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Foreword

Some Economic Dimensions of Sustainable Development

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We are living today in a world of huge challenges, deep interconnections, profound mutations and global risks under the impact of several factors among which climate change, innovation, increased competition or evolution of technology could be mentioned.

In addition, the lessons and consequences of the recent global economic and financial crisis revealed new dimensions, challenges and requirements for sustainable growth.

In the context of these challenges and requirements, on 25 September 2015, the United Nations adopted the resolution „Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”¹ that sets 17 Sustainable Development Goals with 169 targets in order to allow sustainable development.

The Goal 8 established by this resolution - “Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all” -covers different economic and social areas such as promoting of: economic growth, economic productivity, entrepreneurship, sustainable tourism, sustainable consumption, decent work and job creation, youth employment, labour rights.

Starting from these premises, the current number of Journal of Economic Development, Environment and People includes papers that address topics of great importance for today challenges and requirements of sustainable development: protection of intellectual property (Lenka Pelegrinová, Martin Lačný – “Protection of Intellectual Property and its Economic Aspects”), models of consumption (Reyhan Karababa – “Postmodernist Identity Construction and Consumption”), tourist entrepreneurship (Viorica Jeleu – “Future Economy and Touristic Entrepreneurship”), higher education curriculum and labor market requirements (Luise Mladen, Rocsana Tonis (Bucea-Manea) – “Premises for Adapting Curriculum and Educational Package to Labor Market Requirements”), the role of public diplomacy at international level (Elena Gurgu, Aristide Dumitru Cociuban – “New Public Diplomacy and its Effects on International Level”).

We hope you will find interesting the above mentioned papers that could open platforms of discussions and exchange of ideas.

¹ United Nations, *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, A/RES/70/1, available at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf>