

CALL FOR PAPERS

21st European Academic Conference on Internal Audit and Corporate Governance:

“Innovation and Value Creation through Internal Audit, Risk Management, and Corporate Governance”

4th–6th June 2025, Catania, Italy



Corporate governance, internal audit, and risk management are evolving fields that need to innovate continuously to stay relevant in today’s complex business environment. With rapid technological advancements, rising stakeholder expectations, and a focus on sustainability, these disciplines are crucial for long-term value creation. Organizations must integrate sustainability objectives into governance frameworks, aligning with ESG criteria and adapting to changing regulations. Digital technologies, such as AI and automation, are reshaping governance and audit functions, offering efficiency but also introducing challenges like algorithmic bias. Risk management now addresses a wider range of uncertainties, making innovative strategies vital for enhancing objectivity, accountability, and resilience. Public auditing remains essential in promoting transparency and trust, particularly in governmental sectors.

The **2025 21st European Academic Conference on Internal Audit and Corporate Governance** will explore how innovation is reshaping these fields to meet the challenges of a complex and dynamic business environment.

For the 2025 conference, we invite papers that address, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- **Sustainability in Corporate Governance and Internal Audit**

- **Digital Technology's Impact on Internal Audit and Corporate Governance**
- **Advanced Risk Management in a Dynamic Environment**
- **Cognitive Biases in Governance and Audit Decision-Making**
- **Creative and Innovative Approaches to Strengthening Governance and Audit Practices**
- **Qualitative Insights and Quantitative Analysis of Governance and Audit Oversight and Effectiveness**
- **Shifting Business Models for Long-Term Value Creation**
- **Building Corporate Resilience: Meeting Stakeholder Expectations**
- **The Role of Public Auditing in Ensuring Transparency and Accountability in Government and Public Sectors**

We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers that address any of the above topics, as well as other relevant aspects of internal auditing, corporate governance, and risk management.

The **first day** will be dedicated to a forum to enable **PhD students** to present “works in progress” to experienced academics and practitioners. We encourage students at all stages of their PhD to submit. The **main conference** will be held on the **second and third day**.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Extended abstracts and full papers submission deadline: **13th April 2025**
- Notification of acceptance: **21st April 2025**
- Registration deadline: **16th May 2025**

For more details, please visit the following page:
<https://www.dei.unict.it/generico/eiacg2025/submission>

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All the information regarding the 21st EIACG Conference can be found on the following page: <https://www.dei.unict.it/generico/eiacg-2025>

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The Conference is taking place at the **Department of Economics and Business**, University of Catania, Palazzo delle Scienze, Corso Italia, 55 – 95129 – Catania (Italia).

For more details, please visit the following pages:

[Conference venue, transportation to Catania and accommodation](#)

[Transportation to/from the Airport](#)