**INVITATION**

**FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "PERSPECTIVES OF PARTNERSHIP OF GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT"**

Faculty of Economics Brčko University in East Sarajevo, on the basis of support and cooperation with the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Philosophy of the University of East Sarajevo, Faculty of Economics in Belgrade, Faculty of Economics in Subotica, Faculty of Hotel Management and Tourism Vrnjačka Banja, Perm State Agro-Technological University Russia '', ''Voronezh State Agricultural University Russia'', ''Aleksandras Stulginskis University, Faculty of Economics and Management'' in Lithuania, ''Selçuk University Konya-Turkey'' and ''Shanghai Polytechnic University'', and long-term cooperation with the government institutions of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, organizes the Ninth International Conference on "**Contemporary Challenges in the Business, Social and Educational Environment**", which will be held in the premises of the Brčko Faculty of Economics, on **November 6 and 7, 2023**.

Looking at the current challenges and opportunities imposed by the modern business, educational and institutional environment, it can be concluded that, among other things, two phenomena that are worth attention, both academically and professionally, are the phenomena of the **circular economy** and **dual education**.

**The circular economy** represents a model of production and consumption according to which efforts are made to extend the life of products by sharing, repairing and recycling existing materials. The circular economy presents a different view of production and consumption compared to the classical, linear economic model. The goal is to reduce waste and make more rational use of limited access to supplies and raw materials.

**Dual education** represents a model according to which students acquire theoretical knowledge, while they acquire practical knowledge and skills based on work in the economy. In this way, a formula is found for harmonizing the different interests of students, higher education institutions and companies from the real sector. The purpose of the idea of dual education is for students to acquire knowledge and skills that have a positive effect on reducing the unemployment of graduates, and on shortening the time period between finishing school and finding employment.

The goal of the conference, with a focus on the aforementioned two phenomena, is the exchange of ideas, methods and experiences for the purpose of application in the wider area of economic and social life. The conclusions of the Conference will provide a starting point for **creating an environment in which efforts are made to strengthen the connection between higher education institutions, companies from the real sector and government institutions.**

The official languages of the Conference are the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina and English.

**Important dates:**

  **submission of abstracts by November 1, 2023 (konferencija.efb@gmail.com)**

  **submission of full papers by March 31, 2024.**

Accepted and positively reviewed papers will be published in the Proceedings of the Conference or in the journal "Proceedings of the Faculty of Economics, Brčko".

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