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OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

# Answer to our **Call for papers**

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on co-operative banks



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## Introduction and admissions criteria

The European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB), in collaboration with its **Academic Think-Tank**, is pleased to announce a competition for best papers in the field of co-operative banks. The competition is targeted at young researchers **up to 35 years old**. Co-authored papers will be accepted.



### Award

The prize for the best paper is **2,000 Euros**. The best papers will receive a special mention and will be **published by the EACB**.

The prize will be awarded in Spring or Autumn 2019.

### Practical information

The deadline for the submissions is **29 February 2019**. The submissions should be sent to **eacbaward@eacb.coop**

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## Themes & selection process

Contributions will be accepted providing they are not already published in scientific journals or books **by 29 February 2019**. However, papers that have appeared in working paper series or that will be forthcoming in a publication after 15 December 2017 will be considered. The submitted papers should follow the standard format of scientific journals, and should contain new and original work by the authors. The word limit is around **10,000 words or less**.

The papers should relate directly to **co-operative banks**. Papers that compare co-operative banks with other types of banking organisations (e.g. profit maximising banks, shareholders banks, savings banks, etc) are welcome. The papers should be written in English. The assessors will be looking for contributions primarily from the following academic fields:

**Diversity in banking: the role of co-operative banks**

**Innovation, digitalisation: challenges and opportunities for co-operative banks**

**The specific governance of co-operative banks and the evolution of their business model**

**Co-operative Banks; 'Creating' member value'**

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The selection criteria are the contribution the paper makes to the scientific literature, the **rigor** of the argumentation, the **clarity** of exposition and **policy relevance**.

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