodologies, and standards. Consideration of the double materiality matrix, value chain, ESG KPIs (Key Performance Indicators), internal organizational structure, and effective communication of social responsibility and sustainability is crucial. Our transformation extends beyond business models, reflecting an increasing awareness of our responsibility towards the Earth, ourselves, and future generations.

*50 years after the Club of Rome report [The Limits to Growth](#) (Meadows et al., 1972), several of the world's leading experts and institutions have produced a new report: *Earth for All – A Survival Guide to Humanity - [Earth4All](#)* (Dixson-Declève et al., 2022). They concluded that despite warnings, it is possible, desirable, and even essential to be optimistic about our collective future: the next decade must see the fastest economic transformation in history, the Giant Leap scenario. To help humanity avert ecological and social catastrophe, societies must adopt unprecedented and immediate systemic action across five interconnected turnarounds: poverty, inequality, empowerment, food, and energy. The possibilities to implement this scenario will be explored from the global, European, and Slovenian perspectives, with a special focus on the ongoing European green transition, here.*



Effective implementation of ambitious policies for green transition requires empowerment in sustainability competencies to help humans develop agency, and form a knowledge basis for everyone who cares about our planet's present and future state. Where do we stand in this respect – as local, national, European, and global communities, and as individuals? How far have our educational and other informative systems reached on this path, and how can we support these processes?

Action and learning for a more innovative, sustainable, and socially responsible society are urgent. By joining the conference, you will help to co-create the scientific-based wisdom for renewing our unsustainable systems, from societies and communities to businesses and ourselves.

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

Looking to see you at the conference soon.

Kindly invited,

On behalf of the Program and Organizational Committees of the 19th IRDO Conference,

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SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Conference themes:

- **ESG (environmental, social, governance) aspects in theory and practice**
- **Learning and action for sustainability and green transition**

Conference subtopics:

- Legislation and international documents,
- ESG focused education,
- Sustainable business models (ESG) in practice,
- Earth for All: Economic transformation for sustainability and turnarounds in poverty, inequality, empowerment, food, and energy systems,
- Systems thinking and systems innovations for the transition to a fairer, greener economy and society,
- Learning and education for sustainability and green transition, including reforms for a green transition in educational systems,
- and all other topics, relevant for a transition to the innovative sustainable and socially responsible society,
- AI: a tool for communication or control, even abuse?
- and more.

Conference proceedings

Conference papers will be double peer-reviewed and published in an electronic book of papers (ISBN), the IRDO book series "Social Responsibility" and will be freely available.

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Language: the official conference language is English.

Participation fee:

Registration fee depends on the form of participation.	Online registration fee			
	Early bird (until 30 th April 2024)		Regular (from 1 st May 2024)	
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- Intent: IRDO Conference 2024
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- The official language of the conference is English, unless only Slovenian-speaking participants will be present at a particular session. Invited lecturers and plenary lecturers are waved from paying the conference registration.
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