

Conditions of participation – EEX Group Excellence Award 2025

1. The European Energy Exchange AG (EEX) in the name of the EEX Group wants to honor those individuals who produce outstanding research papers in the field of energy, agricultural and commodity products as well as the exchange trading of those. It honors these papers by annually awarding the EEX Group Excellence Award to the best research paper submitted through the outlined award procedure.

2. This award concerns research papers dealing with the current political, regulatory, technical or economic questions in the fields of energy, agricultural and commodity products as well as the exchange of trading those. Moreover, the focus can also be on subjects of sustainability. Research papers are either dissertations or thesis papers which were submitted as part of a graduate, postgraduate, bachelor, master or PHD program of a national accredited higher education institution. The paper must have been completed in either the second half of 2024 or will be completed in 2025.

3. Eligible participants may be graduate, postgraduate, bachelor or master students, PHD candidates or those who were when the research paper was originally submitted. The participant must be an individual natural person; groups are not eligible participants. Furthermore, a participant is allowed to submit one research paper.

4. The application must include the following documents:

- A current and complete curriculum vitae (at max. 2 pages)
- A summary providing information on the subject, aim, methodology and results of the paper (at max. 5 pages)
- The full research paper including all annexes
- A letter of recommendation of the responsible lecturer or academic supervisor substantiating the merit of the submitted paper

The documents must be submitted in the following format: PDF. The application must be submitted via e-mail to eex-group-news@eex.com. Incomplete, defective or not properly formatted documents will not be considered. There is no obligation on the part of EEX to inform the submitter that their submission was incomplete, defective or otherwise improper.

5. The application must be submitted until 31st October 2025. Late applications will not be considered.

6. There will be up to five awards to those research papers that the jury has deemed to be the best among the submissions. The decision which research paper is considered the best

among the submissions will be determined by a jury through a vote. The jury contains of employees of EEX Group. The number of awards will also be decided by the jury. The members of the jury will make their decision at their own discretion. The consultations and individual votes of the jury members will not be published and remain confidential.

7. Each award includes a financial prize of EUR 1,000.00 and the opportunity to attend the EEX Comprehensive Exchange Trading Course free of charge for each winner. EEX, at its own discretion, may invite all or some of the winners to an event in one of their offices and cover the costs of travel and stay (organized by the attendees themselves) up to 500€ (travels within EU) and up to EUR 700 (travels from outside EU).

8. The award is governed by German law to the exclusion of the conflicts of law provisions thereof. Participation does not create any legal entitlement on the part of the participant. Recourse to the courts is excluded.