

Invitation and Call for Papers
To
The International Scientific Conference
**“Bridging Digital Divides: Skills, Inclusion and Socio-
Economic Transformation”**

which will take place on **20th – 21st May 2026**

Venue (hybrid format):
**Faculty of Economics and Finance, Bratislava University of Economics and
Business, Bratislava, Slovakia / Online (Ms Teams)**

The Conference is organized to present and discuss current research and policy developments related to digital transformation, digital inclusion, skills development and socio-economic transformation in the digital era.



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CONFERENCE THEMES

1. Digital Divide and Inclusive Digital Development (ODDEA track)

- determinants of digital development gaps
- regional and global digital divides
- access to digital infrastructure and digital services
- digitalisation and economic development
- measurement of digital readiness and digital development
- comparative studies of digital transformation

2. Digital Skills, Education and Workforce Transformation (EDSAW track)

- digital skills and labour market transformation
- reskilling and upskilling for the digital economy
- lifelong learning and digital competencies
- digital education and training systems
- digitalisation in social economy organisations
- organisational capabilities for digital transformation

3. Digital Governance, Public Policy and Societal Impacts (STICS track)

- digital governance and regulatory frameworks
- evaluation of digital policies and programmes
- digital public services and e-government
- digitalisation and welfare systems
- policy responses to digital inequalities
- comparative digital policy strategies

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Conference Overview

Digital transformation is reshaping economies, labour markets and public institutions worldwide. On one hand, digital technologies create new opportunities for economic growth, innovation and improved public services, on the other hand, they also generate new forms of inequality between countries, regions, organisations and individuals.

Therefore, understanding of the drivers of digital divides and identifying effective strategies to promote inclusive digital development has become a key challenge for researchers, policymakers and practitioners.

This international conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners to discuss new research and policy insights on digital transformation, digital inclusion, skills development and the broader socio-economic impacts of digitalisation and innovation.

The conference will provide a multidisciplinary platform for presenting empirical research, theoretical contributions and policy-oriented studies to addressing the challenges of current development.

Selected contributions will be published in **peer-reviewed conference proceedings with ISBN**.



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Join us for this dissemination, knowledge sharing and networking event to exchange knowledge, ideas and create new cooperation opportunities!

Submission Guidelines

Researchers, doctoral candidates and practitioners are invited to submit extended abstracts presenting original research relevant to the conference themes.

Submissions may include:

- Empirical research papers
- Theoretical contributions
- Policy papers
- Comparative study papers

Abstracts should include:

- Title of the paper
- Author(s) and affiliation(s)
- 300–500 word abstract
- Preferred conference track
- 3–5 keywords

All submissions must be written in **English**

Important Dates

- Call for papers announced: **March 2026**
- Abstract submission deadline: **25th April 2026**



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- Notification of acceptance: **within 7 days from the submission of the abstract 2026**
- Conference dates: **20th –21st May 2026**

Conference Registration Fees

Conference registration fee (onsite):

- EUR 300 (full registration fee)
- EUR 200 (discounted fee - graduate students/co-authors)

Conference registration fee (online):

- EUR 150 (full registration fee)
- EUR 100 (discounted fee – graduate students/co-authors)

The conference fee is to be paid via:

Option 1: Bank transfer to the following account:

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The registration fee (onsite) includes access to all conference presentation events, published peer reviewed conference proceedings with ISBN in the electronic form, lunches during conference days, conference dinner and coffee breaks.

The registration fee (online) includes access to all conference presentation events (in online mode), published peer reviewed conference proceedings with ISBN in the electronic form.

Notes:

Seconded researchers of the ODDEA project are waved the conference attendance fee.

Participants from the EDSAW project consortium are waved the conference attendance fee.

Participants from the STICS project consortium are waved the conference attendance fee.



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Practical Information

Participants, who wish to present a paper should submit an extended abstract/full paper together with the registration form. The submitted extended abstract/full paper will be peer reviewed and the decision on the outcome of their submission will be issued **within 10 days from the submission**.

The template for the extended abstract is available [HERE](#)

The template for the full paper is available [HERE](#)

All participants are required to fill in the registration form, which is available [HERE](#)

Contact Information

Conference coordinator:

Bratislava University of Economics and Business (EUBA)

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The number of participants is limited. Register now!



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