

Key Challenges in Rural Development

Bringing economics, management and social sciences into practice

Summer School – Information for participants

Important deadlines

- April 30, 2016:** Deadline for subscription for the Summer School
- May 15, 2016:** Applicants will get informed about the acceptance of their application
- May 31, 2016:**
- Submission of students' papers for the Summer School
 - Latest transfer of the participation fee (with *early payment discount*)
- June 20, 2016:**
- Latest transfer of the participation fees (with *regular payment*)
 - Handing in the elaborated comments to other students' papers
- July 3 – 9, 2016:** Intensive Summer School in Vienna, Austria

Transfer of participation fees

The participation fee for **regular payment** until **June 20, 2016** amounts to **420 EUR** (with an **early payment discount** for payment before May 31, 2016 it is **390 EUR**). The fee covers the whole programme and includes accommodation in in double rooms at the BOKUHEIM (student residence) (available from July 3 - 9, 2016), meals, an excursion, a welcome reception, online Summer School proceedings. A **cancellation fee** of **270 EUR** has to be paid if a student cancels his or her participation **after June 21, 2016**.

Travelling costs to and from Vienna, Austria are not covered. Students should ask at their home universities for possible financial assistance or grants. This assistance may be provided by the particular office for international affairs or the university itself.

The bank account information for the money transfer are:

Account holder: Universität für Bodenkultur Wien,
Dep. f. Wirtschafts- u. Sozialwissenschaften

Account number: 07300500512

Bank code: 32000

Bank name: Raiffeisenlandesbank Niederösterreich-Wien AG

Bank address: F.-W.-Raiffeisen-Platz 1, A-1020 Vienna , Austria

IBAN: AT43 3200 0073 0050 0512

BIC/SWIFT: RLNWATWWXXX

Reason for transfer: **773100XXXX** [your family name]

Transfer amount: **420 EUR (or 390 EUR for payment before May 31)**

Please insert the above mentioned number and your family name into the field "reason for transfer/payment" so that we can correctly assign the transfers to the participants!

Submission of papers

Papers to be submitted have to meet several **criteria** (using the file “**ELLS Paper template**” which can be found on www.euroleague-study.org):

- Length of minimum 4 pages and a maximum of 20 pages (A 4)
- Single spaced
- Times New Roman, font size 12
- Topic from the field of rural development, economics, social sciences, and/or management
- Address rural development issues (rural tourism, agricultural production, marketing of agricultural products...)
- Can be based on master or PhD-thesis topic (or ideas about starting masters or PhD thesis) or on self-chosen topics that are related to rural development

A **possible structure** for such a paper might be:

- Title, working title or topic of the thesis
- Short summary of the paper
- Introduction and problem statement
 - Why is the topic important?
 - What were the reasons for choosing the topic?
 - Relevance of the problem
- Goals of the paper or thesis and methods, how to achieve them
 - Objectives of the work
 - Way and methods to reach the goals
 - Importance of the topic (in an European context)
- Literature review/theoretical background
- Already existing results
 - Hypothesis of the research
 - Empirical findings if they already exist
 - Descriptive analysis of topic
- Outlook/future development
 - Conclusions of the work
 - Ideas for further research
 - Recommendations
 - Suggestions about the further development of the thesis after the Summer School

Papers have to be submitted in electronic form as **PDF file** by **May 31, 2016** via mail to christina.roder@boku.ac.at

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Submitted paper will get forwarded to other students and professors in order to receive comments on the work.

Commenting the papers of other students

After you handed in your paper you will receive two papers of other students in order to give comments on them. The comments shall have a length of 1 page at least.

These comments can include remarks about:

- Relevance of the topic
- Is the topic interesting for other (European) countries?
- Are the objectives clear? Are some objectives missing?
- Elaboration of the topic/where all factors and aspects considered
- Are the suggested methods to reach the goal or research adequate or can they get improved?
- Information about interesting and additional literature that should be considered
- Suggestions about possible other influences that are relevant for the thesis
- Recommendations and ideas about the future continuation of the work
- Specific strengths and weaknesses of the paper

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Summer School in Vienna, Austria

Sunday, July 3

Arrival of participants
Welcome reception

Monday, July 4

Opening of the Summer School, introduction of the participants, clarification of organisational matters

Monday, July 4 to July 8

Presentations and discussions of the students' topics
(length of about 20 minutes per presentation)

Lectures of the participating professors and discussions

One day excursion to an Austrian rural area, which is the basis for the case study

Elaboration of suggestions for improvement and further development and presentation of the results

Saturday, July 9

Departure of participants and journey back home

A detailed schedule will be available after the number of participants is fixed.