

ACTIVITY REPORT Sept. 2023 – July 2024

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Societatea pentru Ergonomia și Managementul Mediului de Lucru din Romania

ERGONOMICS AND WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY IN ROMANIA

Acronym: ErgoWork

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Activities developed in 2023 – 2024



Main activities and initiatives are described on the web page, <https://ergoworksociety.com/> (projects, initiatives, competitions) and they are promoted on the FB page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083414225254>

Meaning and Fusion of Work project, <https://www.facebook.com/MeaningandFusionofWork> (project and initiative started in April 2022 and continue in 2024)

Actions that were developed in this project context were:

1. On June 16-17, 2023, we had a meeting between arts, design, literature and nature, in the artists' village area of Socolari, Romania.



<https://meaningandfusion.work/2023/06/18/sensul-si-fuziunea-muncii-in-satul-artistilor-socolari-si-imprejurimi/>

2. **A journey with and about meaning and fusion in work and learning**, <https://ergoworksociety.com/2023/10/15/o-calatorie-cu-si-despre-sens-si-fuziune-in-munca-si-invatare/> Part of the international program RespectNET (<https://respectnet.eu/>), of the series of events Meaning and Fusion of Work and connected with the International Symposium of Management, Timișoara 2023, is also the trip - ErgoWorkshop, from October 19, 2023, to Margina, village Coșteiu de Sus, from Timiș (Romania) with

destinations a traditional peasant household, which has become a space open to the public, of regional reference, the Emilia Popa house, and The Wolf Creek Resort in an international fusion spirit, both from Coșteiu de Sus (Romania).



3. **ErgoWorkshop 2023 “Meaning and Fusion of Work and Education” - Lessons learned and outcomes**, October 18, 2023, 10:00, Polyvalent Room at the UPT Library, 2B Boulevard Vasile Pârvan, <https://www.sim2023.eu/program.html>

4. The event has been organized in the context of SIM2023 conference, 17th International Symposium in Management

5. Reinventing Management in

Turbulent Times, 20-21 October 2023, Timisoara & Silagiu, Romania.

“Meaning & Fusion of Work” happenings propose a broad interdisciplinary reflection, debate and research, both scientific and cultural – artistic perspectives, on key questions about the society. The initiative has been spread from the ErgoWork community to other national and international organizations and specialists. More details of the ideas of the beginning are here: <https://meaningandfusion.work/> but first event was organized on 16 of June 2022 (<https://meaningandfusion.work/2022/01/24/meaning-and-fusion-of-work-pilot-event-on-16th-of-june-2022/>). In the context of Timisoara 2023 European Capital Cultural we expect that during the ErgoWorkshop to include a collection of lessons learned and outcomes ... to be shared and served as best practices. Scientific and cultural-artistic interventions (with various types of demonstrations?!) are more than welcome! Take the initiative and express yourselves during the ErgoWorkshop 2023 organize within the SIM 2023 international conference context.

6. **Human-Centered Design (HCD)**, <https://ergoworksociety.com/2024/01/15/designul-centrat-pe-om-sustenabilitatea-si-industria-5-0/> This was a scientific and practical debate in our community having echoes in our publications and projects with community (March 2024)

7. **Work in Everyday Life on the Horizon of 2040**, <https://ergoworksociety.com/2024/03/10/munca-in-viata-cotidiana-la-orizontalul-anului-2040-2/> initiative to collect ideas and trends for current projects and future one, too. (March 2024)



Urban Link 15' 2023 competition,

<https://urbanlink15.wordpress.com/2023/03/12/competitia-urban-link-15-e2%80%b2-editia-2023/>

In 2023, we organized the Urban Link 15' contest addressed to students studying architecture, interior design, management, engineering or sciences.

The contest has a section for individual participation with the theme

"Ergonomic Furniture for Work", in which we offer 3 prizes worth 1,500 lei, 750 lei and 500 lei, and the winning projects can benefit from the execution of the prototype model by GreenForest, provided for that product to be relevant to the company.



Urban Link 15' 2024 competition

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Exploring the Future of Workplaces: Open Dialogue at the "OFFICE - trends, technology, debates" Event (March 28, 2024), https://www.greenforest.ro/tendintele-si-tehnologia-in-amenajarea-spatiilor-de-birouri-idei-si-dezbateri-martie-2024/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEQSVNleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHU-QI05PY4NtJVf1q6rnA47DNohvMV7ZXTqr9vG3YEE9L40NCoAz6WWXg_aem_-wJ5EY1-a48zTlMctpC-cg



The ErgoWork Society and its trusted partners, Sedus, Bachmann and GreenForest, organized a special event to explore the challenges and solutions of the future of jobs. The event took place on March 28, 2024, at the event space of GreenForest and the ErgoWork Company in Timișoara, Romania where professionals interested in the future of jobs have been gathered to discuss the latest trends and technologies in the field. Organized under the title "OFFICE - trends, technology, debates", this meeting has provided participants with a platform for an open and informal dialogue to explore perspectives and innovations in the design and management of workspaces.



Outdoor Office Day 2024, 19th June 2024, Timisoara, Romania,

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/outdoorofficeday>

Organized in collaboration with other organizations (companies, universities, NGO) via the partnership with the United Business Center Timișoara (an office unit of the Iulius Town urbanistic complex),

<http://unitedbusinesscenter.ro/>

Dr. Eng. Sebastian CAPOTESCU, Project & Marketing Director of GreenForest and Managing Director of ErgoWork Society speaks on May 23 at the **5th edition of the Romanian Workplace Management Forum 2024, in the third discussion panel: Design & fitout. Reconfiguring the work environment between optimization and wellbeing**, <https://rb.gy/37o0lx>

Presentation of ErgoWork at IEA Webinar #41: Future of Work from Perspective Eastern Europe by Dr. Eng. Maria_Elena BOATCA (18th June 2024)

The importance and significant contribution of ErgoWork to the development of ergonomics as a science and practice in Romania was again emphasized during the 41st IEA webinar in the "Future of Work from Perspective Eastern Europe" series.

The full recording is available on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/Y026zhBGoA?si=WhQHodDEgEjF2kN>



CONFERENCES ORGANIZE IN 2024: ErgoWork 2024

International Biennial Conference: 3rd International Conference of the Romanian Society on Ergonomics and Workplace Management, Bucharest, Romania

October 31 – November 1, 2024

<https://www.mpt.upt.ro/cercetare/conferinte/ergowork.html>

Organized by **ErgoWork & Politehnia University of Timisoara (Romania) & GreenForest Ltd. (Romania)** in collaboration with:

- Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Robotics, National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Romania
- Design Department, National University of Arts, Bucharest, Romania
- Faculty of Art and Design, West University of Timisoara, Romania

The conference is supported by:

- International Ergonomics Association
- Federation of European Ergonomics Societies
- Romanian Association of Workplace and Facility Management
- **National Research and Development Institute of Occupational Safety - INCDPM "Alexandru Darabont" Bucharest, Romania**



- Hungarian Ergonomics Society (HES)
- Bulgarian Association of Ergonomics and Human Factors (BAEHF)
- Serbia Ergonomics Society of Serbia (SESS)
- Croatian Ergonomics Society (CES)

Number of members: 143 members (active in different locations/organizations in Romania)

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Prof. Dr. Eng., Ec. Anca DRAGHICI, President of the Ergonomics and Workplace Management Society in Romania (ErgoWork)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anca Draghici', is placed over the printed name of the president.