



## Young Scholars Writing Competition

Call for papers open now!

### **‘The financial sector’s contribution to achieving ESG goals’**

#### **Background**

The UN Conference on Climate Change of September 2019 reinforced the global understanding that a rise in temperatures of 1.5°C constitutes the scientifically, economically and socially safe limit to global warming by the end of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To achieve this, net zero emissions need to be reached by 2050. These efforts are guided by the aim of making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

#### **Topic and research format**

Against this background, the aim of this writing competition is to collect and discuss ideas on how institutions that operate in the financial sector<sup>1</sup> could (more) effectively contribute to the timely achievement of the environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals as determined in the UN Conference on Climate Change of September 2019 (and further developed since).

Submitted papers must be of high academic standards, i.e. of a quality standard sufficient to be acceptable for publication in a high-ranking academic journal. They must be objective (no *oratio pro domo*).

We welcome original theoretical and empirical contributions from different disciplines. Interdisciplinary work is strongly encouraged.

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<sup>1</sup> The term ‘institutions that operate in the financial sector’ is meant to be wide and includes, amongst others, Central Banks, banks, investment firms, insurance companies, UCITS’ and AIFs’ managers, pension funds, EU agencies and other supranational bodies.



## Submission guidelines

The size of the papers should range between **8,000 and 12,000 words** (including footnotes).

Submission deadline is **March 15, 2021**. Papers are to be submitted by e-mail to: [info@eusfil.eu](mailto:info@eusfil.eu).

## Conditions for participation

This call is open for young academics (or practitioners that are academically active) between the age of 22 and 35,<sup>2</sup> resident in Europe,<sup>3</sup> from various academic backgrounds relevant to the financial sector (e.g. law, economics, finance, political science). Participants must have (as a minimum) a Master's degree in terms of academic credentials and are expected to fully disclose their commercial affiliations and interests (if any).

## Selection process and prize money

A scientific committee will review the papers with a view to their inventiveness, persuasiveness and scientific rigor. The best three papers will be awarded a prize of respectively **EUR 3,000, 2,000 and 1,000**. In case papers are joint winners, the prize money will be divided *pro rata*.

## Conference and publication

Authors of the best papers, as selected by the scientific committee, will present their papers at a scientific conference, at which the winners will officially be announced and awarded their prize money. The conference will take place in **late May / early June 2021** in digital format.

Revised versions of the presented papers will be published in the EUSFiL Working Paper Series and an EBI e-book following the conference.

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<sup>2</sup> Older applicants will have to demonstrate that they are of a young academic age, for example, due to parental leave(s) and/or relevant work in practice etc.

<sup>3</sup> 'Europe' is not confined to EU-27, but meant to also include EEA/EFTA-States, the U.K. and Switzerland, amongst others.



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