

Save the date and Call for abstracts

We are happy to announce the 2025 TURBO annual conference
**“Higher Education, Capacity Building, and Societal Crises:
 International Perspectives”**

Venue: Kozminski University, Warsaw, Poland

Format: physically and online

Dates: September 22-23, 2025

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 31, 2025

No conference fees



The ongoing crises in Ukraine and other regions have significantly impacted public sector in general and higher education institutions (HEIs) in particular, demanding innovative approaches to capacity building, resilience, and social adaptation. The conference is organized within the framework of the TURBO project “The Universities’ Reaction to Big Obstructions: Building resilient higher education to respond and manage societal crises” (Project: 101129315-TURBO-Erasmus-EDU-2023-CBHE. Funded by the European Union) and seeks to explore international perspectives on the role of HEIs in times of crisis.

We invite both research and practice-oriented papers addressing various themes of social science, related (but not limited) to:

- The impacts of societal crises on public sector in general and specifically HEIs
- International experiences of retraining and social adaptation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and migrants
- The role of universities in capacity building and post-crisis recovery
- International collaboration in supporting the universities during and after the crises
- Risk management and internal control at the universities during and after the crises

In addition, we are introducing a ‘Young Scholar Track’ as a post conference event. It will be organized on 24 September 2025, for Ph.D. students, postdocs, and early-career researchers to provide feedback on their research from international senior faculty. We encourage all interested to participate and select ‘Young Scholar Track’ when submitting their abstracts.

The event is open to researchers, emerging scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to submit abstracts (max. 500 words) by May 31, 2025, via the [Registration link](#).

Given the limited number of participants, all submitted abstracts will undergo a selection process. Those abstracts, which closely relate to the topic of the conference, will be prioritized.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
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