

# 21<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC GEOCONFERENCE SGEM 2021

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## **PLATFORM Tools for Project Initiation and Development**

*Hybrid Workshop at the 2021 SGEM GeoConference in Albena (SGEM.org)*

*17 – 18 August (09.30-13.00)*

*(optional informal networking and project discussions on 18 Aug.)*

*This workshop has two main goals:*

Day 1. To introduce system modeling as a cooperative PLATFORM for project initiation (problem characterization and system insights, stakeholder identification and network construction). Examples will illustrate how these tools are used in selected case studies, but new proposals will also be lifted for further development.

Day 2. Networking with an informal structure, adapted to the interests and suggestions of the participants. Cooperation opportunities and new project ideas will be explored, especially the ways that the PLATFORM project can support with the tools and infrastructure dealt with on the first day.

*Who should attend (and why):*

Researchers and stakeholders who want to learn about modeling tools to help facilitate project initiation and development.

Researchers and stakeholders wanting to join and contribute to the developing case studies that are presented as workshop posters ([link](#)).

Researchers and stakeholders with new ideas for case studies that can be initiated following this workshop and developed for the workshop planned for December.

*Anticipated Workshop Guests:*

Virtual and on-site researchers representing the broad range of disciplines necessary for complex issues common for many international projects.

Virtual and on-site representatives from private companies and government offices necessary for funding and implementation of large projects.

Virtual and on-site representatives of NGOs and local stakeholders that are increasingly important for project success.

*No workshop fee for this first PLATFORM workshop.*

*Please registration to for workshop up-dates, Zoom links and post-workshop communications.*

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## Day 2 (Tuesday, 9.30-13.00)

### Focus on challenges, modeling tools and case-study examples

- 15 mins
  - Welcome and intro (Rod)
  - Goals and format (both days)
  - PLATFORM Project Info
- 15 mins
  - Keynote on
    - “Project Initiation Challenges Today”
    - Invited speaker
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  - Case Study Introductions (with focus on project initiation)
- 30 mins
  - Case Study breakout rooms
    - Volga Energy Cascade
    - Geoparks and Landscapes
    - New participant suggestions for case studies
    - 1-3 other case study rooms
- Coffee Break - 30 mins
- 15 mins
  - Breakout room summaries
- 30 mins
  - Panel Discussion
    - Stakeholders
    - Funding organizations
    - Private companies
- 30 mins
  - Joint Discussions and Conclusions
- 15 mins
  - Informal mingle
  - Joint session and breakout rooms

## Day 3 (Wednesday, 10.00-12.30)

### Focus on Networking and project opportunities

#### Optional and adapted to participant interests and suggestions

- 15 mins
  - Welcome and 2<sup>nd</sup>-day format and Goals
- 15 mins
  - Project Scoping lecture – Saida Aliyeva (Oral session)
- 30 mins
  - Networking breakout rooms
    - Volga Energy Cascade
    - Geoparks and Landscapes
    - Other rooms depending on interests and proposals for new case studies
- Coffee break - 30 mins
- 15 mins
  - Lecture: A Manual for modeling & project initiation
  - Rodney Stevens (Oral Session)
- 30 mins
  - Networking breakout rooms for discussions of new project ideas and other opportunities, depending on participant interests and suggestions
- 15 mins
  - Conclusions and future opportunities

