



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## NEXTSTEP EU SCIENTIFIC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

29-31 May 2025, Iași, Romania

On behalf of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration from Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași (Romania), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the **NextStepEU International Conference “Challenges, Opportunities, and Policies for Sustainability in the European Union”** organized within the Jean Monnet Module “Guiding Steps for the Next Generation of Smarter and More Engaged Citizens in a Sustainable European Union” (**NextStepEU**), on **29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**, in **Iași**. To reach a wider audience, the conference will be organized as a **hybrid event**, although we strongly encourage in-person attendance for presenters.

The Conference aims to foster the dissemination of and constructive dialogue around innovative, interdisciplinary, applicable high-quality research which has the potential of delivering sound policy proposals for a better and more sustainable European Union. The conference is an actual ‘call for ideas’ that targets the EU policy making process, in the sense of delivering viewpoints, recommendations, solutions to either enhance the quality of and synergies between existing EU policies, or to propose new approaches of tackling specific issues of economic, social or environmental nature that the EU has to deal with. We believe that this European scientific event will have the potential to attract innovative and interdisciplinary research with an emphasis on forwarding sound policy proposals for achieving sustainable development in the European Union.

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

Contributions on the following (non-restrictive) topics are welcome:

1. Emerging economic, societal and environmental challenges for European policy making
2. Financial intermediation and sustainable finance practices in the European Union
3. Adapting business management to a dynamic European policy landscape
4. Social economy and inclusive entrepreneurship: driving sustainable growth in the EU
5. Strengthening public administration practices and regulatory frameworks for enhanced sustainability

Within the conference, a **Students’ Roundtable** will be organized. Bachelor and Master’s students are encouraged to submit essays on the topic of the conference and present their ideas in front of an envisaged audience, as means of further exploring and expanding their understanding of sustainable development practices in the European Union.

### PAPER SUBMISSION

The submission of both full-length papers and extended abstracts (between 300-500 words) is welcome. All submissions must be in English.

Authors are invited to submit their contribution electronically, at the e-mail address **[nextstepeu@uaic.ro](mailto:nextstepeu@uaic.ro)**, no later than on **April 1, 2025**. In preparing the abstract/paper, the authors are required to strictly follow the templates available on the website ([nextstepeu.uaic.ro/conference](http://nextstepeu.uaic.ro/conference)).



## KEY DATES

- Deadline for full paper/extended abstract submission – **1 April 2025**
- Notification on paper/abstract acceptance or rejection – ongoing, until **15 April 2025**
- Fee payment and registration deadline – **25 April 2025**
- Conference days – **29 - 31 May 2025 (online and onsite)**
- Final paper submission for publication – **15 June 2025**

## PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Based on their subjects and scientific quality, presented papers may be published in:

- *Conference Proceedings* (which will be submitted for indexing in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI) by Clarivate Analytics).
- *Scientific Annals of Economics and Business* – SAEB (ISSN: 2501-1960 Print, ISSN: 2501-3165 Online), available at <http://saeb.feaa.uaic.ro/>, indexed in Clarivate Analytics Web of Science Core Collection - ESCI, Scopus, EBSCO and EconLit, Repec, DOAJ, etc.
- *Journal of Public Administration, Finance and Law* – JOPAFL (ISSN: 2285-2204 Print, ISSN-L: 2285-3499 Online), available at <https://www.jopafll.com/>, indexed in Index Copernicus, EBSCO, CEEOL, DOAJ, etc.

The papers will benefit from a double-blind review process in accordance with the journals' review standards.

## CONFERENCE FEE

The standard fee is 100 euro (500 lei) per participant. A discounted fee of 50 euro (250 lei) is applicable to PhD and Master's students (for multi-authored papers, all authors must fulfill this condition). Payments details will be available on the conference website ([nextstep.eu.uaic.ro/conference](http://nextstep.eu.uaic.ro/conference)).

The fee covers: participation in all plenary and panel sessions; the conference kit; coffee breaks; social events; online book of abstracts; paper publication in conference proceedings or associated journals.

## AVAILABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support consisting in registration fee waiver will be provided for up to **5 participants** from low and middle-income countries (excluding Romania) and up to **3 young researchers** from Romania (PhD and Master's students). To apply for financial support, **the full paper** (as a ready-to-publish manuscript) must be submitted before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. When sending the full paper (via e-mail), please be sure to explicitly specify that you want to apply for financial support.

## REGISTRATION

After paying the fee, please make sure to send the payments details by e-mail at [nextstep.eu@uaic.ro](mailto:nextstep.eu@uaic.ro), together with the registration form available on the website ([nextstep.eu.uaic.ro/conference](http://nextstep.eu.uaic.ro/conference)).

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please check the conference webpage ([nextstep.eu.uaic.ro/conference](http://nextstep.eu.uaic.ro/conference)).

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*We are looking forward to seeing you in Iași!*

*NextStepEU Organizing Committee*