

## European Microfinance Research Award

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### *Call for papers*

Ahead of the 14<sup>th</sup> EMN Annual Conference to be held in Venice on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, the EMN is pleased to announce the re-launch of the European Microfinance Research Award co-sponsored by the Research Group «Financial Inclusion and New Entrepreneurship» of The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Once again, this year's award comes with a grant of €1,000.

Papers eligible for selection should present ongoing or finalised research on issues related to microfinance in the European Union and EFTA countries exclusively. In line with this year's conference theme, papers exploring the potential and key role of financial education for citizen empowerment will be especially valued as well as those focusing on financial inclusion. Other subjects are equally welcome, e.g. those related to job creation, information technology and innovation, social performance measurement, impact assessment and social entrepreneurship. **Young researchers are especially invited to present their work for this award.**

Only papers written in English will be accepted.

Based on predetermined selection criteria (relevance, innovativeness, structure, literature review, methodology and applicability), the EMN Selection Committee will choose three finalist papers. These will be disseminated online and published on the EMN website. Finally, based on the Selection Committee's decision, one outstanding paper will be awarded the 2017 European Microfinance Research Award. The winner will be invited to join the EMN's Annual Conference in Venice, where the Award Ceremony will take place.

Please send an abstract of your research paper strictly adhering to the abstract template below to EMN: [emn@european-microfinance.org](mailto:emn@european-microfinance.org). The selection process timeframe will be as follows:

- **Handing in of abstracts: Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**
- **Acceptance notification: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**
- **Handing in of full papers: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

**The award winner and all competitors will be notified by email no later than May 8th.**

*WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!*

## *COVER PAGE Template*

- **Title:** 10 words/70 characters 14pt/bold
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## *ABSTRACT Template*

- **Title:** 10 words/70 characters 14pt/bold
- **Type of Paper:** Research Paper / Working Paper / Practitioner Paper (delete as appropriate)
- **Purpose of the paper:** What are the aims of the research or the work you are carrying out? Which underlying concepts, approaches, previous research or experiences do you build on? How does your research/work differ or relate to other research/other practices in the same field? How will your research/work help others to improve their practices?
- **Design/Methodology/Approach:** What approach did you use to carry out your research/work? Which were the main methods used? Why did you use this methodology? Why is it especially apt for reaching the aims you wanted to achieve with your research/work?
- **Key results:** Which were the main findings from the research/work carried out? Why are these results important? What are the limits of these results? Are these final or interim findings? Do you plan to develop your work and if yes, how? Impact: What impact should these findings have on the target group(s)? How will the findings contribute to further research/work in the field? Will the findings contribute to the development of new methods and if yes, how?
- **Value:** Why is your research/work unique and original? What is its key added value and to which community? What constitutes the quality of the research/work?
- **Key Words:** Maximum of four key words.

*Please fill in this template in order to compose your abstract and make sure your abstract fits onto ONE PAGE IN A4.*

*Send your cover page and abstract file (2 different documents) to EMN: [emn@european-microfinance.org](mailto:emn@european-microfinance.org) , no later than January 30th, 2017*