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Accounting in Europe

Editor's report on the year 2024

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Introduction

This is already my last report as editor of *Accounting in Europe* and it covers the year 2024. The EAA's Management Committee and Publication Committee have appointed Nadia Albu from the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies (Romania) as incoming editor for the term 2026-2029. The current team already collaborates closely with Nadia as she steps up to lead the journal starting in 2026. We wish Nadia the very best as she prepares to guide *Accounting in Europe* into the third decade of its existence.

I thank our team of associate editors, Nadia Albu, Anne Jeny, Fani Kalogirou, Gilad Livne, and Francesco Mazzi for their enthusiasm in working together. I also want to thank the authors, the editorial board members, the reviewers, and the friends of *Accounting in Europe* for their continuous support to our journal. *Accounting in Europe* is fortunate to count on such a high-quality network!

The current report outlines the actions undertaken during our term and provides an overview of the outcomes of our strategy. In addition to the usual key submission statistics, it highlights our progress in various rankings. Plus, there's some other news from *Accounting in Europe* we wanted to share.

Accounting in Europe, it's us!

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1. Our actions for *Accounting in Europe*

As outlined in our policy statement, we committed to a series of action items to be pursued during our term. This section provides a summary of the main outcomes.

Inviting opinion pieces from leading researchers and soliciting papers from the community in areas of interest to the journal

In 2023, we launched our series of opinion pieces. An opinion piece is not a literature review, but rather a statement of one's view on certain affairs relevant to practitioners and researchers alike. Such a view needs to be well-argued, and ideally provocative in a way that challenges the status quo and received wisdom. Gilad Livne, as the associate editor in charge of the opinion pieces, has worked closely with the authors of such nontraditional papers that have the potential to contribute to our aims and scope. To date, we have published the following opinion pieces:

- Stolowy, H., & Paugam, L. (2023). Sustainability Reporting: Is Convergence Possible? *Accounting in Europe*, 20(2), 139–165
- Buijink, W. (2023). A Commentary on Who ‘Owns’ the University Accounting Curriculum? And on Why That ‘Ownership’ Matters. *Accounting in Europe*, 20(3), 273–280
- Wagenhofer, A. (2024). Sustainability Reporting: A Financial Reporting Perspective. *Accounting in Europe*, 21(1), 1–13
- Francis, J. (2024). What exactly do we mean by audit quality?. *Accounting in Europe*, 21(2), 123–133
- Knechel, R. (2025). The ‘Conventional Wisdom’ of Auditing: Can the Traditions of Auditing Rise to New Challenges?, *Accounting in Europe*, 22(1), xx–xx
- Mora, A. (2025). What about enforcement? Be careful what you wish for, lest it come true! 22(2), *Accounting in Europe*, xx–xx

Propose high impact special issues

Throughout our term, we have initiated several high-impact special issues. While, in earlier years, such initiatives were primarily driven by the need to bolster submission volumes, this rationale has become less pressing given the current levels of engagement. The following calls for special issues were developed and launched as part of our editorial agenda:

- “Corporate Disclosures” joint with BAR and in conjunction with the IASB – guest editors Lisa Evans, Ioannis Tsalavoutas, and Fanis Tsoligkas – two published articles
- “IASB Research Forum” in conjunction with *AinE* and the *EAR* – guest editors Michel Magnan, Araceli Mora and Katherine Schipper 40 submissions received – one article still under review
- “Tax Policy” – guest editors Antonio De Vito, Eva Eberhartinger, Martin Jacob, Saskia Kohlhase – 14 submissions, 4 manuscripts under review
- “Accounting for Diversity and Equity: (How) should we regulate it? – Guest editors: Alessandro Ghio, Angela Pettinicchio, Katharina Hombach, and Mercy Denedo – Deadline: 15th of September 2025.



Pay particular attention to young scholars: paper development workshops (AinE PDWs)

The role of the PDWs is to provide extensive feedback to authors and to guide them towards improving less developed research projects. Each manuscript selected has been assigned to a senior discussant. The authors are then invited to revise the paper in line with the comments received and submit their work to *Accounting in Europe*. The ultimate acceptance for publication is conditional upon the revision of the manuscript according to the reviewers' and editors' feedback.

In the last years, *Accounting in Europe* has hosted two PDWs per year, one in conjunction with EUFIN – The conference of *Accounting in Europe*, and one targeting Central and Eastern Europe researchers. The following accepted papers have benefited from the PDW:

- Klimczak, K. M., Hadro, D., & Meyer, M. (2023). Executive communication with stakeholders on sustainability: the case of Poland. *Accounting in Europe*, 20(3), 281–303.
- Selleslagh, T., & Ceustermans, S. (2024). The Usefulness of Financial Reporting Quality in the Access to Bank Debt for Private Firms. *Accounting in Europe*, 22(1), 76–102.
- Dragomir, V., Chersan, I., Gorgan, C., Păunescu, M. & Dumitru, M. (2024). The Double materiality disclosure as an emerging practice: The assessment process, impacts, risks, and opportunities. *Accounting in Europe*, 22(1), 103–140.
- Elashmawy, S. & Kallunki, J. (2025). Does Forward-Looking Accounting Improve Bank Asset Quality? *Accounting in Europe*, forthcoming

Reinforce the partnership with EUFIN – The conference of *Accounting in Europe*

In 2023, following consultations with various stakeholders, several changes to the governance of EUFIN have been agreed that would allow a stronger link between EUFIN and *Accounting in Europe*, including the renaming of the EUFIN Conference to EUFIN – The Conference of *Accounting in Europe*. The main changes are related to the following:

- Keynote speakers which, ideally, relate to current topics under discussion by the relevant EAA committees
- *Accounting in Europe* PDW – organized for less developed research projects that need feedback and guidance
- Fast track option to submit to *Accounting in Europe* – for developed papers
- The Editorial Board Meeting of *Accounting in Europe* is held in conjunction with the conference

In 2024, the 19th EUFIN – The Conference of *Accounting in Europe* was hosted by University of Bologna, Italy. This year's panel sessions delved into the pressing topics of: (1) measurement, reporting, auditing and promotion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); and (2) current trends in taxation, encompassing tax transparency, tax avoidance, profit shifting, and the global minimum tax.

The 20th EUFIN – The Conference of *Accounting in Europe* is hosted by the University of Bristol Business School on August 28th & 29th 2025. Please visit our website <https://eufin-conf.org/> for additional information.



Actively reply to calls for research (EAA, EFRAG, IASB...)

Accounting in Europe and the *European Accounting Review* co-hosted on November 2nd & 3rd the 2023 IASB Research Forum. The event took place in Paris at the premises of IESEG School of Management and it was jointly organized by the IFRS foundation and the EAA. The forum allowed a constructive and vivid debate between academics, standard setters, and practitioners around the accounting for intangibles. The program included the presentation and discussion of seven manuscripts, as well as a panel and a workshop organized by EFRAG. The audio recordings and presentations from the research paper sessions are available on <https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2023/11/key-highlights-and-recordings-from-the-2023-iasb-research-forum/>

The Financial Reporting Standards Committee and the Stakeholder Reporting Committee of the EAA are invited to play an active role in the governance of EUFIN – The conference of *Accounting in Europe*. We hope that this will offer a platform for the EAA and *Accounting in Europe* to actively reply to calls for research.

Monitoring the rankings

As it is well known, rankings have a significant impact on the number of submissions. Some years ago, *Accounting in Europe* progressed in the ABDC 2020 ranking, passing from B to A, and we have experienced since a significant increase in submissions from the Asian-Pacific area. Our journal has also been included in the Italian research ranking in 2021, driving an impressive increase of submissions received (see Table 2, Panel A where Italy became by far the leading country by number of submissions). In 2022 our journal was also upgraded in the French FNEGE ranking from 4 to 3. Finally, in 2024 we have also received good news from the German VHB 2024 ranking, where we were upgraded from C to B.

In the summer of 2023, *Accounting in Europe* received its first impact factor from the Journal Citation Reports. Starting with 2022, journals listed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) are getting an impact factor to one decimal place. *Accounting in Europe* has a 2022 impact factor of 2.8 and the 2023 impact factor reached 4.6. The 2023 CiteScore from Scopus also saw an increase to 5.0 (from 3.7 the previous year). This is fantastic news for our journal. This result is the work of the authors, the reviewers, and past editors of *Accounting in Europe* and I want to warmly congratulate them.

Communication on social media

We are active on our social media platforms: X (previously Twitter) and LinkedIn. To date, we have more than 800 and 2,500 followers, respectively. Let's spread the news and please follow/engage with us!



Enhancing visibility of *Accounting in Europe*

Thank you for all the editorial board members of *Accounting in Europe* for voting for the best paper/reviewer awards. After a discussion between the editors of our journal, we are happy to announce the following awards:

2024 *Accounting in Europe* Best Paper Award

- Hummel, K., & Jobst, D. (2024). An Overview of Corporate Sustainability Reporting Legislation in the European Union. *Accounting in Europe*, 21(3), 320–355.

2024 *Accounting in Europe* Best Reviewer Award

- Stephan Küster, Freie Universität Berlin

During our term, the editor and/or the associate editors of *Accounting in Europe* have participated at various editors' panels organized at various conferences: EAA Annual Congress, IAS AAA Midyear Meeting, JIAR, EAR, ...

Monitor the high impact articles and citations

Please see the data in the annual report from T&F. The most significant tables are reported and discussed in section 3.



2. Submissions and editorial decisions

Table 1 reports the number of submissions received from 2021 to 2024. In addition to the numbers reported for 2023, the guest editors for the IASB Research Forum have handled around 40 submissions received (jointly with *European Accounting Review*). Our journal has continued to experience an increase in submissions in the last years. The total number of submissions that we have handled in 2024 was 222, the highest number in the history of our journal. This increase allowed us to accept more papers and further increase the quality of the articles published. All the papers accepted are immediately published online. Given the increase in the number of accepted papers in 2023 (20) and 2024 (21), we have managed to build a backlog of manuscripts that are available online but are going to be incorporated in a volume and issue with a lag. The incoming team will have to decide how to deal with this backlog of manuscripts (to date, the backlog covers approximately one year).

Table 1: Number of Submissions Received

	2021	2022	2023	2024
New submissions	100	122	124	156
Resubmissions	49	35	72	66
Total submissions	149	157	196	222
Accepted papers	16	12	20	21
Published papers	16	15	15	15

Panel A of Table 2 lists the country of submitting author for the new submissions. *Accounting in Europe* has received submissions in 2024 from 48 countries, with an increase in submissions from non-European countries. Panel B of Table 2 presents the country of submitting author for the accepted papers. We also note an increase in the articles accepted from authors from non-European countries in the last years (Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Tunisia, and UAE).



**Table 2: Country of Submitting Author
Panel A: New Submissions**

2021		2022		2023		2024	
Australia	11	Italy	18	Italy	17	Italy	12
Italy	11	Australia	7	Tunisia	8	Portugal	11
Germany	10	Germany	7	Germany	7	UK	11
UK	8	Portugal	6	Kazakhstan	7	Germany	8
Portugal	6	Spain	6	France	6	Spain	7
Spain	5	Canada	5	Indonesia	6	Australia	6
France	4	Kazakhstan	5	UK	6	Finland	6
Albania	3	Switzerland	5	Australia	5	Greece	6
Indonesia	3	France	4	Portugal	5	India	6
Kuwait	3	Greece	4	Finland	4	Tunisia	6
Poland	3	Tunisia	4	Japan	4	Austria	5
UAE	3	UK	4	Netherlands	4	Azerbaijan	5
Czech Rep.	2	Belgium	3	New Zealand	4	France	5
Iraq	2	China	3	South Africa	3	Belgium	4
Malaysia	2	Ireland	3	Sweden	3	Iraq	4
Romania	2	Japan	3	Switzerland	3	New Zealand	4
Turkey	2	Jordan	3	Austria	2	Kazakhstan	3
USA	2	Romania	3	Azerbaijan	2	Poland	3
Austria	1	Austria	2	Belgium	2	Qatar	3
Brazil	1	Brazil	2	Brazil	2	Brazil	2
Canada	1	Finland	2	Ireland	2	Canada	2
China	1	India	2	Poland	2	Estonia	2
Denmark	1	Iran	2	Qatar	2	Iran	2
Finland	1	Poland	2	Spain	2	Lebanon	2
Greece	1	UAE	2	Bangladesh	1	Netherlands	2
Iceland	1	Egypt	1	Canada	1	Norway	2
India	1	Estonia	1	China	1	Pakistan	2
Ireland	1	Iceland	1	Georgia	1	Russia	2
Japan	1	Lithuania	1	Greece	1	South Africa	2
Jordan	1	Malaysia	1	Hungary	1	Turkey	2
Macedonia	1	Malta	1	India	1	USA	2
Netherlands	1	Netherlands	1	Malaysia	1	Bangladesh	1
Russia	1	Norway	1	Malta	1	China	1
South Africa	1	Pakistan	1	Monaco	1	Croatia	1
Sweden	1	Qatar	1	Nigeria	1	Cyprus	1
Taiwan	1	Russia	1	Norway	1	Denmark	1
		Saudi Arabia	1	Palestina	1	Egypt	1
		Sweden	1	Romania	1	Georgia	1
		Ukraine	1	Turkey	1	Hungary	1
		USA	1	USA	1	Jordan	1
						Malaysia	1
						Slovenia	1
						Sri Lanka	1
						Sweden	1
						Switzerland	1
						Taiwan	1
						Ukraine	1
						UAE	1
100		122		124		156	



Panel B: Accepted papers

2021		2022		2023		2024	
Italy	5	Germany	3	Italy	3	Belgium	3
UK	2	Australia	2	Netherlands	3	Italy	3
Australia	1	Canada	2	France	2	UK	3
Canada	1	Netherlands	1	Germany	2	Australia	1
Greece	1	Portugal	1	Austria	1	Austria	1
Luxembourg	1	Spain	1	Belgium	1	Finland	1
Netherlands	1	Switzerland	1	Canada	1	France	1
Romania	1	UK	1	Finland	1	Germany	1
Sweden	1			Japan	1	Greece	1
						New	
Switzerland	1			Poland	1	Zealand	1
USA	1			Sweden	1	Norway	1
				Switzerland	1	Poland	1
				Tunisia	1	Romania	1
				UAE	1	Switzerland	1
						Turkey	1
16		12		20		21	

Panel A of Table 3 reports some key statistics for the number of days from submission to decisions. The table presents separately these figures for new submissions and for resubmissions. I want to warmly thank all reviewers that have generously given their time to review manuscripts for *Accounting in Europe*. On average, the authors receive the first feedback in one month and 10 days after they submit their manuscript. Panel B of Table 3 shows that a vast majority of the decisions are taken within less than three months and only a few manuscripts are significantly delayed. During our term, the principle is *95% of the submissions receive a decision within 3 months and 100% in 4 months* (one exception for 2024 where the decision was issued after 121 days – see max for 2024 in Panel A of Table 3).



Table 3: Turnaround time
Panel A: Number of days from submission to decision

	N	Min	Mean	Median	Max
New submissions					
2021	100	1	47	54	134
2022	122	0	48	54	119
2023	124	0	35	42	118
2024	156	0	40	50	121
Resubmissions					
2021	49	0	51	56	130
2022	35	1	49	49	116
2023	72	0	38	40	107
2024	66	0	32	21	116

Panel B: Split of the number of days from submission to decision

	2021	2022	2023	2024
New submissions				
<=10 days	31	39	53	60
>10 days and <=30	12	4	4	2
>30 days and <=60	10	32	37	45
>60 days and <=90	36	26	23	39
>90 days and <=120	7	21	7	9
>120 days	4	0	0	1
Resubmissions				
<=10 days	12	7	25	26
>10 days and <=30	1	4	6	9
>30 days and <=60	16	9	21	17
>60 days and <=90	15	11	17	11
>90 days and <=120	4	4	3	3
>120 days	1	0	0	0



Table 4 presents the editorial decisions for all the submissions. The number of accepted articles has increased, allowing better selection and management of the publications. The number of rejections (especially desk-rejections) continues to naturally increase.

Table 4: Decisions for all submitted manuscripts

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Accept	16	12	20	21
Minor Revision	16	11	37	25
Major Revision	32	42	40	45
Reject & Resubmit	17	16	10	10
Reject	68	76	89	121
Total	149	157	196	222



3. Impact

Accounting in Europe is an association journal and as such it should be compared with other similar journals. Table 5 presents the place of our journal in the most frequently used rankings at the international level and the data in bold/red indicates an upgrade in recent years. *Accounting in Europe* is ranked better compared to *Accounting Perspectives*, but worse than *Accounting Horizons*.

Table 5: Ranking of Journals

Association	Journal	ABDC 2022	AJG 2024	FNEGE 2022	VHB 2024
AAA	The Accounting Review	A*	4*	1*	A+
	Accounting Horizons	A	3	2	B
CAAA	Contemporary Accounting Research	A*	4	1	A
	Accounting Perspectives	B	N/A	N/A	C
EAA	European Accounting Review	A*	3	2	A
	Accounting in Europe	A	2	3	B

Table 6 reports several impact metrics. In 2023, *Accounting in Europe* recorded the highest impact factor among the journals analyzed (!!!), as well as the highest CiteScore relative to *Accounting Horizons* and *Accounting Perspectives*. These results represent significant achievements, reinforcing the journal's standing as a leading publication within the field of accounting.

Table 6: Impact of Journals (Source: Scopus)

Association	Journal	IF 2023	CiteScore 2023	SNIP 2023	SJR 2023
AAA	The Accounting Review	4.4	5.8	3.19	4.640
	Accounting Horizons	2.2	3.8	1.68	1.178
CAAA	Contemporary Accounting Research	3.2	6.2	2.81	3.086
	Accounting Perspectives	1.6	2.6	0.74	0.455
EAA	European Accounting Review	2.5	7.0	2.01	1.264
	Accounting in Europe	4.6	5.0	1.33	0.733

CiteScore measures average citations received per document published in the serial. CiteScore 2022 counts the citations received in 2019-2022 to articles, reviews, conference papers, book chapters and data papers published in 2019-2022, and divides this by the number of publications published in 2019-2022

SNIP Source Normalized Impact per Paper measures actual citations received relative to citations expected for the serial's subject field.

SJR (Scimago Journal Rank): Average number of (weighted) citations in one year, divided by the number of articles in the journal in the previous three years.



The following two tables and data are from the T&F annual report. They list the most cited articles published in *Accounting in Europe* in 2023 and 2024 (Table 8) and the source of these citations (Table 9). Surprisingly, the *European Accounting Review* is (again) missing from the citing sources listed in Table 9.

Table 8: Top cited articles published in the past two years (source T&F)

Article Title	Author Name	Published Online Year	Number of Citations	Altmetric Score
Sustainability Reporting: A Financial Reporting Perspective	Alfred Wagenhofer	2023	50	6
An Overview of Corporate Sustainability Reporting Legislation in the European Union	Katrin Hummel	2024	48	7
Sustainability Reporting: Is Convergence Possible?	Hervé Stolowy	2023	41	3
Value Relevance Research in Accounting and Reporting Domains: A Bibliometric Analysis	Giuseppe Nicolò	2023	18	1
What exactly do we mean by audit quality?	Jere R. Francis	2023	12	1
Classification and Measurement under IFRS 9: A Commentary and Suggestions for Future Research	Annelies Renders	2023	10	1
Double Materiality Disclosure as an Emerging Practice: The Assessment Process, Impacts, Risks, and O...	Mădălina Dumitru	2024	10	1
Multiple Capitals Disclosure in European Companies' Integrated Reports: The Role of Organisational C...	Mutalib Anifowose	2023	9	1
Auditors' Carbon Risk Consideration under the EU Emission Trading System	Isabell Keller	2023	6	1
Regulating Sustainability Reporting in Europe: De Jure Harmonisation or De Facto Standardisation?	Andrea Venturelli	2024	6	4

Table 9: Citing sources for the articles published in the past two years (source T&F)

Citing Journal	Citing Articles - Sources
SSRN Electronic Journal	27
Accounting in Europe	24
Business Strategy and the Environment	9
Sustainability	7
Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management	6
Accounting and Business Research	5
Corporate Ownership and Control	4
Finance Research Letters	4
Journal of Financial Reporting and Accounting	4
Management Decision	4
Meditari Accountancy Research	4
Sustainable Development	4
International Accounting	3
Journal of Accounting and Management Information Systems	3

Country name	Citing Articles - Countries
Italy	53
Germany	27
United States	22
United Kingdom	15
Austria	14
Romania	12
Spain	9
Türkiye	9
Finland	8
Indonesia	8
France	7
Poland	7
India	6
Portugal	6



4. Other news from *Accounting in Europe*

Special issue on *Accounting for Diversity and Equity: (How) should we regulate it?*

Alessandro Ghio, Angela Pettinicchio, Katharina Hombach, and Mercy Denedo are the guest editors of our next special issue. The deadline for the call is September 15th, 2025.

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