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## Resilient territories: multidimensional approaches and policies

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## Resilient territories: multidimensional approaches and policies

(Hybrid event) | 7-11 October 2021

 Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

### Conference rationale

We live in a world that is subject to constant change and high-intensity shocks, therefore, a substantial need arises for comprehending and strengthening the resilience capacity of territories. The last year marked a return of resilience to the forefront of public discourse and in recovery policies, at all levels, both European and global. In addition, Europe's governance systems require structural transformations to make them able to develop responses to crises in line with the principles of sustainable, inclusive, and smart development. Adaptability to ever-changing contexts essentially means the ability of governments to establish new ways of action, new visions, new approaches, new path development, in a risky environment, leading to more resilience-based public policies.

In this context, the Centre for European Studies within Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania), in cooperation with Bucharest University of Economic Studies and Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania) organises the conference *Resilient territories: multidimensional approaches and policies* (hybrid event which will be held in Iasi, Romania, 7-11 October 2021). This event is organized in partnership with The Regional Science Academy (TRSA). We intend to bring together scholars, students and stakeholders interested in new approaches in regional science.

The conference is organised in the framework of the project ReGrowEU (Advancing ground-breaking research in regional growth and development theories, through a resilience approach: towards a convergent, balanced and sustainable European Union) which focused during the past 3 years on the development of a new comprehensive model of resilience in a multi-disciplinary, multi-level and multi-actor approach (<http://regroweu.uaic.ro/>). The organisers welcome contributions on topics covering a wide range of fields (socio-economic, political, legal, geographical etc.)

## ORGANISATION:

### VENUE

The registration, the opening ceremony, panels and parallel sessions will be held in A Building, Aula Magna (11, Carol I Bd.)

ReGrowEU conference will be organised as a hybrid event that combines 'on site' event with online component.

All online participants will access the ZOOM links provided in the program. Please keep your camera ON and microphone off during the sessions.

The event will be streamed on Facebook page of the project <https://www.facebook.com/regroweu>

### PRESENTATION

The sections will be chaired by external scholars. Each participant will have 15 minutes for the presentation. Paper discussions will take place after each presentation.

### WIFI access

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### HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE SESSIONS?

To access the sessions organized on the ZOOM platform, it is necessary to click on the [ZOOM link](#) or to enter the Meeting ID and Passcode manually.

## TIMETABLE

All times are displayed in EEST – Eastern Europe Summer time, Bucharest (CEST+1)

Thursday, 7 October: Arrival of participants

### Friday, 8 October

- 🕒 10:00-11:15 **OPENING CEREMONY**
- 🕒 11:30-13:30 **PANEL 1: Making EU more resilient: advancing integration in the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution**
- 🕒 13:30-14:30 **LUNCH: Hall of the Lost Steps, A Building**
- 🕒 14.30-16.15 **PANEL 2: Making cities resilient**
- 🕒 16.30-18.00 **PANEL 3: Skills, mobility and labour market resilience**
- 🕒 18:00-20:00 **PANEL 4: Good governance and resilience**
- 🕒 14:30-20:00 **PARALEL SESSIONS**
  - S1 Managing for local resilience
  - S2 Building resilience in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic
  - S3 Boosting economic resilience
  - SS RSAI Special session for young researchers
- 🕒 20:00 **DINER: All Seasons Restaurant (Iasi, Sos. Bucium 65)**

### Saturday, 9 October

- 🕒 10:00-13:00 **PARALEL SESSIONS**
  - S4 Towards a more resilient European Union
  - S5 Building resilient communities
  - S6 Environmental resilience and sustainability
- 🕒 09:30 **Technical excursion: Sucevita - North-Eastern Romania**  
Departure from I Building (Centre for European Studies)

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, 8 October 2021

🕒 10.00-20.00 EEST

09:30-10:00 | **REGISTRATION**  
Venue: Aula Magna, A Building, UAIC

10:00-10:45 | **OPENING CEREMONY**  
Hybrid | Venue: Aula Magna

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 820 3321 3208 | Passcode: 634644

10:00-10:20 | **WELCOMING REMARKS**

- **Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU**, Director of the Centre for European Studies (Faculty of Law), Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania
- **Ioana Maria COSTEA**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
- **Alina Mihaela DIMA**, Vice Rector of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
- **Călin Emilian HINȚEA**, Dean of the Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**10:20-10:45 | ReGrowEU: research framework and key results**

- **Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași | ReGrowEU local coordinator
- **Peter NIJKAMP**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania | ReGrowEU project coordinator
- **Daniela-Luminița CONSTANTIN**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania, ReGrowEU local coordinator
- **Bogdana NEAMȚU**, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, ReGrowEU local coordinator
- **Vasile ASANDEI**, General Director, North-East Regional Development Agency, Romania

**10:45-11:15 | Book launch: The European Atlas of Resilience**

- **Corneliu IAȚU**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania
- **Alexandru BĂNICĂ**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania
- 👉 Discussants: **Karima KOURTIT** and **Peter NIJKAMP** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

11:15-11:30      Coffee break

**11:30-13:30** **PANEL 1: Making EU more resilient: advancing integration in the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution**

Hybrid | Venue: Aula Magna

[ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 873 5395 7978 | Passcode: 751774

- **Roberta CAPELLO** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)
  - 📄 *The era of 4.0 technological transformations: regional patterns and socio-economic impacts*
- **Ron BOSCHMA** (Utrecht University)
  - 📄 *The role of scientific capabilities for technological diversification in European regions*
- **Andrea CARAGLIU** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)
  - 📄 *Better together: The regional benefits of furthering regional integration*
- **Hans WESTLUND** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)
  - 📄 *"Hybrid urbanization" in the wake of the pandemic?*
- **Tomaz DENTINHO** (Angra do Heroísmo, Portugal) and **Cristina SERBĂNICĂ** (University Constantin Brâncoveanu Pitești & Bucharest University of Economic Studies)
  - 📄 *Organic and rational maximization of Romanian city regions*

👤 Chair: **Daniela-Luminița CONSTANTIN** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies)

**13:30-14:30** **LUNCH** | Venue: Hall of the Lost Steps



**14.30-16.15** **PANEL 2: Making cities resilient**

Hybrid | Venue: Aula Magna

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- **Pui Hang WONG** (Maastricht University, The Netherlands), **Mehmet Güney CELBIŞ** (Yeditepe University, Turkey), **Karima KOURTIT**, **Peter NIJKAMP** (Open University, Heerlen, The Netherlands)
    - 📄 *Urban green space as a source of urban resilience*
  - **Rudolf GIFFINGER** (Technische Universität Wien, Austria)
    - 📄 *Strengthening resilient development in Austrian urban regions: some evidence and conceptual considerations*
  - **Alexandru BĂNICĂ**, **Peter NIJKAMP** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi), **Karima KOURTIT** (Open University, Heerlen, The Netherlands), **Emă CORODESCU-ROŞCA** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi)
    - 📄 *Can resilient cities from peripheral regions become more livable and sustainable?*
  - **Dominique MIGNOT** (Université Gustave Eiffel, Lyon, France)
    - 📄 *Reassessing the value of human life for more resilient transport policies*
  - **Louafi BOUZOUINA** (LAET-ENTPE, University of Lyon, France & CAROU, The Open University, Netherlands), **Sami JARBOUI** (University of Sfax, Tunisia & LAET-ENTPE, University of Lyon, France)
    - 📄 *Impact of pricing system on urban public transport efficiency? Evidence from France (1995-2015)*
- 👉 Chair: **Karima KOURTIT** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi)

**16:15-16:30** Coffee Break

**16.30-18.00** **PANEL 3: Skills, mobility and labour market resilience**

Hybrid | Venue: Aula Magna

[ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 873 5395 7978 | Passcode: 751774

- **John ÖSTH** (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway)
    - 📖 *Differences in student performance between two universities in Sweden during the pandemic. Comparisons and lessons for a resilient educational system*
  - **Mehmet Güney CELBIŞ** (Yeditepe University and UNU-MERIT), **Karima KOURTIT**, **Peter NIJKAMP** (Open University, Heerlen, the Netherlands), **Pui-hang WONG** (UNU-MERIT)
    - 📖 *Job loss among the elderly due to the COVID-19 pandemic: a machine learning exploration of work related and place-based determinants*
  - **Masood GHEASI** (Southampton University, UK), **Daniel CROWN** (US Congressional Budget Office, USA) and **Alessandra FAGGIAN** (Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy)
    - 📖 *Personality traits and the labour market assimilation of immigrants in Australia*
  - **Alina PAVELEA**, **Alexandru PAVEL**, **Bogdana NEAMȚU** (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), **Karima KOURTIT** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania)
    - 📖 *Is the creative class a shock-absorber against an economic recession? The resilience of spatial labour markets in Romania*
- 👉 Chair: **Peter NIJKAMP** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași)

**18:15-20.00** **PANEL 4: Good governance and resilience**

Hybrid | Venue: Aula Magna

[ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 873 5395 7978 | Passcode: 751774

- **Alessandro INDELICATO, Juan Carlos MARTIN** (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain)
    - 📖 *Credentialists vs. Post Nationalists. The extended-apostle model applied to national identity*
  - **Patricio Alejandro AROCA GONZALEZ** (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Vina del Mar, Chile)
    - 📖 *Resilience in the Chilean value chains. A spatial perspective*
  - **Bogdana NEAMȚU** and **Calin HINTEA** (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
    - 📖 *Interjurisdictional cooperation in Romania as a possible driver for local resilience*
  - **John ÖSTH** (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway) and **Umut TÜRK** (Abdullah Gül University, Turkey)
    - 📖 *Vaccination and social capital*
  - **Raluca SUCIU** (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
    - 📖 *Rural resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic*
  - **Bianca ANDRIANU** (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
    - 📖 *Resilience at the workplace through empowering leadership*
- 👉 Chair: **Bogdana NEAMȚU** (ReGrowEU local coordinator Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Saturday, 9 October 2021

## PARALEL SESSIONS

### S1 Managing for local resilience | ONLINE session

🕒 Friday, 8 October | 14:30-17:00

[🔗ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 837 5361 9616 | Passcode: 992763

- **Tatjana NEUHUBER, Michael GETZNER, Johann BRÖTHALER** (Vienna University of Technology, Austria) - *Municipal expenditure in Austria: spatial and socio-economic determinants*
  - **Joanna KUROWSKA-PYSZ** (WSB University in Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland), **Andrzej JAKUBOWSKI** (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland) and **Tomasz STUDZIENIECKI** (Gdynia Maritime University, Poland) - *The cross-border functional area as a tool for developing territorial cooperation at the Polish-Lithuanian borderland*
  - **Corina Cristiana NASTACA and Alina Georgiana PROFIROIU** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies) - *Conceptual framework for assessment of public administration resilience*
  - **Claudia TIMOFTE and Constantin-Vasile ȚOCA** (University of Oradea, Romania) - *Gender equality in the public administration of Bihor county*
  - **Petra SZÁVICS and József BENEDEK** (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) - *Towards a multi-level governance model for sustainable smart specialisation in Romania*
  - **Cosmin CHIRIAC and Constantin-Vasile ȚOCA** (University of Oradea, Romania) - *Administrative efficiency of local authorities in the Bihor and Hajdú-Bihar counties: are Cross-Border Cooperation projects an agent of development?*
  - **Cristina ȘERBANICĂ** (Constantin Brancoveanu University, Pitesti, Romania & The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Smart specialization, industrial transitions and socio-economic resilience: synergies and trade-offs*
- 👉 Chair: **Cristina ȘERBANICĂ** (Constantin Brancoveanu University, Pitesti, Romania & The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

## S2 Building resilience in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic | ONLINE Session

🕒 Friday, 8 October | 17:00-19:30

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 839 1597 5853 | Passcode: 927735

- Konstantinos CHRISTOPOULOS and Konstantinos ELEFThERIOU (University of Piraeus, Greece), Peter NIJKAMP (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic government responses on the equity-efficiency trade-off: evidence from the US states*
- Lorin Mircea DRĂGAN, Liviu-George MAHA, Adriana MANOLICĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Resilience in terms of adaptation and recovery in the food and beverage sector while facing the pandemic challenges*
- Estela CAMUS-GARCÍA (Universidad Loyola, Córdoba, Spain) - *The State of (social) health care system (s) in the EU: Is a new approach to social health systems for young adults possible in the UE?*
- Alina Maria PAVELEA, Bogdana NEAMȚU (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) - *How resilient were performers during the pandemic in Romania?*
- Ian SHUTTLEWORTH (Queens University Belfast, UK), Umut TÜRK (Abdullah Gül University, Turkey), Marina TOGER (Uppsala University, Sweden) and John ÖSTH (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway) - *Understanding changing spatial mobility during the Covid Crisis: Mapping daily activities in Stockholm in 2019, 2020 and 2021*
- Alexandra CEHAN, Mihail EVA, Corneliu IAȚU and Alexandru BĂNICĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Understanding the new trends among tourist destinations during the COVID-19 pandemic*

👉 Chair: Lorin Mircea DRĂGAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)

### S3 Boosting economic resilience | ONLINE Session

🕒 Friday, 8 October | 17:00-19:30

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 925 6935 0498 | Passcode: 811380

- **Antonia GRAVAGNUOLO** (CNR IRISS) - *The role of cultural heritage adaptive reuse for circular and resilient cities*
- **Dan LUPU, Liviu George MAHA and Daniela Elena VIORICA** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania) - *Economic resilience of Eastern European regions*
- **Zizi GOSCHIN, Mihai ANTONIA, Horia ȚIGĂU** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *The resilience of new firm creation. Empirical evidence from Romanian counties*
- **Hasan Engin DURAN, Zeynep ELBURZ** (Izmir Institute of Technology, Turkey), **Karima KOURTIT, Peter NIJKAMP** (Open University, Heerlen, The Netherlands) - *Regional economic resilience (resistance) in Turkey: a region specific turning points and business cycle approach*
- **Bogdan-Constantin IBĂNESCU, Mihail EVA, Alexandra GHEORGHIU, Corneliu IATU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The role of spatial accessibility in mediating the relation between tourism recovery and economic resilience*
- **Iren MARINOVA** (Colorado State University) - *East of Eden: explaining variation in European Union GHG emissions from an environmental capacity perspective: the cases of Bulgaria and Romania*

👤 **Chair: Ramona TIGĂNAȘU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)

## SS RSAI Special session for young researchers - RSAI Workshop Introductory methods and approaches in regional science

**HYBRID Special Session | Room I.3** (Centre for European Studies Building)

🕒 Friday, 8 October | 17:00-19:30

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 884 8869 3318 ; Passcode: 225276

- **Cristina LUPU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Tourists' digital footprints patterns in five cities of Romania using Airbnb data*
  - **Olta QEJVANI** (University Aleksander Moisiu, Durres) - *Understanding EU regional initiatives and the connection of local referendums in Albania as a new legal approach*
  - **Laurențiu CIORNEI** (Romanian Academy) - *The impact of artificial afforestation on sustainable environmental developments*
  - **Maria Pilar LORENZO** (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium) - *Understanding Higher Education Regionalization*
  - **Mihail EVA** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Spatial accessibility and urban economic resilience: empirical evidences from Romanian cities*
  - **Paula MUNTEANU** (Romanian Academy) - *Foreign investments and sustainable development of the countries of destination*
  - **Anamaria BUCACIU** (Ștefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania) - *To save heritage or to make profit? Rural social entrepreneurship as a saviour of Bucovina's cultural patrimony*
  - **Attila NAGY** (Jena Centre for Reconciliation Studies) - *Informal rules in post-conflict development*
  - **Mihai ANTONIA** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Regional disparities and economic growth in Romania*
  - **Abdullah ERKUL** (Balikesir University) - *The impact of manufacturing clusters on total export performance: An evaluation of regional dynamics in Turkey*
- 👉 **Chairs:** **Bogdan-Constantin IBANESCU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), **Karima KOURTIT** (Open University, Heerlen, the Netherlands)

## S4 Towards a more resilient European Union | ONLINE Session

🕒 Saturday, 9 October | 10:00-13:00

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 857 7740 8187 | Passcode: 191347

- ➡ **Iulian ONEASCA** (European Institute of Romania) - *Resilient member states of a less resilient Union*
- ➡ **Silviu Petru GRECU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Challenges for democratic order in Central and Eastern Europe. Political geography, attitudes and behaviours*
- ➡ **Anatolie CĂRBUNE** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *How does civil society contribute to policy change? The case of the environment-energy nexus in the Eastern Partnership.*
- ➡ **Edina Lilla MESZAROS** and **Constantin Vasile ȚOCA** (University of Oradea, Romania) - *The EU's spatial resilience in the light of Belarus using migrants as instruments in its hybrid warfare waged against the Community*
- ➡ **Roland LAMI** (Mediterranean University of Albania) - *The role of persons with disabilities in right-wing parties*
- ➡ **Raluca Maria POPESCU** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Current challenges for the future enlargement of the Eurasian Economic Union*
- ➡ **Loredana Maria SIMIONOV** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania) - *Democracy resilience and societal perceptions. The case of Romania*

👉 Chair: **Loredana Maria SIMIONOV** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)



## S5 Building resilient communities | ONLINE Session

🕒 Saturday, 9 October | 10:00-13:00

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 863 5078 8547 | Passcode: 944996

- Alina BOTEZAT, Cristian INCALTARAU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) and Peter NIJKAMP (Open University, Heerlen, the Netherlands, and Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Regional differences in nurse migration – self-sufficiency and resilience in the aftermath of health and labour market shocks*
- Andrei CHIRCĂ, Dan-Tudor LAZĂR and Cristian Marius LITAN (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) - *Students' expenditure and what does it teach us about underfunding university education. Evidence from an upper-middle-income country*
- Alexandra GHEORGHIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania) and Bianca RADU (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania) - *Risk perception and individual resilience*
- Ciprian Constantin IFTIMOAEI (National Institute of Statistics; Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi), Vicențiu-Robert GABOR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi) and Ionuț-Cristian BACIU (National Institute of Statistics, Romania) - *The typologies of poverty in the Member States of the European Union-28 before pandemic crisis*
- Roxana BRIȘCARIU and Alina PROFIROIU (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Employees' opinion regarding remote working to ensure individual and organizational resilience*
- Andreea IACOBUȚĂ-MIHĂIȚĂ, Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU, Carmen PINTILESCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Institutional dynamics and economic resilience in Central and Eastern EU countries. Relevance for policies*
- Ramona TIGĂNAȘU, Alexandru BĂNICĂ, Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU and Peter NIJKAMP (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi) - *Governance and smart specialization in the EU regions: moving from resilience to prosilience*
- 🗣️ Chair: Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi)

## S6 Environmental resilience and sustainability | ONLINE Session

🕒 Saturday, 9 October | 10:00-13:00

🔗 [ZOOM link](#) | Meeting ID: 833 4495 6277 | Passcode: 448596

- **Khattabi ABDELLATIF** and **Oumayma SADGUI** (Ecole Nationale Forestière d'Ingénieurs, Salé, Morocco) - *Using ecosystem services valuation to enhance the preservation of natural ecosystems and improve their resilience in a protected area*
- **George Mihael MANEA** (University of Bucharest, Romania) - *The EU as a norm-maker in resilience and aid delivery: from aid effectiveness to effective cooperation for sustainable development*
- **Georgiana Maria AVRAM** (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca) - *Children's school travel and resilient transport in Cluj-Napoca, Romania*
- **Ema CORODESCU-ROȘCA** and **Alexandru BĂNICĂ** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The 2003' European Heatwave – a spatial analysis of the resistance*
- **Deyan DIMITROV** (Institute for the State and the Law - Bulgarian Academy of Science, Sofia, Bulgaria) and **Veronika STOILOVA** (South-West University "Neofit Rilski"-Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria) - *New trends related to the maritime places in the European Union*
- **Cristian INCALTARAU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), **Adrian-Vasile HORODNIC** ("Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iași), **Colin C. WILLIAMS** (University of Sheffield) and **Liviu OPREA** ("Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iași) - *institutions and informal payments in health: an exploratory analysis*
- **Alina POPESCU** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies) - *Knowledge and technology intensity in Romanian regions*
- **Alina Georgiana PROFIROIU** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies), **Cristina ȘERBĂNICĂ** (University Constantin Brâncoveanu Pitești & Bucharest University of Economic Studies) and **Daniela-Luminița CONSTANTIN** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies) - *Decision makers' perception of the resilience of Romanian regions. A qualitative inquiry*

👤 Chair: **Cristian INCALTARAU** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi)

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

### ReGrowEU

**Advancing ground-breaking research in regional growth and development theories, through a resilience approach: towards a convergent, balanced and sustainable European Union**

The current challenges that the EU faces highlights, as never before, the Union's crucial need to move forward on its integration and convergence path, as well as the necessity to manage more efficiently any potential dilution risks and threats. Thus, the EU needs to find new approaches and action tools that would be most adequate for the current economic, political and geopolitical context and for the specificities of each member state. In this context, the project proposes a ground-breaking analytical model for the study of resilience with the case study of Romania, although with a wider applicability at European and international level. As such, the project offers a new and state-of-the-art comprehensive model of resilience in a multi-disciplinary, multi-level and multi-actor approach and will consolidate the knowledge in and about the European and particularly Romania's regional growth and development perspectives. As such, the current proposal aims to design and provide new approaches, methods and instruments for EU policies towards deeper convergence, regional development and growth.

The research activities and results will greatly benefit from the participation of lead experts with wide expertise and international visibility, in both the research teams and the management structures which will enhance considerably the quality, competitiveness and visibility of Romanian research activities and results at international level. The potential impact of the proposed project is consistent as it has high scientific and normative relevance, as well as a consistent explanatory power and it will respond to key priorities in several areas of strategic interests on the EU and Romania's agendas.

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