

Editorial Foreword

Dear Readers,

Welcome to an exciting new issue of our scientific journal *Review of Applied Socio-Economic Research – Volume 20 / issue 2 / 2020*. It is an issue published in the unprecedented challenge of Covid-19 pandemics, which negatively affected the business and society. All the world is doing the best to meet this challenge in a spirit of solidarity. Covid-19 pandemics could change our world, how businesses and society may develop over the next years. In this context, new topics start to become central in the academic and research debate: new technology, digital education, e-commerce, public health, telemedicine, human rights protection, social behavior, social resilience, social cohesion, solidarity and volunteering, innovation, frontier research, etc.

This issue provides a venue for high-quality research works of academics and researchers from Greece, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Romania. They approached various interest subjects for the transformative period we live in due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Two research papers are focused on health, approaching the management of change in private sector healthcare organizations in Bangladesh, and adults' obesity in Turkey. As we know, the social and solidarity economy could be a viable alternative in these times of crisis. Therefore, the readers could consult an interesting paper about social financing as a driver for sustainable local development in EU Mediterranean countries. Besides the Covid-19 impact, Romania is facing particular challenges because it ranks 27th out of the 28 EU Member States in the European Union, according to Digital Economy and Society Index (2019). Considering this, the editors propose a paper concerning youth unemployment and digital literacy skills in Romania in the current digital transformation context. A young Romanian researcher investigates in detail the recent educational paradigm shift: technology-enhanced adaptive and hybrid education. Also, a Romanian authors team investigates the imperative of research-development and innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises in Romania. Finally, the issue includes a book review, bringing to the readers' attention the volume of Ana Maria Preoteasa (2018) "Multiple facets of precarious work in Romania, Bucharest", Pro Universitaria Publishing House.

We want to thank our authors who found in our review an appropriate forum of academic and research debate on the above topics, and to all those who contributed to Review of Applied Socio-Economic Research – Volume 20 / issue 2 / 2020!

Enjoy your reading!

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