

Call for Papers for Special Issue on:

## Sustainability and tourism – challenges and paths in achieving social, economic and environmental goals

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Knowledge of sustainability in the economy, but also in nature and society, has been developing since the 1970s, driven by the need to respond to socioeconomic crises, climate change, armed conflict, the immigration problem, and the growing problem of environmental resource degradation. The timeliness of these issues translates into the need to study barriers and opportunities for implementing sustainable development in various sectors and areas of the economy. These problems also affect tourism, which, as an interdisciplinary field, is related to other fields both in terms of science and practice (Niezgoda, 2006). In the literature, there is a discussion on sustainable tourism, which is reflected in the works of economics (Briassoulis and Van der Straaten, 1992; Butler, 2005; Niezgoda, 2023), ecology (Cochrane, 2015; Weaver, 2001), socio-economic geography (Warszyńska, 2006; Kowalczyk, 2010), as well as sociology and philosophy (Jafari 1989).

This issue is described in the current literature most often in relation to cities in particular in terms of overtourism, i.e. the effects of excessive tourist inflows observed mainly in cities, the effects of which are phenomena described as: tourismphobia, gentrification, tourismization (Diaz-Parra and Jover, 2020; Panayiotopoulos and Pisano, 2019; Perez Guilarte and Lois González, 2018). Sustainable tourism and its goals are less studied in relation to residents of rural areas or smaller centers (towns), which does not mean that problems of unsustainability do not exist in them. Particularly valuable, therefore, are studies of the possibilities for developing various forms of tourism, including ecotourism or slow tourism.

General principles for sustainable tourism development have already been developed by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and the World Travel Organization (WTO) together with the Earth Council under the name "Agenda 21 for Travel and the Tourism Economy" (Niezgoda, 2006). At the 70th Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, a decision was made to designate 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism, which confirms the importance of tourism to global sustainability issues and is in line with the broader goals and objectives set out in the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These actions are evidence of the timeliness of the issues addressed (THE 17 GOALS | Sustainable Development (un.org)).

The basis for generating solutions, both on the theoretical and applied grounds, is the recognition of problems on all planes of sustainable tourism, namely: ecological, social, economic and also spatial.

Therefore, *Folia Turistica* in the special issue: „Sustainability and tourism – challenges and paths in achieving social, economic to environmental goals” would like to invite authors who would like to share the results of their thoughts and research in connection with sustainability in tourism in the broadest sense. In particular, these include:

- **The impact of tourism development on the natural environment:** problems of crossing the limits of environmental capacity and absorptive capacity in various dimensions, the impact of various forms of tourism on the preservation of biodiversity of reception areas, solutions for managing tourism development in the natural environment, the role of tourism in the preservation of naturally valuable areas.
- **Social aspects of tourism development:** social effects of the meeting of tourists and residents of reception areas; problems of overtourism; community-based tourism; the role of local residents in tourism development and their attitudes toward tourists; cultural changes caused by the flow of tourists to the destination.
- **Economic impacts of tourism development:** the role of tourism in the sustainable economic development of the region; constraints on the economic development of tourism; the impact of globalization on social and economic impacts in local and regional tourism development; the role of tourism enterprises and their activities in achieving sustainable development goals.
- **Management of sustainable tourism:** the role of local, regional and national governments in offsetting the negative effects of tourism development; activities of tourism organizations and community associations in supporting sustainability.
- **The tourism market and its role in sustainable development:** the role of tourism demand in the development of sustainable tourism; tourism supply activities to mitigate the negative effects of tourism development; sustainable consumption in tourism; pro-environmental tourist behavior and its determinants.

These are exemplary and basic issues that do not limit the broad issue of sustainability in tourism. All thoughts falling within the scope of sustainable tourism will be a valuable source of knowledge on the future of tourism development.

#### **Key dates:**

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