

# The Gasperini Awards 2026

The Gasperini ESG Awards recognizes outstanding papers and articles on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) matters. The awards are designed to promote research, lead thinking on ESG issues, and encourage Investment professionals to contribute to the field.

The prize is sponsored by the European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies (EFFAS).

## Topics

Sustainable development, CSR, Climate change, Ethical investment ...



## Deadlines

Submission of papers will open from 2 December 2025 until the 4 May 2026.



## Award ceremony

October 2026, Lisbon, Portugal.



## Prizes

First Prize €7,500.  
Second Prize €2,500.



## Publishing

Your paper can be published by EFFAS!



## Andrea Gasperini



In memory of Andrea Gasperini, a cherished member of the EFFAS community, who dedicated his life to championing Sustainable Finance with commitment & leadership.

A Chartered Accountant and Auditor, Andrea became the Head of Sustainability at AIAF & Member of the EFFAS Commission on ESG.

A vanguard in ESG, notably contributing to our ESG Certification Programmes and the European legislation on ESG. Author of numerous publications on sustainable finance, Andrea's voice resonated in universities and global conferences.

**TAKE ACTION  
FOR CHANGE!**



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## RULE 1. PARTICIPANTS:

The award is open to individuals and research teams of any nationality. For research teams, a project leader or director must be designated. Each applicant may submit only one unique project, and all authors associated with the project must meet the eligibility criteria.

## RULE 2. RESEARCH TOPICS:

Submitted research papers, projects, academic articles, or professional works must focus on ESG topics within investment and finance, including areas such as sustainable development, climate change, corporate social responsibility, social justice, and ethical investment. Submissions will be evaluated based on originality, impact, and their contribution to the field of ESG.

All papers and articles must exhibit a high level of academic rigor and scholarship.

## RULE 3. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The Award Jury will evaluate the quality of the work, its practical application, and its contribution to advancing new solutions in the field of ESG. In particular, the jury will give special consideration to solutions that expand knowledge in the areas outlined in Rule 2.

## RULE 4. PRESENTATION:

Your submission to the Gasperini Awards must be original, written specifically for this award. It must be unpublished, written in English, and signed with an alias. *If the selection committee discovers that the submission was not prepared exclusively for the Gasperini Awards, the participant(s) will be disqualified. Papers that have won previous awards will not be eligible for consideration.*

The submission must be presented with a title and submitted as an original Word document in standard "DIN A4" size, with a length of 10-20 pages or up to 10,000 words, excluding indexes, statistical appendices, tables, and bibliography, which may be included as annexes.

The submission should begin with a one-page abstract summarizing key objectives and main conclusions.

A cover letter should accompany your work, providing the author's qualifications and motivation for submitting the work. It should include the title of the paper, the author's alias, contact details (address, phone number, email), an ID, and a brief CV of the author(s).

## RULE 5. SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Submissions will be accepted from 2 December 2025, until 4 May 2026. To register, please complete the form available in our website. The Award Rules and the Call for Entries are available on the EFFAS website: [www.effas.com](http://www.effas.com).

For any questions, please contact [office@effas.com](mailto:office@effas.com)

## RULE 6. PRICE ALLOCATION:

The total prize allocation is a maximum of ten thousand euros (€10,000). The first prize of seven thousand five hundred euros (€7,500) may be awarded to one or more papers, at the discretion of the Jury. Additionally, in recognition of the quality of other submissions, the Jury may choose to award an honourable mention with a prize of two thousand five hundred euros (€2,500).

## RULE 7. THE JURY:

The Jury will consist of at least six members appointed by EFFAS, selected from experts of recognized standing in the fields of economics, business, and academia. One member will serve as the Jury chair.

Each Jury member will have an individual vote, with decisions made by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chairperson will cast the deciding vote.

## RULE 8. AWARD OF PRIZES:

EFFAS will announce the winners of the awards on its website and social media on the date of the Gasperini Awards Ceremony.

## RULE 9. AWARD CEREMONY:

The European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies (EFFAS) will award the prizes to the winners at a public event that would be notify in due time. *A condition of the awards is that the authors of the winning papers attend the award ceremony to receive their prize. A winner absent from the award ceremony without justifiable reason will have their prize deferred to the next best recipient.*

## RULE 10. PUBLICATION OF AWARDED PROJECTS:

EFFAS does not assume any obligation to publish the winning papers, nor does it claim the right to edit any content within them.

However, EFFAS reserves the right to publish a version of the work in any format, provided it adheres to strict academic formatting guidelines.

If EFFAS chooses not to publish the awarded papers, they may be freely published elsewhere. In this case, and in any versions published in academic journals, the Acknowledgments section must note that the paper received an EFFAS award.

## RULE 11. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

By participating in this award, the author(s) accept these award rules and acknowledge that the Jury's decision is final and not subject to appeal.