



European Network for Research on Investment

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

# ***Investment and Competitiveness in a Changing World***

**Deadline for Submissions: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The goal of the European Network for Research on Investment (ENRI) is to advance understandings of investment dynamics, drivers and barriers in Europe, with a view to inform investment policy.

Recent extraordinary shocks have strongly impacted investment needs and the investment environment in Europe. The COVID-19 pandemic led to a swift change in the composition of investment, given the different sectoral consequences of the pandemic and heightened implications for digitalisation and value chains. Subsequently, Russia's war in Ukraine and the associated energy crisis further altered investment incentives, with accelerated efforts to ensure energy security and the green transition. Policy measures in the past three years have also been unprecedented, with monetary and fiscal policy responses shifting from providing sufficient support during the pandemic to addressing soaring inflation and its repercussions on firms and households during the energy crisis.

In an environment of high uncertainty and increased focus on strategic autonomy, challenges for Europe related to keeping up productive investment spending, meeting net-zero goals and optimising global value-chains will determine the balance of investment priorities for the years ahead.

This ENRI conference aims at discussing the impact of these recent shocks on global competitiveness of the European economy and overall challenges to investment in Europe.

### **Conference on 29-30 November 2023 in Luxembourg**

The European Investment Bank (EIB), Banca d'Italia, the European Commission (DG-GROW), the European Central Bank (ECB), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the European Money and Finance Forum (SUERF) will host a joint conference on **Investment and Competitiveness in a Changing World**.

The conference will be held in person at the EIB, in Luxembourg, starting in the **afternoon of Wednesday, 29 November 2023 and ending in the late afternoon of Thursday, 30 November**.

The programme will feature a **Keynote speech by Professor Sebnem Kalemli Ozcan** (University of Maryland) and a **high-level panel discussing policy perspectives** with senior representatives from key institutions.

Research papers in the sessions will be assessed by expert discussants, before opening the floor to broader Q&A discussions for each session. A detailed program will be released once submissions from the call for papers have been evaluated and selected.

### Call for papers

This **call for papers invites original research** – academic or policy-oriented – on **Investment and Competitiveness in a Changing World**.

Submissions should preferably take the form of **full draft papers** written in **English**. Papers are expected to encompass a wide range of topics, discussing the broad theme of the new environment for firm-level investment and strategies resulting from the recent crises, ongoing geopolitical tensions, and possible changes to global value chains, the investment needs resulting from breakthrough innovations in pursuit of a greener and more digital economy as well as policy implications. Papers with empirical contributions are particularly encouraged.

The deadline for paper submission is **10 September 2023**. Completed papers in PDF format should be submitted through [Conference Maker](#).

Papers will be selected by a Scientific Committee comprising experts from the EIB, SUERF, the Banca d'Italia, the OECD and the ECB.

Authors will be **notified by mid October 2023**.

Authors of selected papers will be invited to present their work and to publish a short policy-oriented version as a *SUERF Policy Brief*. **Authors should preferably present their papers in person**; in exceptional cases, online participation may be possible.

Authors affiliated with central banks and other institutions are requested to cover their own travel costs.

Scientific committee:

- Andrea Brasili, Matteo Gatti and Peter Harasztosi (EIB)
- Francesca Lotti, Enrico Sette, (Banca d'Italia)
- Josefina Monteagudo (DG-GROW)
- Malin Andersson, Valerie Jarvis (ECB)
- Chiara Criscuolo, Antoine Berthou (OECD)
- Ernest Gnan (SUERF)