



6th Summer School on Sustainable Finance

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE RESEARCH FORUM

27-28 June, 2024

European Commission – Joint Research Centre, Ispra (VA), Italy

Hybrid format

CALL FOR PAPERS

DEADLINE for paper submission: March 15, 2024

TOPIC

As policy actions to combat climate change gain momentum, and the analysis of climate-related financial risks matures, experts are beginning to shift their focus towards risks associated with nature more broadly, such as those stemming from environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, and the links between sustainability and digital technologies.

While continued global disruptions and geopolitical crises may become bumps in the road to a sustainable economy, digital technologies have huge potential in the context of the green transition. There are also increasing opportunities to amplify sustainable finance in emerging and developing economies, despite their limited financial resources and infrastructure. Yet, there is a pressing need for tools and analyses to evaluate relevant risks and their consequences. This includes, for example, the practical execution of stress tests that should investigate environmental risks more broadly, by taking into account value chains, macro-financial feedback loops, and secondary effects. Finally, the integration of the social and governance dimensions into mainstream financial decision-making remains notably inadequate.

For these reasons, the JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss recent developments and innovations in the field of sustainable finance. By doing so, it exposes researchers to the most demanding issues faced by the industry and helps them produce policy-relevant research. At the same time, it provides independent scientific advice to policy, reaffirming the crucial role of research in informing policy-making.

ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL

The school addresses different types of communities, including scientists and policy officers working at public and/or international institutions, as well as private-sector experts active in the field of

sustainable finance. To facilitate cross-fertilization and promote the development of policy-relevant research and science-based policy, the event will feature both academic sessions and more policy-oriented lectures.

Papers in the broader field of sustainable finance, including digitalisation and sustainability, scaling-up sustainable investing in emerging and developing economies and tools for assessing relevant risks, are welcome for presentation.

The event and the social dinner are free of charge upon registration. However, participants will need to cover their travel and accommodation costs. As a social event visits to the [Nuclear Safeguards, Security and Standardization Laboratory \(INS3L\)](#), the [European Crisis Management Laboratory \(ECML\)](#) and the [European Microwave Signature Laboratory \(EMSL\)](#) will be offered, free of charge. The JRC will provide practical assistance in booking reasonably-priced accommodation in the local area and arrange local transportation.

VENUE

The event will be a hybrid one, both online and at the JRC's premises in Ispra, Italy. The JRC in Ispra is the third biggest European Commission site after Brussels and Luxembourg. Established in 1960 as a nuclear research site, is today one of Europe's leading research campuses with many laboratories and unique research infrastructures. Ispra is beautifully set at the foot of the hills with a splendid view on Lake Maggiore, Lombardy region, and lakeside pedestrian walks. The nearest big city is Milan (60 km), Malpensa airport is around 30 min. drive from the JRC.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please send a full paper or an extended abstract to JRC-FINANCE@ec.europa.eu with "Submission Summer School on Sustainable Finance" in the email's subject line, by **March 15**, 2024.

REGISTRATION

A link to register for in-person and remote attendance will be circulated with the programme.

KEY DATES

Deadline for paper submission: **March 15**, 2024

Notification of acceptance: **April 8**, 2024

School dates: **June 27-28**, 2024

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