



UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ
announces
International Scientific Conference
**Sustainable Finance, Insurance and Reporting:
Principles, Practices and Challenges**

May 24th, 2021 Niš, Serbia

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to take active part in the international scientific conference, which is organized within the Jean Monnet module *Sustainable Finance and Insurance: EU Principles, Practices and Challenges* (SUFIN), an Erasmus+ Project of the European Union coordinated by the University of Niš (Ref. No. 611831-EPP-1-2019-1-RS-EPPJMO-MODULE). SUFIN Module offers a variety of teaching and research activities aiming at promotion of EU principles of sustainable development at the University of Niš. Research activities are targeting enhancement of the scientific base of the University of Niš in this field of science, considering the importance of Sustainable Finance, which has become an anchor of sustainability in the EU's financial regulatory framework.

CONFERENCE THEME

Sustainable finance, insurance and reporting focus on various environmental, social and governance issues that can impact both the sustainable growth of the company and sustainable development of the global financial system and the overall economy. Sustainability is no longer just an issue managed by the social responsibility departments of individual companies; it became a part of the core business of entire industries. Due to its strong influence, sustainable finance is assumed to play a central role in introducing sustainability standards across the board. At the same time, investors increasingly require a broader range of information that go beyond the framework of traditional financial reporting in order to link companies' strategy, governance, environmental and social performances to their long-term competitive advantage and value creation. Financial institutions, in particular insurance companies, have recognised the importance of sustainability and endeavour to integrate ESG standards into their strategy, operations and risk management.

The conference will bring together academics, business people and policymakers to discuss recent research on a broad array of topics on *sustainable finance, insurance and reporting*. Both review and research papers should relate to areas, which include, but are not limited to:

- **Sustainable Finance and Corporate Governance**
- **Insurance for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth**
- **The Future of Corporate Reporting in a Sustainable Economy**

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PAPER SUBMISSION AND PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Following a double-blind peer review, selected papers from the Conference will be published in a special issue of the journal *Facta Universitatis, Series: Economics and Organization* (FU Econ Org), published by the University of Niš, Serbia.

Instructions for writing papers:

1. The paper should be maximum 40000 characters (with spaces) in length, including references.
2. The papers should be written in English.
3. The instructions for technical preparation and formatting of the paper are given as a separate document (Template).
4. Conference admission is free of charge. Conference will be organized onsite and online.
5. Only the reviewed and presented papers will be published.
6. The papers prepared in accordance with the instructions should be sent to sufin@junis.ni.ac.rs.
7. Deadline for submission of papers is **April 30th, 2021**. The authors will be notified of the decision by **May 10th, 2021**.

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