

FEMISE

Call For Papers 2026

Annex 2: Submission and evaluation process

Navigating Disruptions & Transitions in The Mediterranean: Policies for Resilient, Innovative & Inclusive Economies

Kindly find below details of the submission process, evaluation and selection criteria, timetable and deliverables.

1. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Interested researchers are invited to submit by **20th of May 2026**, the following 2 documents:

1. **A detailed concept note for the research paper (max. 7 pages) including:**

ONE cover page with: The summary of the paper stating:

- The title of the paper and the topic under which is it presented
- The objective of the paper
- The knowledge gap and the value added of the paper
- Methodology/approach
- (Expected) Results & policy implications

Presentation of the author(s) and the topic of the research as follows:

- Name of the author(s)
- Their Affiliation(s)
- Contact details (including email), Address, city and country

The remaining 6 pages of the concept note should include the following 3 sections:

- **Statement of research** stating the problem addressed, brief review of the literature, the knowledge gaps the paper will fulfil and a preliminary outline
- **Research methodology** stating the research question, the hypothesis to be tested, the methodology (e.g case studies, empirical evidence, etc.) and the rationale for using the selected methodology
- **Expected results and policy implications** (must be included): how will the outputs and results of the research translate into policy recommendations (highly advised that recommendations are based on the analysis, are specific and operational)

2. The CVs of the author(s) including list of publications (if any).

The Concept notes could be submitted in English or French. Research concept note could be submitted by one single researcher or a team of researchers.

The concept note (as detailed above) and the CVs should be sent no later than **20th of May, 2026** to the following email address contact@femise.org, with the subject line: FEMISE Conference Call for Papers 2026.

2. EVALUATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Following the submission of the detailed concept notes and CVs (as outlined above), an initial evaluation and selection process will be conducted by FEMISE Scientific Experts, based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the topic to the conference theme and its alignment with priority issues in the Euro-Mediterranean region
- Value added of the proposed research to existing knowledge
- Quality and robustness of the proposed methodology and its ability to effectively address the research question
- Inclusion and relevance of clear, operational, and policy-oriented implications and recommendations

Authors of the selected concept notes will be invited to submit full papers. These full papers will be subject to an overall review to ensure quality and relevance. Following this evaluation, authors of the successfully selected papers will be notified and invited to present their work at the FEMISE Annual Conference.

Rules and Other criteria:

- Previously published papers or those already accepted for publication will not be accepted. All submitted drafts will go through a plagiarism-checking process
- No single author may submit more than two papers, whether independently or jointly with others
- Final selection may be subject to marginal adjustments to take into account regional, subjects and gender balances
- **Collaboration between researchers (especially North and South) is strongly encouraged**
- **Freshly graduate PhDs and young researchers are encouraged to apply**
- Submissions that are not consistent with the above guidelines will be excluded

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):

- The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools is allowed only for limited support purposes, such as editing and language improvement. AI must not be used to generate the core scientific content of the submission, including structuring, analysis, interpretation, literature review, or research results. All empirical findings and quantitative outputs must be produced using transparent and scientifically sound methods
- Authors remain fully responsible for the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of their work. All data, references, and claims must be verifiable and properly documented. The inclusion of incorrect or fabricated content may lead to rejection
- Any use of AI must be clearly disclosed, indicating how it contributed to the preparation of the submission
- Failure to comply with these principles may result in exclusion from the Call for Papers process or withdrawal of the submission

3. REMUNERATION & BENEFITS FOR AUTHORS

- Authors of selected papers will be invited to present their work at the FEMISE annual conference in October, 2026 (exact date and location to be decided). **The travel expenses and accommodation of one author per paper will be covered.** Kindly note that **coverage of the travel expenses is restricted to the geographic area covered by FEMISE (the EuroMed region,^[1] Turkey and the United Kingdom) and at the discretion of the organisers**
- Authors will receive comments and feedback from high level experts on the topic, ensuring the final version of the paper meets the highest standard in terms of quality and policy relevance and supporting the publication of the papers in refereed journals
- Authors of published paper will receive a **remuneration of Euros 600 (per paper)**, provided that all of the outputs have been provided (section 4 of the guidelines)
- Out of the papers selected, the Scientific Committee will select up to **10 “best papers” to be included in the multidisciplinary edited volume: “Navigating Disruptions and Transitions in the Mediterranean: Policies for Resilient, Innovative and Inclusive Economies”**. This indexed, international publisher option offers the opportunity to disseminate evidence-based, policy- relevant research to a wider audience
- Authors of selected papers will be invited to produce a **policy brief** based on their paper and submit it to FEMISE (optional but highly encouraged). If selected for publication, the PB will be published within the FEMISE Policy Briefs series and the author will receive a **further remuneration of Euros 200**

[1] Euromed region includes: 27 countries of the EU and the 8 South Mediterranean Partners (SMP): Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia

4. EXPECTED OUTPUTS FROM SELECTED PAPERS

- Author(s) of the selected concept notes will be asked to: Submit the first draft of the research paper (20-25 pages) by **10th of September 2026** which will undergo **an overall review for quality and relevance prior to final selection for the conference**
- Prepare a power point presentation with results of their paper and send it before the conference (**30th of September, 2026**)
- Participate in the FEMISE annual conference in October 2026 (exact date and location to be decided) and present their work. **Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for one person per paper**
- Researchers will receive comments and suggestions from the discussants and participants. Authors will be asked to take them into consideration in their papers and a revised and final version of their paper (maximum 30 pages) following the conference (**30th of November 2026**)
- The final version of the paper will be peer-reviewed and **if successful, will be published as a FEMISE conference paper and will go through the process of selection of the best 10 papers**
- Authors will be invited to produce a policy brief out of their paper and submit it to FEMISE (optional but highly encouraged). **If selected for publication, the PB will be published within the FEMISE Policy Briefs series and the author will receive a further remuneration of Euros 200**

5. SUMMARY & TIMELINE FOR THE CALL FOR PAPERS

20 May 2026	Deadline for receiving submissions (detailed concept notes + CVs)
10 June 2026	Review and selection process of submitted concept notes (3-4 weeks)
15-17 June 2026	Announcement of selected concept notes
June–September 2026	Travel arrangements for authors of selected papers (one author per paper)
10 September 2026	Submission of first draft of selected papers (20-25 pages)
25 September 2026	Preliminary feedback (if needed) and final selection of papers based on quality & relevance, prior to confirmation for conference presentation
30 September 2026	Submission of PowerPoint presentations
First half of October 2026	Presentation at the FEMISE Annual Conference
30 November 2026	Submission of the final version of papers (maximum 30 pages), incorporating feedback received during the conference, & submission of the Policy Brief (7-10 pages)
January 2027	Completion of peer-review process and publication decisions
February 2027	Publication of selected papers

6. CONTACT DETAILS

For any inquiries related to this call, please contact Passainte Atef, Program Officer, FEMISE contact@femise.org or p.atef@femise.org, with the subject line: FEMISE Conference Call for Papers 2026.