Leading for the People, Accelerating with the Digital
Smart Cities International Conference (SCIC), 13th Edition, December 3-5, 2025

The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Faculty of Public Administration, Smart-EDU Hub, cordially invites you to the 13th edition of the Smart Cities International Conference (SCIC) - entitled "Leading for the People, Accelerating with the Digital", which will be held on December 3-5, 2025, in Bucharest, Romania.

This year marks a significant milestone as the Faculty of Public Administration celebrates its 30th anniversary. To honor this important occasion, the 13th edition of SCIC is dedicated to reflecting on three decades of achievements, progress, and innovation in public administration education and practice.

Participation in the conference is open to academics, policy makers, early-stage researchers, and students in social sciences and other related fields. Experts in comparative public administration and elected officials of local governments are strongly encouraged to engage and submit their contributions to one of the conference tracks. This edition places a special emphasis on longitudinal studies of digital reforms, both locally and globally. Successful submissions may also address topics such as e-government, e-democracy, social innovation, and urban planning and development.

Video Call for Papers here: https://youtu.be/vPtWrbAULCM

CONFERENCE TRACKS

- **Smart Governance;**
- **Smart Environment;**
- **Smart Technology;**
- **Smart Economy;**
- **Smart People;**
- **Smart Mobility;**
- **Smart Living;**
- **Smart Education;**
- **Young Leaders for Smart Cities** (open to students and early-stage researchers);
- **Future trends – Smart(er) State.**

The language of the Conference is English. Abstracts and articles may be submitted also in Romanian, provided that their presentation is made in English. Templates for abstracts and articles are available here.

Information regarding the registration process is available here.

PUBLICATION

All submitted articles undergo a peer review process: please refer to the timeline of the Conference for more information. Contributions accepted for publication will be included in the conference proceedings. Selected papers may also be published in our internationally indexed Partner Journals:

- Smart Cities and Regional Development Journal (SCRD)
- Smart Cities International Conference (SCIC) Proceedings
- Journal of E-Technology

There is no participation or publication fee.

NB. Our initial recommendation for the authors of SCIC is to derive inspiration from previously published articles within the SCRD Journal and previous editions of the SCIC Proceedings volumes to address topics relevant to the SCIC conference.

DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

PhD. candidates are invited to the dedicated Doctoral Workshop of the conference, event that will be held on December 3rd, 2025. This new section is a vital part of our conference, providing a unique platform for emerging scholars to present their research, share innovative ideas, and engage with experts in the field. The workshop will also host lectures from senior researchers on communication skills, research tools and instruments that should be in each scholar toolbox in the new era of Generative AI.

The best presented papers will be awarded. Selection award criteria include originality of the topic, rigorous and innovative research design, policy impact of expected results.

ERASMUS FUNDING

Conference funding may be provided to promote transnational mobility activities targeting staff (professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, and people working in organizations active in the education, training and youth fields). More info here.

VENUE

This year, we are delighted to welcome you to Bucharest, Romania, for an exceptional conference held across two distinguished venues. The main event, including keynote addresses and plenary sessions, will be hosted at the Romanian Palace of Parliament – the world's most famous parliamentary building. Additionally, specialized sessions, workshops, and the Doctoral Workshop will take place at the modern vertical campus of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), conveniently located at 30A Expoziției Boulevard, Bucharest.

TIMELINE

July 2025: Open Call for Contributions

September 2025: Open registration to the Conference

October 26, 2025	-	Deadline to submit your abstracts. Submission instructions here;
November 09, 2025	-	Notification of acceptance communicated to the authors;
November 30, 2025	-	Deadline to submit final papers. Submission instructions here;
December 01, 2025	-	Publication of the Conference's Final Program;
December 03, 2025	-	Pre-conference / Doctoral Workshop;
December 04 – 05, 2025	-	Conference sessions in Bucharest, Romania;
Mid 2026	-	Publication of the Conference Proceedings.

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