



2nd International Conference of the Jean Monnet Module on EU Insurance Law: Challenges in the SDG Era

11 and 12 July 2024 | NOVA School of Law

The main objective of this annual conference is to **create a forum** where scholars, practitioners, non-governmental organizations, cooperative and social sector, and state agencies with an interest in insurance will **meet and discuss topics that are of interest to all**, with a focus on public policy recommendations on **the role of insurance in fostering sustainable development goals**.

We aim to contribute to the generation of knowledge and raise awareness as to the role of insurance for the equal enjoyment of human rights and the achievement of SDGs, in line with the core values of the European Union.

In 2024, this annual conference will be devoted to **SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**. The overarching topic of this year's conference will be **sustainable insurance**.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

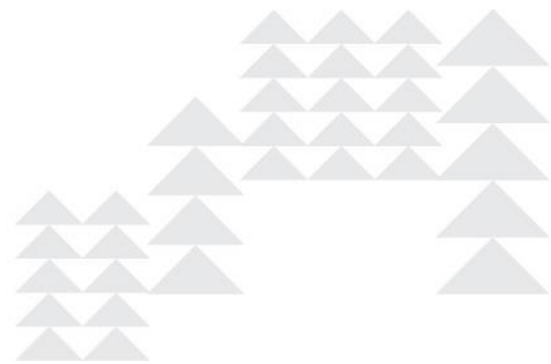


What is sustainable insurance? “Sustainable insurance is a strategic approach where **all activities in the insurance value chain**, including interactions with stakeholders, are done **in a responsible and forward-looking way** by identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring risks and opportunities associated with environmental, social and governance issues. Sustainable insurance **aims to reduce risk, develop innovative solutions, improve business performance, and contribute to environmental, social and economic sustainability**”¹.

We also welcome interventions exploring links between this noble goal and other SDG, notably **7 – Affordable and Clean Energy, 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities, and 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production**.

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¹ See <https://www.unepfi.org/psi/>.



Organization

Coordinators: Prof. Margarida Lima Rego, Prof. María del Val Bolívar Oñoro, Prof. Maria Elisabete Ramos. Scientific Committee Members: Prof. Claire Bright, Prof. Fabrizio Esposito, Prof. Joana Campos Carvalho, Prof. Soraya Nour-Sckell, PhD candidates, Martinho Lucas Pires and Vítor Boaventura Xavier.

Location and date

The main conference will follow a hybrid format, the physical location being at NOVA School of Law. The conference will take place on **11 July 2024**. On **12 July 2024**, a series of additional and related discussion panels composed of young scholars and practitioners will take place at NOVA School of Law. All conference participants are welcome to attend this session either online or in person at no additional cost.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION: ABSTRACTS, PAPERS AND POSTERS

Attention: in 2024, for the main conference on 11 July, the organizers will only consider **submissions specifically related to insurance and SDG 8**. We also welcome interventions exploring links between SDG 8 and other SDG, notably 7, 9, 11, and 12. With the aim of increasing the links between young and senior scholars and professionals worldwide, all posters related to Insurance Law and any SDG will be considered.

Timeline

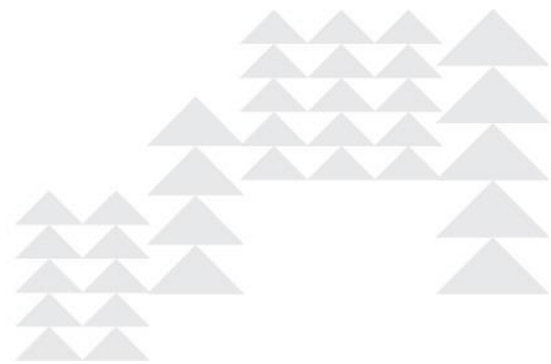
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: **31 March 2024**.
- Successful applicants will be informed no later than **31 May 2024**.
- Deadline for submission of full papers and posters: **1 July 2024**.
- Conference publication (keynote speakers and communications): **December 2024**.

All submissions should be sent by email to EUInsLSDG@novalaw.unl.pt.

Assessment criteria

All abstracts will be assessed by the conference coordinators and members of the scientific committee, on the basis of:

- Originality and innovative nature of the work;
- Relevance to conference topic;
- Diversity;



- Bearing in mind the aim of the conference, preference will be given to abstracts related to public policy recommendations.

Only one abstract per author will be considered.

Joint submissions are possible.

For abstract submissions, please send us:

- An abstract written in English or Portuguese, not exceeding 500 words;
- A short biography (100 words);
- The author's name and affiliation;
- The author's contact details, including email address and phone number of the corresponding author;
- Whether the abstract should be considered for the **Conference Prize** (see below);
- The desired format of participation (oral presentation or poster);
- Whether attendance is expected to be in person or online.

Full paper instructions

- Full papers must not exceed 60,000 characters with spaces, including notes and references.
- Full papers may only be written in English, but the paper presentation at the conference may take place in either English or Portuguese.

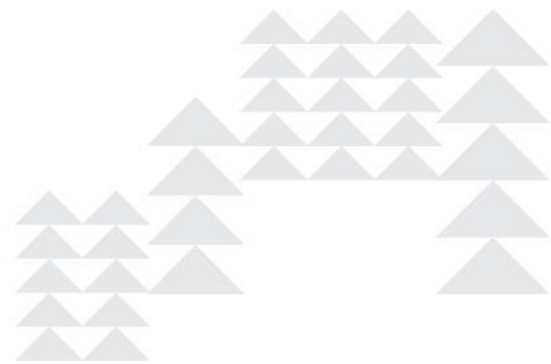
Poster instructions

- Posters should be conceived taking into account printing requirements for size A1;
- May only be written in Portuguese or English;
- Accessibility to all should be considered (please, bear this in mind while choosing colours, language used, etc.);
- Can relate to any topic within the field of Insurance Law and SDG.

Considering that posters will be discussed during the lunch and coffee breaks, they may only be presented by those attending the conference in person.

Finances

The conference fee is 100 euros. This fee will be reduced to 50 euros in case of remote participation. A special reduced fee of 50 euros will apply to members of AIDA. No fee will be applied to students and persons with disabilities (proof of status is required).



All selected speakers must register for the conference but their attendance will be free of charge.

The conference does not cover expenses for travel and accommodation. This does not apply to keynote speakers.

Conference Prize for Oral Presentations

This prize is aimed at young scholars, including Ph.D. candidates and holders of a PhD who have successfully defended their theses less than five years prior to the date of the conference. **The prize is 500€ and a certificate.** One prize may be awarded in each edition of this annual conference, at the discretion of the assessment panel, and it might be split in case of a tie.

To be considered, please provide the following information when submitting the abstract:

- An expression of interest in competing for the prize;
- Date of enrolment in PhD programme / date of PhD defence. In the case of winning, a certificate of the enrolment or the Ph.D. defence will be required.

If admitted, an anonymized version of the full paper must be submitted on or before **15 June 2024**.

An independent panel of peer reviewers selected by the conference organizers will anonymously assess applications to the conference prize.

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