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*Centre for Research in Circular economy, Innovation and SMEs (CERCIS)*

**Call for papers CERCIS annual workshop  
December 16-18, 2021**

The Centre for Research in Circular economy, Innovation and SMEs (CERCIS) of the University of Ferrara (UNIFE) is proud to release the call for the annual event, organised in Ferrara in December 2021.

It is a multidisciplinary, broadly conceived conference that provides a unique opportunity to share research methods and results, and practical experience in applying economics, management, quantitative methods and law approaches to the wide field of the Circular economy. Special emphasis is posed on innovation strategies, new business models and policy analysis. Both qualitative and quantitative approaches are relevant. Interconnections between disciplines and approaches are highly valued.

*Invited speakers: Reinhilde Veugelers (KU Leuven & Bruegel) – Johan Eyckmans (KU Leuven).*

This is a call for papers for senior and young researchers. **Please submit your 2 page abstract or a full paper by November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to [cercis@unife.it](mailto:cercis@unife.it) and [mzzmsm@unife.it](mailto:mzzmsm@unife.it)**

All papers should display academic rigour and show evidence of practical application. Papers that have policy relevance and are in decision-making by the public and/or private sectors are highly evaluated.

Papers will be selected by the Scientific Committee by November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Registrations to attend the conference will be closed on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The workshop is free of charge.

The focus of the workshop will be on (but not restricted to):

- climate change economics and policy
- economics of waste and the circular economy
- firm's green strategies
- environmental evaluation
- green finance accounting
- accounting and management for circular economy
- accountability in green firms
- eco-innovation drivers and effects
- energy management practices in the agricultural sector
- firm's accounting for the circular economy

The workshop will be held at UNIFE and available in streaming on a dedicated Youtube channel. Online sessions will be organised if presenters cannot attend the event physically.

**Special call and award for young researchers.** Early career researchers within 7 years since the completion of PhD might submit the paper for a special award. The scientific committee will select during the conference up to 2 contributions which may deserve the award. The selected researchers will be offered the possibility to spend a research period of 1 month at the University of Ferrara during 2022 - travel costs and accommodation will be funded by CERCIS. They will have the possibility to work with CERCIS team and propose / organise seminars.

Please circulate this call to potentially interested colleagues in research, public, private and third-party sectors.