

Main quality standards for releasing papers within the Statistics Paper Series

Submissions of abstracts and papers will be assessed by the Editorial Board on the basis of three criteria:

1. relevance to central banking policy needs;
2. quality of the statistical content;
3. quality of the drafting.

Relevance to central banking policy needs

- The topic of the paper should be of relevance for statistics, or should be linked to a statistical topic/objective/need.
- The paper should be related to the tasks and functions of the ECB/ESRB/SSM.
- The paper should be of importance to the ECB, e.g. it describes or highlights relevant facts, figures, findings or ideas.
- The paper should be informative and objective.
- The conclusions should have an impact on a topic of relevance to the ECB/ESCB, or provide facts and figures that produce new information about such a topic.
- The paper should not make policy statements.

Quality of the statistical content

- The statistics, data sources and method should provide fresh insight into the statistics field.
- The methodology should be state of the art and well described.
- The statistical approach and use of data should be clearly explained.
- The content should be sufficiently original and informative.
- The literature/references and data sources should be easily available.

Quality of the drafting

- The paper should be clear in its objective, methods and conclusion.
- The paper should include a non-technical abstract and a non-technical summary.
- The paper should be in line with the guidelines provided.
- The paper should have a well-defined structure and notations.
- The timetable for publication should be respected.

After submission of the paper, authors will be notified that their paper has been:

1. accepted;
2. accepted as long as the editorial comments are reflected or redrafted; or
3. rejected, as it does not satisfy all the aforementioned criteria.