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## Call for Papers

### 2026 ECMI Annual Conference

**Deadline: 6 September 2026**

The European Capital Markets Institute (ECMI) is calling for the submission of research papers in the area of **capital markets and their functioning**.

A committee of academics and international experts will select the best paper and award the author(s) a EUR 5 000 prize and the opportunity to present the findings at the **2026 ECMI Annual Conference, taking place on 10 November 2026**. This prestigious international event brings together policymakers, academics, and industry representatives to take stock of recent developments in European capital markets and analyse their long-term implications.

Research papers should cover (but are not limited to) one or more of the following areas:

- Competitiveness, integration and the global positioning of EU capital markets
- The future architecture of EU capital markets supervision and the implications for the Market Integration and Supervision Package
- Channelling household, institutional and long-term savings into productive investment and Europe's strategic priorities
- Retail investment, financial literacy and behavioural drivers of market participation
- Scale-up financing, IPO markets and the financing of innovation in Europe
- Market structure, liquidity, transparency and the role of market makers in EU securities markets
- Post-trade integration, settlement infrastructure and the future of European market infrastructure
- The digital transformation of capital markets: digital assets, tokenisation, DLT, artificial intelligence and platform finance
- Sustainable finance and the evolving ESG ecosystem: disclosure, standardisation, reporting frameworks and data quality
- The role of non-bank financial intermediation (NBFI), institutional investors and macroprudential frameworks in capital market
- The macro-financial effects of monetary, fiscal and industrial policies on capital markets
- The 'cost of non-Europe' in financial integration and capital markets development

ECMI encourages the submission of empirical research papers with relevant implications for the European capital markets legislative framework. Additionally, research papers should meet the following criteria:

1. Papers should be original and not previously published in an academic journal or other official review. Non-published reports produced within PhD research projects or selected parts of PhD dissertations (provided these are not published) are acceptable.

2. The submission of the paper should be approved by all authors and tacitly or explicitly by the responsible institutions where the work on the paper was undertaken.
3. Submitted papers should be of publishable quality and make a significant and novel contribution. Submissions will be evaluated in terms of their originality, clarity, analytical rigour and policy relevance.
4. Papers should be submitted in English, include an abstract of no more than 200 words, and not exceed 50 pages (including table of contents, appendices, annexes and list of references).
5. Any direct contact by one or more of the authors with members of the Academic Committee should be fully disclosed in the submission email.
6. Selected papers will go through two blind-reviewing rounds by the Organising Committee and Academic Committee.
7. Upon acceptance of the prize, the author(s) of the winning paper will be asked to complete and sign a 'Declaration of Originality' and to authorise the publication of the paper as part of the ECMI Working Paper Series.
8. **Two files should be submitted** by email to: [ecmi@ceps.eu](mailto:ecmi@ceps.eu) (cc: [apostolos.thomadakis@ceps.eu](mailto:apostolos.thomadakis@ceps.eu)) by midnight **6 September 2026** containing:
  - i. A title page with the title, the abstract and the full contact details of the author(s) (full name, address, job title, affiliation and contact details). Contact details should appear on the front page only
  - ii. The full text of the paper with title and abstract in an anonymous format. No contact details, name(s) or any other information that could identify the author(s) should appear on the paper.
9. Failure to meet any of the requirements above can result in the paper's exclusion from consideration in the competition.
10. To avoid any doubt, ECMI reserves the right to extend the submission deadline, to close it earlier than planned or to not award the prize at all.

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