

2026 EAIR OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD

The EAIR invites colleagues who are 35 years of age or younger at the time of the Forum to participate in the competition for the EAIR Outstanding Paper Award.

When your proposal is accepted by the Track Chair(s), EAIR will send you the format for the “full article” (not just an extended abstract) to be completed and submitted to the EAIR secretariat by Wednesday 15 July 2026. If you wish to enter for the Outstanding Paper Award, you must explicitly request to be considered. The paper that you submit will constitute your entry for the competition. You will be judged on the written presentation rather than on the oral presentation. After this date of July, no submission will be accepted for evaluation. The winner(s) will be given a certificate that he or she has won the 2026 EAIR Outstanding Paper Award.

The guidelines and rules for the competition are as follows:

1. The paper may be either of an empirical or a conceptual nature;
2. The paper should demonstrate originality and should contribute to knowledge in its field;
3. Clear relevance to the principal concerns of EAIR should be demonstrated (i.e., to link research, policy and practice);
4. The paper should be grounded in its theoretical context. It should be well referenced.
5. Care should be taken to ensure that the methodology is appropriate and robust. There should be an optimal fit between the needs of the theme and the type of methodology adopted. The strengths and weaknesses of the methodology must be recognised;
6. The paper should include appropriate, relevant and meaningful conclusions;

7. Clear and logical linguistic expression will be expected;
8. The maximum word count is 5000 words, excluding references.
9. Eligibility of the authors:
 - a. In case of a single author, the author needs to be 35 years of age or younger at the time of the Forum;
 - b. In the case of multiple authorship, no senior authors should have co-authored the paper. This means that all co-authors should be 35 years of age or younger at the time of the Forum;
 - c. In case of doubt regarding eligibility, EAIR will ask for evidence of date of birth. It will also ask for such evidence from the winning author(s).

The evaluation panel will consist of (at least) three members of EAIR, appointed by the EAIR Executive Committee. One member will be appointed as chairperson, who will make the final decision.

In cases where there are two papers of equal merit, the chairperson can propose to award two prizes. In cases where sufficient merit is not displayed by the papers submitted, no award will be handed out.

All queries regarding the EAIR Outstanding Paper Award can be directed at info@the-eair.org