



**1st International PhD Conference
University of Maribor, University of Orléans
June 12–13 2024, MS Teams**

**»Green Transition: Advancing Academia's Role in Sustainable Innovation«
Call for Application**

In the face of climate change and environmental degradation, the imperative for a green transition has never been more pressing. Achieving sustainability requires a concerted effort across all sectors of society, with academia playing a pivotal role in driving innovative solutions.

By conducting interdisciplinary research, educating future leaders, and fostering collaboration with stakeholders, academia can accelerate the green transition and pave the way for a more sustainable and resilient world.

This doctoral conference aims to bring together doctoral students from various disciplines and universities within ATHENA to explore academia's crucial role in driving sustainable innovation towards a greener future. Join us in sharing your research, insights, and ideas on how academia can promote environmental sustainability.

Are you committed to contributing to a more sustainable future through your doctoral research? We invite you to join a gathering of doctoral students from various disciplines within the ATHENA network, aimed at discussing the role of innovative doctoral research in fostering a greener tomorrow. This international doctoral conference offers a platform to present your work, engage with fellow researchers from other European countries, and explore how your research is part of the broader movement towards environmental sustainability. It's an opportunity to contribute to a meaningful dialogue on sustainable innovation in a thoughtful, collaborative setting.

We invite doctoral students of ATHENA from **all fields of research** to participate in this on-line doctoral conference, consisting of a **15-minute oral presentation** and short discussions afterwards. We will gather all contributions in a book of abstracts, which will be printed and available online.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Doctoral students from all ATHENA universities.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Doctoral students can apply by filling out the application form (annexe 1) with a short abstract of up to 250 words. Send the application form to your university at the address listed below, and **each university will select two candidates to participate in the conference.**

The abstract must include a title, the author(s)' name(s), and a summary of research/doctoral topic results and any interesting facts.

Abstract submission deadline: May 16 2024 (list of contacts available below)

Notification of acceptance: May 23 2024

Conference: June 12 and 13, 2024

Book of abstracts: July 2024



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