

EIOPA launches call for research proposals

The ongoing policy and regulatory debates related to the European financial system have been increasingly focused on beyond banking topics including insurance and pension sectors. Many questions which need to be addressed require both appropriate theoretical foundations as well as deep empirical analysis. In this respect, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) is launching a call for research proposals aiming at addressing open questions related to the following topics with a special emphasis on the policy angles.

- Investment allocations of insurers and pension funds;
- Liquidity stress testing in the insurance sector;
- Early warning systems in insurance;
- Systemic relevance of insurance sector and its interlinkages with financial and real sectors;
- Economic valuation of insurers' liabilities; best estimate and risk margin.

Both theoretical and empirical research proposals are welcomed. All interested researchers with a solid academic background currently working for academic institutions or public authorities are invited to participate. Be advised, however, that each research team must consist of at least one expert from the EIOPA staff (not needed for the submitted proposal). Authors are expected to present well-focused, high quality projects covering the topics mentioned above. Only a limited number of the proposals will be selected as research projects will have to be developed in cooperation with the EIOPA staff. The selection will be based on quality of the proposal and EIOPAs' interest in the topics. The outcome will be announced to the authors of the submitted proposals by 28 February 2020.

Proposals must be submitted to the following e-mail address: research@eiopa.europa.eu by **15 December 2019** at the latest. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.