

2026 EBA POLICY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

“Efficient and Proportionate Regulation for a Competitive Financial Sector”

Paris, 18-19 November 2026 (Hybrid Event)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2026 EBA Policy Research Workshop focuses on how efficient and proportionate regulatory frameworks can support a competitive, resilient, and integrated financial sector. In an evolving regulatory landscape, ensuring that the financial sector remains both competitive and resilient requires striking the right balance between simplicity, proportionality, and effective risk management.

This year, the Workshop will discuss the policy challenges arising from the need to streamline the prudential rulebook, the behavioural impacts of efficiency and proportionality, and supervisory approaches to innovation, market entry, and cross-border integration. Submissions are also encouraged on new digital interlinkages, crypto-bank transmission channels, and risks related to decentralised finance (DeFi), as well as on the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) technologies across financial institutions. In addition, the workshop also welcomes research on: the appropriate integration of ESG considerations by banks in a proportionate manner into governance, strategy, and remuneration frameworks; and on regulatory designs that promote harmonisation, supervisory convergence, and deeper financial integration across the Single Market.

The 2026 EBA Policy Research Workshop aims to bring together economists and researchers from supervisory authorities and central banks, as well as leading academics. The organisers are inviting submissions of policy-oriented, preferably empirical, research papers. Researchers from supervisory authorities and central banks are especially encouraged to submit papers for presentation. Submissions are particularly welcome on the following topics:

- Competitiveness and efficiency in the prudential rulebook without undermining resilience.

- Impacts of efficiency and proportionality.
- Competition, innovation, market entry, cross border growth and new areas under financial supervision.
- Proportionate integration of ESG risks in governance, strategy, and remuneration frameworks.

Interested parties should submit their draft papers and any queries to research.conferences@eba.europa.eu at the European Banking Authority.

The submission deadline is **Friday, 19 June 2026**.

Contributors will be notified by **mid-September 2026**.

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