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# THE IMPACT OF LEGAL HARMONISATION AND REGULATION ON MODELS OF BANKING AND FINANCE: NORDIC, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

## CALL FOR PAPERS

INRILE invites scholars, policymakers, regulators and practitioners to submit contributions presenting the results of their legal, economic, financial and interdisciplinary research on the evolving models of banking and finance and the legal and regulatory responses currently being developed at national, regional and international levels.

Banking and financial systems are undergoing profound transformation as a result of legislative reforms, technological innovation, digitalisation, sustainability objectives and shifting geopolitical dynamics. While public regulation remains central to promoting financial stability, market integrity, innovation and consumer protection, private law frameworks play an equally important role in enabling cross-border transactions, facilitating access to credit, reducing legal uncertainty and supporting the efficient functioning of global financial markets.

This sixth Conference seeks to explore the impact of legal and regulatory developments on banking and finance, with particular attention to their influence on market dynamics, cross-border integration, business models, financial stability, risk allocation and competitive structures. Reflecting the cooperation between INRILE and UNIDROIT (the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law), the Conference will also examine the interaction between public regulation and private law harmonisation as complementary mechanisms for fostering efficient, resilient and integrated financial and commercial markets. Particular attention will be devoted to the role of uniform private and commercial law through the UNIDROIT instruments in increasing legal certainty and facilitating cross-border transactions, financial innovation and sustainable economic development.

The Conference aims to bring together academics, regulators, policymakers and practitioners to discuss current developments and future challenges in banking and finance from regulatory and private/commercial law perspectives. The Conference welcomes theoretical, empirical, comparative and policy-oriented contributions from academics, regulators, policymakers and practitioners. Comparative analyses of financial regulation and supervision in the Nordic countries, the European Union, or the international level are particularly encouraged, as well as research that is in line with the University of Oslo, Law Faculty Thematic Group on EU law.

The Conference also welcomes interdisciplinary papers adopting a law-and-economics perspective.

Contributions that engage with UNIDROIT instruments (such as the Bank Liquidation Guide, the Cape Town Convention and its Protocols, the Principles on the Operation of Close-Out Netting Provisions, the Convention on Substantive Rules for Intermediated Securities, and the Digital Assets and Private Law Principles) and examine their relevance to banking and finance are particularly welcome.

Selected papers will be presented by their authors during the VI Italian–Norwegian Conference to be held in Rome on 26-27 November 2026.

## TOPICS OF INTEREST

The Conference welcomes papers addressing, inter alia, the following themes:

### **Theme 1: Banking Regulation, Financial Stability and Market Integration**

- Global regulatory trends in banking and finance, including the EU Omnibus packages
- Prudential supervision, financial stability and crisis management (banking insolvency and resolution frameworks)
- The role of central banks and monetary policy
- Savings and Investments Union, Capital Markets Union and other integration initiatives
- Payments systems, the Internal Market and global competition
- Competition among regulatory models and financial centres
- Judicial review in the new regulatory order, including CJEU review of ECB and EBA and other regulators
- Tort liability for ECB, EBA and domestic regulators under EU law

### **Theme 2: Private/Commercial Law, Financial Regulation and Legal Harmonisation**

- The interaction between private law and financial regulation in global markets
- The European technological sovereignty package, banking regulation and payments systems
- The application of international and national law by EU institutions and bodies
- The role of uniform legal frameworks in promoting financial stability, market integration and economic resilience
- Private law aspects of international and EU banking and finance. Topics may specifically draw on the UNIDROIT instruments

### **Theme 3: Capital Markets, Securities and Secured Transactions**

- Holding, transfer and collateralisation of securities and financial assets, including in digital form;
- Legal frameworks for capital markets and cross-border investments
- Access to credit and secured transactions, including international interests in mobile equipment
- Financial market infrastructures and securities transactions.

### **Theme 4: Digitalisation, Innovation and the Future of Finance**

- Artificial intelligence, Blockchain technology and data governance
- Fintech and open finance
- Digital assets and tokenisation
- Smart contracts and digital commercial transactions
- Legal and regulatory implications of technological innovation

### **Theme 5: Sustainable Finance, Governance and Financial Integrity**

- Sustainable finance, ESG and transition finance
- Voluntary carbon markets
- Consumer and investor protection
- Anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorist financing (CTF), AMLA and compliance strategies
- Governance, accountability and risk management



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Scholars and practitioners interested in participating are invited to submit an abstract, consisting of a provisional title and a summary of ten lines, in Word format, by 10 September 2026 to Valerio Lemma at: [v.lemma@unimarconi.it](mailto:v.lemma@unimarconi.it)

Authors will be notified of the outcome within one week of the submission of their abstract.

Full papers, together with a presentation where appropriate, should be submitted by 10 November 2026.

Accepted papers will undergo a blind peer-review process.

For formatting requirements and editorial standards, please refer to Annex A, which contains detailed instructions concerning structure, citations and style.

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