



# 2<sup>nd</sup> European Sustainability Accounting & Reporting Conference (ESARC)

**28 & 29 August 2025**

**Henley Business School**

**University of Reading - Whiteknights Campus**

**Reading, RG6 6UD, U.K.**

## **Call for Papers**

We are pleased to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Sustainability Accounting & Reporting Conference (ESARC) organised by Henley Business School, Whiteknights Campus in Reading, United Kingdom. Henley Business School is located in Reading and takes 30 minutes by train from Paddington Station in London. Reading is easy to reach by flight, train, or car. After a successful first conference in Aalborg, this is the second ESARC, which is the first conference of its kind in Europe focusing specifically on all aspects of research on Sustainability Accounting and Sustainability Reporting. The conference comprises parallel full paper with discussants, developmental paper sessions and a doctoral stream.

The ESARC Conference welcomes submissions on multiple themes within the general scope of Sustainability Accounting and Sustainability Reporting that includes, but is not limited to, the following research areas are of interest:

- The purpose of the modern corporate report
- Implementation of European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) in corporations
- The effectiveness of sustainability reporting standards
- Sustainability accounting measurement, metrics, KPIs and disclosure
- The composition, visualisation, and format of sustainability reports
- Sustainability accounting, reporting, and accountability in the public sector
- Sustainability reporting assurance of and the future of auditing, assurance and related standards
- The role of sustainability accounting and sustainability reporting in capital markets
- ESG reporting versus sustainability reporting
- Data sources for ESG information
- Double materiality and business risk assessments
- Sustainable governance
- Current issues in the sustainability reporting standards arena – standards or standardisation?
- Sustainability and accounting education

The ESARC Conference welcomes papers using different methodological, empirical, theoretical, and conceptual approaches, including action research, case studies or experiments. Papers are invited on these topics and on other aspects of Sustainability Accounting and Sustainability Reporting.

### **DEADLINE**

Papers should be submitted by **30<sup>th</sup> May 2025** (please mark as **FULL** or **DEVELOPMENTAL** paper) by emailing to [esarc@henley.ac.uk](mailto:esarc@henley.ac.uk)

**Abstract and Full Paper**

Please submit an **abstract and full paper** (up to 12,000 words) for parallel sessions. Discussants will be allocated to full paper submissions, and we expect that all presenters will be prepared to act as discussants on other papers and to chair a session. Please submit an abstract (maximum 500 words) or short developmental paper (up to 5,000 words) for developmental paper sessions.

**Notification of Acceptance**

The acceptance of submissions will be announced by **13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Registration & Early Bird Fee**

The registration opens 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 and the Deadline for the Early Bird Fee is Friday **27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Conference Venue**

Henley Business School, Whiteknights Campus, University of Reading, Reading , RG6 6UD, U.K.

**Conference Organiser**

*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ronita Ram (Henley Business School)*

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