We are pleased to announce the call for papers for the academic conference ‘Financial Literacy Research – Pathways to becoming financially competent’ that will be held on 21 February 2024 in Brussels, Belgium.

The conference takes place one day after the ‘High-level conference on financial literacy, financial resilience, and financial inclusion’ and is organized by the European Commission, the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) and KU Leuven research centre LEER (Leuven Economics of Education Research). The conference brings together researchers, academics, policymakers, and practitioners to explore and discuss the critical themes around financial literacy research.

Financial literacy is important, especially in today’s world where individuals are increasingly responsible for their financial well-being. According to the Eurobarometer on financial literacy, the varying levels of financial literacy among different population groups in the EU remains a pressing concern. This conference therefore aims to shed light on the importance of improving financial literacy levels, both for individuals and for society as a whole.

Research on financial literacy has proven relevant to national and international policy initiatives. Important examples are the recently published financial competence framework for adults and the framework for children and youth developed by the European Commission and OECD-INFE. These frameworks provide a comprehensive foundation for assessing and improving financial literacy, facilitating the development of more effective policy interventions and education programs.
We invite all original research contributions both theoretical and applied, in the areas of financial literacy, financial education, financial resilience, and financial well-being that contribute to a deeper understanding of the multidimensional aspects of financial literacy.

Participants of the conference will have the opportunity to take an interactive visit of the Belgian financial education centre (Wikifin Lab) at the conference venue and participate in the high-level conference on financial literacy, resilience and inclusion, organised by the European Commission and Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) on 20 February at the same location.

The call for papers will be open until December 10. Interested authors should submit their full paper or a structured abstract of minimum 200-300 words to ann.vanespen@kuleuven.be by 10 December 2023. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by 20 December 2023.

There is no participation fee for the academic conference on financial literacy research or the high-level conference on financial literacy, resilience and inclusion. Participants are expected to cover their own travel expenses.