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“Challengers of Economics, Education and Society Development in the Nordic – Baltic Countries and beyond” organised by Section of Economy, Education and Society Programme for the virtual seminar on **September 7th, 2022 (Wednesday)**
12:00 to 13:30 Central European time (13:00 to 14:30 Eastern European time)
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Presentation 1

Title: Integration models for young workers into the agricultural workforce: evidence from Lithuania

Speakers: Laura Girdziute, Anastasija Novikova, Department of Applied Economics, Finance and Accounting, Vytautas Magnus University

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Annotation: Without young people, our countryside would be at serious risk because young people are vital for sustaining rural life. Unfortunately, the young people are more attracted by commercial sectors than by agriculture. Current situation shows that almost half of all agricultural workers are of older age, therefore it is important to find methods how to integrate young people into the agricultural workforce. The main problems why young workers unwilling to work in agriculture are stereotype views about farmers and agriculture, a high risk for health and safety, infrastructural problems, land concentration problems, older person's control. In this context, the research aims first, to disclose the integration models for young workers into the agricultural workforce, second to test empirically if agricultural training is a good solution/instrument of youth integration into agricultural workforce using Lithuania as the case study. This research is part of the COST Action CA16123 (Safety Culture and Risk Management in Agriculture), and its results could be useful for scientists, policy makers, farmers, and practitioners dealing with integration of the youth into the agricultural workforce.

Presentation 2

Title: Investigating blockchain cryptocurrency adoption worldwide

Speaker: Natalia Kostrikova, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

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Annotation: The presentation aims to analyze cryptocurrency adoption trends worldwide. To achieve the aim, the following tasks are set:

- 1) to investigate crypto activity and economic and digital competitiveness worldwide,
- 2) to categorize countries based on factor and cluster analysis.

The study employs methods of descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, factor analysis and cluster analysis for categorization and analysis of a sample of 56 countries based on indicators of crypto activity and economic and digital competitiveness.

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