

SRB Economic Conference 2026

Resolution Young Researcher Award

18 – 19 March

The call for papers is open! Submission deadline: 15 October 2025

The Single Resolution Board (SRB) invites young researchers to participate in the **2026 Resolution Young Researcher Award**, a research competition organised at the SRB Economic Conference. The SRB awards this prize for outstanding research conducted by early-stage researchers on topics related to resolution and the SRB's mission.

The SRB Economic Conference will be organised on 18-19 March 2026 in Brussels. The finalists of the 2026 Resolution Young Researcher Award will present and discuss their research in a dedicated workshop, organised on **18 March 2026** as part of the SRB Economic Conference.

Topics for 2026 research paper submissions

The topic of the SRB Economic Conference is **'Evolutions in bank resolution: learning from the past and looking to the future'**. We are particularly interested in research papers that explore the following themes:

- Impact of bank resolution framework on financial stability and Too-big-to-fail (TBTF) problem
- Financial Stability in resolution, including bank liquidity in resolution, deposit runs as well as resolution at times of widespread fragility
- Analyses on the relationships between MREL and banks' profitability, funding profile, legal and operational structure, including the interplay between resolution and prudential capital buffers
- Resolution challenges for medium-sized banks, cooperatives and/or global cross-border banks
- Growth of non-bank financial intermediaries and centrality of financial market infrastructures and the implications for the bank crisis management
- Impact of emerging risks and of technological advancements in banking on crisis management and deposit insurance

Papers on other topics relevant to the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) and SRB's mission will also be considered. Moreover, papers with a focus on EU data or EU Member States will be given special consideration.

Eligibility conditions

Students who are currently enrolled in a PhD programme or Postdoctoral researchers who have not exceeded five years since the completion of their first PhD degree (on 15 October 2025) are invited to participate in 2026 Resolution Young Researcher Award.

Both single and co-authored papers in English will be considered. In case of a co-authored paper, the eligibility conditions apply to all authors.

The SRB is an inclusive organisation and encourages all eligible candidates to apply, irrespective of their gender, ethnicity, disability, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or other characteristics.

Current employees of the SRB or of National Resolution Authorities in the Banking Union are not eligible to take part in the competition, neither to be co-authors of the submitted papers. Participants in any traineeship programme at the SRB or at National Resolution Authorities are however eligible.

Participants and their work must comply with the professional, legal and ethical standards. The SRB reserves the right to exclude participants at any time in the event of non-compliance with these standards or any other unethical behaviour, which may adversely affect the 2026 Resolution Young Researcher Award competition and/or the reputation of the SRB or of the SRM. This includes misrepresenting any information required for participating in the competition, failing to submit such information or committing plagiarism of any kind.

Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for submitting papers is midnight CET on **Wednesday 15 October 2025**. Applications should be submitted to SRB-ECON-CONFERENCE@srb.europa.eu.

To be eligible, the applications should include:

- A cover letter introducing the research and its relevance to the workshop
- Full paper in English (preferably in PDF format)
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV) for each author¹

In addition, applicants are strongly advised to include also a recommendation letter (e.g., from the current or former PhD supervisor and/or employer) within the same deadline of midnight CET on Wednesday 15 October 2025.

Selection Process

A selection committee will review all submissions and it will select up to 10 finalists to attend the SRB Economic Conference. The papers will be assessed based on their (i) innovative thinking and academic merit, (ii) policy relevance for the SRM and SRB's mission, as well as (iii) the pertinence to the SRB Economic Conference theme and aforementioned topics for 2026 paper submissions. The committee will also take into account the information provided in the CV, cover letter and in the recommendation letter. Moreover, the SRB will strive for a balanced selection of finalists in terms of gender, universities represented, citizenship as well as a balance in terms of theoretical and empirical work.

¹ A DP privacy statement will be made available in due course.

Selected authors will be notified **by 15 January 2026** and will be invited to attend the SRB Economic Conference. Moreover, they are expected to present their research papers during a dedicated workshop at the Economic Conference. Each presentation will be followed by a discussant's comments, fostering a constructive and engaging discussion. The finalists will have the opportunity to receive feedback and to discuss with policymakers and top academics in the field. Finalists are expected to be physically present at the SRB Economic Conference, except for circumstances beyond the control of the finalists concerned, which will be assessed by the SRB on a case-by-case basis.

During the workshop, the finalists' papers and presentations will be assessed by the selection committee, which will choose the winner, on the basis of the same criteria, and taking into account the presentation and the discussion during the workshop.

Contact Information

For any questions or to submit your paper, please contact SRB-ECON-CONFERENCE@srb.europa.eu.

Payment

The prize amount is **€5000**. The total cash award is the same for both single and co-authored papers. This prize amount will be awarded to the winning finalist(s) and will be paid by bank transfer in one instalment within 15 days after the award ceremony. If the winning paper was co-authored, the transfer will be made to a single account, as indicated in the application.

Promotion

The 2026 Resolution Young Researcher Award will be promoted across the digital channels of the SRB and/or the NRAs, including their websites and social media platforms such as LinkedIn. The names of the finalists, together with photographs and videos, as well as the main findings of their research papers, may be featured on the aforementioned platforms.