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ANNUAL THEMATIC SEMINAR FOR PHD STUDENTS

"RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INTELLIGENT DEVELOPMENT"

9 November 2026

119 Tsarigradsko Shose Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria

The event is organized within the framework
of Project BG05SFPR001-3.004-0005
"Supporting Innovation and Growth by Conducting Doctoral Research",
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I. ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The Annual Thematic Seminar for PhD Students is hosted by the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, facilitated by the Institute for Scientific Research and Doctoral Students. This event is part of project BG05SFPR001-3.004-0005 “Supporting Innovation and Growth by Conducting Doctoral Research” which is executed under the Programme “Education” 2021–2027, Priority 3 “Linking Education with the Labor Market,” and co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

The event will take place in person and seeks to establish a national academic platform for showcasing the findings of dissertation research conducted within the context of the doctoral studies project, as well as for the exchange of institutional experiences related to the implementation of activities under the procedure.

The forum seeks to advance project-based doctoral studies as a means of enhancing scientific potential, fostering innovation, and reinforcing the link between scientific research, technological advancement, and socio-economic priorities within the framework of Industry 5.0, the green transition, blue growth, and ISIS 2021–2027.

The seminar is accessible to both project doctoral candidates and doctoral students whose research aligns with the thematic focus of the event.



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II. SCIENTIFIC SECTION

The scientific component of the seminar encompasses the presentation of dissertation research findings, aligned with the priorities of the Program “Education” 2021–2027 and the procedure BG05SFPR001-3.004 “Support for the Development of Project-Based Doctoral Studies.” In accordance with the criteria for relevance and significance pertaining to Industry 5.0, the green transition, blue growth, and the thematic areas of ISIS 2021–2027, the papers must demonstrate a contribution to innovative development, digital and ecological transformation, sustainable resource management, and the establishment of a competitive and socially sustainable economy.

The emphasis is on the execution of interdisciplinary and application-driven research targeting technological solutions, sustainable management models, and innovative educational practices, with the potential for knowledge transfer and practical application. Doctoral candidates may contribute scientific papers in the following three sections:



**SECTION I. INNOVATION, DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION, AND INTELLIGENT
TECHNOLOGIES**



**SECTION II. SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE
AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION**



**SECTION III. EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND
COMMUNICATION IN THE CONTEXT OF
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III. DISCUSSION SECTION

The discussion segment is directed towards the institutions and teams engaged in the execution of activities under procedure BG05SFPR001-3.004. The panel will facilitate an opportunity, through concise presentations, to showcase the project's progress and the activities undertaken, to share best practices and management models, as well as to address challenges associated with the administration of doctoral studies and the realization of established indicators and strategic objectives of the program.

IV. ABOUT THE PAPERS

Papers may be submitted in Bulgarian and/or English and must adhere to the approved template.

Papers approved for publication will be subjected to a double-blind peer review process, in accordance with established academic standards.

Following a positive review and editorial processing, the scientific proceedings will be submitted for inclusion in the National Reference List and/or relevant international scientific databases.

The content, findings, and scientific contributions of the PhD student must be delivered on-site during the seminar through a presentation of the paper.

V. DEADLINES

26 April 2026 – Paper Submission

12 May 2026 – Feedback from the reviewers

26 May 2026 – Submission of the final paper version



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