## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: A DYNAMIC WEB PORTAL FOR THE PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE WESTERN RHODOPES

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Abstract. The study examines the use of modern ICT for creating web solutions that support sustainable development and the promotion of regions with rich heritage. As a research example, a pilot project for a web portal of the Western Rhodopes, built with HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Bootstrap, and Word-Press, is analyzed. The architecture, features, and interactive sections for science, education, tourism, and other areas are presented. Accessibility, rights management, and future directions – such as SEO and security enhancement – are also discussed.

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