

The 2010 European Microcredit Research Award

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Call for papers

In anticipation of the **7th Annual EMN Conference this June 24-25 in London**, EMN and Nantik Lum are pleased to announce the re-launch of the European Microcredit Research Awards. After two consecutive successful years in the EMN Conferences in Nice (2008) and Milan (2009), we look forward to our third year recognizing Europe's most innovative researchers.

Hand in your research paper for your chance to win the European Microcredit Research Award this June 24-25, in London, United Kingdom. **This year's award has a €1000 endowment!**

Papers should present ongoing or finalised research on **issues related to microfinance in the European Union¹ and EFTA² countries** exclusively. Papers dealing with a subject related to one of the EMN working groups will be especially valued: **Legal environment and regulation; Growth, Sustainability and Funding; Information Technology; and Social Performance.** Only papers in **English** will be accepted.

The selection committee will be formed by representatives of the Fundación Nantik Lum, RWG Core Membership and the EMN. Based on pre-determined selection criteria (innovativeness, link to EMN working groups, methodology, structure, literature used, replicability), the committee will choose the **three best papers**, and distribute them in a specific publication at the Conference. The best papers will also be presented at the **Conference's Research Strand Workshop** moderated by Fundación Nantik Lum. Finally, based on the Selection Committee's decision one outstanding paper will be awarded the **2010 European Microcredit Research Award!**

Please send **an abstract** of your research paper—that **strictly adheres to the abstract template attached to this email** - to the Research Department at Fundación Nantik Lum research@nantiklum.org. Please note that papers that do not meet the required criteria will be returned to the sender! The deadline for handing in the abstracts is **Friday, 26 March 2010**.

Fundación Nantik Lum will send acceptance notifications based on the abstracts by 7th April 2010. **Full papers (see template attached)** should then be handed in no later than the 28th of May 2010 in order to be distributed and/or presented at the Conference's Research Strand Workshop.

The selection process timeframe will be as follows:

- ✓ **Handing in of abstracts: Friday, March 26**
- ✓ **Acceptance Notification: Monday, April 7**
- ✓ **Handing in of full papers Friday, May 28**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

¹ The 27 EU Member States

² Norway and Switzerland