

Preface

To a Collection of the Seventh International Scientific Conference "Business and Regional Development" (BRD2023), held on 22-23 June 2023 at Starozagorski Bani, Bulgaria.

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It is a great pleasure to share a collection of papers presented at the **Seventh International Scientific Conference "Business and Regional Development"**.

We sincerely thank you for your interest and participation in the Seventh International Scientific Conference "BUSINESS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT" organized by the Faculty of Economics, Trakia University!

We do hope that you have found the conference informative and worthwhile. Over 190 participants from 7 countries and 15 universities and business organizations contributed to the success of the scientific sessions. We thank all of you for the excellent presentations you delivered at our conference!

The papers in the collection focus on four major topics and problems - regional development and governance in the transition to a green economy; business development, innovation, and circular economy; competitiveness and sustainable development of agriculture; contemporary challenges for key socio-economic sectors; sports, information and communication issues of business and communities.

Studies recognize the need to support the application of a scientific approach in the discussions and practice and the search for solutions related to the business development of the regions, the challenges to introducing and implementing innovative solutions, and the transition to the sustainable model of the circular economy.

We sincerely hope that the presented scientific results and discussions will contribute to theoretical and practical problems solving for future economic and social development.

We hope our cooperation will continue and look forward to seeing you at the next conference in 2025!

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