



RESOLUTION of the First International Scientific and Practical Conference “Natural Healing Assets, Rehabilitation and SPAs”

During November 14-15, 2024, the State Organization “Institute of Market and Economic & Ecological Researches of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine” with the State Institution “Ukrainian Research Institute of Medical Rehabilitation and Resort Therapy of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine” held the First International Scientific and Practical Conference “Natural Healing Assets, Rehabilitation and SPAs”; with the communication support of the Black Sea Branch of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and with the participation of State Agency for Tourism Development of Ukraine.

In the conference hall of the State Organization “IMEER of NASU” in a hybrid format, representatives of academic, managerial and business spheres related to the fields of resort economics, balneology, recreational nature management and restoration and sustainable development of resort areas from Ukraine, Poland, Greece and Israel, from, presented more than 50 reports within the plenary and sectional sessions, which outlined the following main theoretical and practical issues in accordance with the Conference topic:

1. *Conceptual and relevant scientific and applied issues within the framework of the study of the relationship “natural healing assets - recreation and rehabilitation - formation and development of spas (resorts)”*: the state of spas and resorts and factors influencing their functioning and development; natural resource potential of the resort and recreational sphere of Ukraine; conservation and rational use of natural healing resources, taking into account their uniqueness and vulnerability; transformation of approaches to the management of natural healing assets based on socially oriented market economy and blue growth; economic assessment of recreational assets of Ukraine; prospects for attracting investment in the sectors of the blue economy; foreign experience and tools for managing natural healing assets in the resort economy; state and prospects of the resort and recreational sphere development in the context of Ukrainian agro-food markets development; investment support for sustainable development of recreation-oriented territorial and economic systems; modern approaches to the management of the resort economy water infrastructure; practices of using natural healing assets in the rehabilitation and resort therapy; the essence and forms of veterans, combatants and their families rehabilitation; strategic aspects of determining the potential of resort and rehabilitation activities in the context of territorial and economic systems economic development.

2. *Economic relations and resort and recreational potential of Ukraine and its regions; innovative and security solutions in the field of rehabilitation and resorts: a*

comprehensive assessment of the coastal areas rehabilitation and resource potential; the impact of economic goals on the resort and recreational potential of the western region of Ukraine; digitalisation of the resort and recreational sphere as a factor in improving the economic efficiency of Ukraine's regional health complexes; natural assets of protected areas in the regional economy; assessment of the recreational resource base in the context of decentralisation; features of restaurant management in sanatorium-resort institutions of Ukraine; competitiveness of the Carpathian region tourist and recreational sphere through the prism of the "green" economy concept; provision of recreational services on the basis of the circular economy; justification of the urban development as a natural healing asset.

3. Investment support for the restoration and sustainable development of rehabilitation and spas (resorts); tourism, recreation, hotel and restaurant business, transport services and other related industries and activities: the nature and structure of management natural capital and relevant aspects; use of the resort and recreational potential of the Tiligul subregion for the development of rehabilitation, spas and resorts in Ukraine; resort and recreational sector of Ukraine in the context of the sustainable development concept implementation; tourism and recreation in the Danube Biosphere Reserve in war conditions, recreational opportunities for people with disabilities within inclusive tourism; recreational and other functions of spa tourism; meeting the recreational needs of young people in a health camp; EU experience and challenges for Ukraine in the context of tourism clustering; prospects for the introduction of innovative technologies for the further hotel services development in Ukraine.

4. Best practices and scientific aspects of the natural healing factors use in rehabilitation and health resort, and other relevant issues: natural healing and therapeutic resources as a basic component of the creation, development and functioning of natural areas of resorts; effectiveness evaluation of the natural healing resources use in the complex rehabilitation treatment of patients, health improvement and disease prevention; current resort and recreation sector development problems of Ukraine in the context of public administration; comparative characteristics of Ukrainian, European and international regulatory documents on spas (resorts), resort areas and natural healing resources; organisational and methodological foundations of the staged servicemen rehabilitation system: rehabilitation models for different groups of wounded servicemen and effectiveness evaluation of the rehabilitation measures set application; application of innovative technologies in the system of habilitation of children with delayed psycho-linguistic development; creating a system of comprehensive psychological rehabilitation for children affected by military operations.

Based on the results of the presented reports, the participants of the Conference confirm the expediency of deepening scientific and applied research on the problem of restoring the resort and recreation economy sector on the natural healing assets basis in the

context of the growing demand for rehabilitation, rehabilitation treatment and health improvement services in the wartime and post-war periods, namely in the following areas:

- Amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On Resorts” to regulate the following issues: powers of the central executive bodies in the field of resort development; planning, development and other use of resort areas; rational and economically justified use of natural healing resources;
- identification of trends in slowing down the development of the resort and recreational sector and threats to its post-war recovery, as well as substantiation of the prospects for economic and environmental development of spas and resorts based on innovative approaches to the use of natural healing assets;
- development of methodological principles for inventorying and evaluating natural healing assets, as well as methodological provisions for assessing economic and environmental damage to the resort and recreation and tourism and rehabilitation sectors as a result of the war;
- creation of an information database on the needs of recipients and the capabilities of rehabilitation care and spa treatment providers;
- improvement of the indicators system in the field of natural healing assets use in the context of economic recovery of the resort and recreation sector, as well as substantiation of the ways of balanced socio-ecological and economic development of resort and recreation systems on its basis;
- development of organizational and economic tools, including tax and financial and credit incentives for entrepreneurial activity in the field of using natural healing assets in the context of growing demand for rehabilitation, recovery and health improvement services;
- substantiation of strategic priorities and measures to increase the investment attractiveness of projects in the field of using natural healing assets for the rehabilitation development in Ukraine;
- scientific substantiation and implementation of best practices and knowledge technologies for the use of natural healing factors in the resort and recreation sector based on the principles of inclusiveness, sustainability and innovation.

The Organising Committee of the Conference emphasises the interaction strengthening importance of the international scientific and educational community, representatives of business and public administration, NGOs and other stakeholders in addressing urgent and strategic issues of restoring the resort economy and improving the rehabilitation services quality through the implementation of scientifically based

innovative solutions in the use of natural healing assets in Ukraine during the war and post-war period.

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