

Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics and Policy

5 – 7 May 2027 | Radisson Blue Hotel, Nice, France



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Centre for a Digital Society at the European University Institute (EUI) invites the academic, business, policy, and regulatory communities engaged in the postal, delivery, and digital services sectors to submit proposals for the 35th Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics and Policy.

Important Dates



Abstracts and
proposals due:

30 October 2026

Notification
of acceptance:

by 30 November 2026

Submission
of final papers:

15 April 2027

Conference 5 – 7 May 2027

Who should submit

We welcome contributions from across the community: academics and researchers (all social sciences, with a focus on law and economics); regulators and policymakers; and industry practitioners, including postal and delivery operators, logistics and technology firms, platforms, and consultancies. Contributions should speak to the conference themes and generate discussion rather than serve as promotional showcases.

Conference themes for research papers

Illustrative but not exhaustive list of research themes.

- The future of universal service
- Forward-looking regulation
- The last mile, out-of-home and delivery ecosystems
- Competition, consolidation, market structure and performance
- Cross-border e-commerce, customs and trade
- Automation and data
- AI and agentic AI in operations
- Labour and employment
- Resilience and critical infrastructure
- Public value and digital public infrastructure (DPI)
- Sustainability and green transition
- Consumer protection and redress

International and comparative contributions, from Europe and beyond, are especially welcome.

How to contribute

There are two ways to contribute. Please note the distinct purpose, length and review process of each — in particular, the difference between the two paper types.

Research Paper

(~6,000–8,000 words)

Original, unpublished research — empirical, theoretical or methodological. Papers should be rigorously argued and referenced. These submissions are prioritised in the selection process to uphold the conference's established academic tradition and are eligible for the peer-reviewed edited volume ([see Publication opportunity](#)).

Policy & Practice Paper

(up to 3,000 words)

A concise, evidence-based analysis of a concrete policy, regulatory, or operational question, written by — or together with — practitioners, regulators, or policymakers. A strong Policy & Practice Paper draws on real-world experience, offers transferable lessons, and provokes debate.

Not a marketing document. Policy & Practice Papers must not promote or advertise a company and must not read as a sales pitch. Submissions that primarily serve to self-advertise will not be accepted.

Potential sessions for Policy & Practice Papers

To give Policy & Practice Papers a natural home and a focused debate, and subject to the number of received submissions, the following sessions will be curated around practitioner and policy contributions:

- Winning the last mile: out-of-home, density and access in urban and rural areas
- The cross-border parcel shock: de minimis, customs and platform volumes
- Shaping the EU Delivery Act: evidence for a future-fit delivery framework
- Reinventing the post: management, products, and governance

AUTHOR FEES*

Full time academics	€ 500
Public sector authorities	€ 1000
Private sector	€ 1400
Donors**	€ 400

* The rate includes registration fee, meals, refreshments, and venue facilities during the conference.

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Submission and Enquiries

Submit abstracts and proposals here



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We look forward
to your contributions
and to welcoming
you in Nice
for a stimulating
conference!

Publication opportunity

Authors of accepted **Research Papers** may submit their work for consideration in the conference's annual edited volume of selected contributions, published by Springer. All submissions to the volume undergo a peer-review process. Policy & Practice Papers are presented and discussed at the conference but are not included in the peer-reviewed volume.

[Previous volumes can be viewed here.](#)