

Call for Chapters

Book Title: The Sustainable Enterprise in the 21st Century Economy. Environmental, Social, and Governance Dimensions

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Guidelines for Authors

The aim of the monograph is to identify and analyze the role of ESG factors in the functioning of enterprises, as well as to assess their impact on economic performance and the implementation of the principles of sustainable development under conditions of dynamic socio-economic transformations.

Despite the growing importance of the ESG concept and the rapid development of non-financial reporting, the literature still lacks systematic studies examining the impact of environmental, social, and governance factors on corporate strategies, their long-term value, and economic performance in the context of dynamic socio-economic change. Identifying this research gap justifies the need for an in-depth analysis of the relationships between ESG practices and corporate financial outcomes, both from theoretical and practical perspectives.

Proposed parts of the volume include:

- systematizing the theoretical foundations of the concept of sustainable enterprise development within the ESG framework, with particular emphasis on economic efficiency,
- identifying tools and mechanisms for implementing environmental, social, and governance practices in organizations, with reference to improving financial performance and stakeholder value,
- analyzing the impact of ESG factors on financial performance, corporate reputation, and organizational resilience of enterprises, as well as their interrelations with economic efficiency,
- assessing the significance of non-financial reporting and ESG disclosure standards, taking into account their role in strategic and investment decision-making,
- identifying barriers and determinants of the effective implementation of sustainable development strategies, with consideration of their role in strategic and investment decision-making,
- examining the impact of European Union regulations on the ESG transformation of enterprises (Green Deal, CSRD, climate policy),
- proposing recommendations and best practices for enterprises regarding the integration of ESG factors with economic performance.

The volume is divided into the following thematic areas:

- **the environmental dimension of sustainable development**, including: environmental management and efficient resource use; the circular economy and eco-innovation; climate risk, as well as adaptation strategies and the energy transition; the linkage between environmental activities and operational, cost, and financial performance; environmental indicators and their impact on firm value.

- **the social dimension of enterprise activity, including:** corporate social responsibility and stakeholder relations; human capital, employee well-being, and its impact on productivity and financial performance; employee competence development, talent management, and working conditions and their influence on organizational productivity; the social value of enterprise activity from the perspective of reputation and competitive advantage; the importance of investment in employee development and organizational innovation; diversity, equality, and inclusion (DEI) in the workplace; social dialogue and employee participation in corporate decision-making processes; the impact of enterprises on local communities and regional development; corporate reputation and the social legitimacy of business activity; responsibility in the supply chain (labor standards, human rights, due diligence); the impact of social initiatives on relational capital and corporate competitiveness.
- **the governance dimension of sustainable development, including:** corporate governance, supervisory structures, and organizational ethics; ESG risk management and its impact on corporate stability and resilience; transparency, decision-making accountability, and non-financial reporting in the context of strategic and investment decisions; the transformation of business models and sustainable innovation as sources of economic value; challenges related to the measurement and comparability of ESG data in assessing economic performance; ESG strategic planning and its importance for the long-term competitiveness of enterprises; monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of governance practices in the ESG domain; decision-making under conditions of complexity and uncertainty, taking into account environmental, social, and governance factors; the integration of ESG strategies with financial performance and corporate market value.
- **the economic dimension of sustainable development, including:** the impact of ESG on economic efficiency, firm value, and financial performance; the influence of ESG activities on financial results, profitability, and the cost structure of enterprises; the relationship between ESG strategies and market value, equity, and the long-term financial position of firms; economic efficiency and organizational resilience in the context of sustainable development, as well as the integration of ESG activities with financial outcomes; benchmarking, comparative indicators, and analytical tools enabling the assessment of ESG impact on economic performance; the use of ESG reporting in strategic and investment decision-making processes, including capital planning and resource allocation; analysis of the return on investment in ESG initiatives and their impact on firm value and competitive advantage; synergies between environmental, social, and governance objectives and the economic efficiency of enterprises.

Keywords:

- financial results, sustainable finance; environmental accounting; organizational resilience; strategic adaptation; organizational flexibility; sustainable business models; non-financial reporting; sustainable innovation.

All submissions will be reviewed to ensure coherence, quality and a consistent structure across the volume. The edited volume is intended for submission to a reputable international academic publisher.

Formal Requirements

- Chapter length should not exceed **35,000 characters (including spaces and references)**.
- APA 7 citation style is required; the bibliography should be current.
- Submitted chapters must be **original and unpublished**.
- Graphical elements must be editable (black-and-white preferred). For previously published figures or photographs, prior permission from the author/publisher is required (maximum two per chapter).

Abstract Structure (in English)

Abstracts should not exceed **two pages** and include the following elements:

- Scope of the text
- Title,
- Author name(s) with ORCID-number(s), and institutional affiliation(s), e.g. Department, Institution, address, city, country
- Keywords, (4–6 items)
- Chapter structure
- Content of the text
- Text objective / research problem (including research questions or hypotheses and overall focus)
- Background and significance (including applicability, international appeal and unique selling point)
- Methodology in research (sampling method and size; qualitative and/or quantitative approach; for theoretical papers – method of literature review)
- Key findings and contribution (theoretical and/or practical implications)
- Three to five key publications (including books) listed in **APA 7th edition format**
- Primary and secondary audience(s) of the chapter

Recommended Chapter Structure

- Title,
- Introduction (clearly stating the objective, research problem, analytical perspective, and research questions or hypotheses),
- Core theoretical section (divided into at least two subsections),
- Methodology section (especially detailed for qualitative approaches: case studies, interviews, observations, experiments, etc.),
- Discussion of results and study limitations,
- Directions for future research,
- Recommendations,
- Conclusion,
- References.

In addition to the chapter text, authors should submit:

- a **short author biography** (up to 150 words, including affiliation),
- an **abstract (150–200 words)** as an appendix,
- and the **chapter title in Polish**.

Formatting Guidelines

- Manuscripts should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx).
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Standard margins (top, bottom, left, right: 2.5 cm)
- Foreign-language terms in italics
- Headings and subheadings formatted using Microsoft Word styles (first- and second-level headings recommended)

References

- APA 7 style
- Listed alphabetically at the end of the chapter, without numbering

Important Dates

- **Abstract submission deadline: 30 April 2026,**
- **Full chapter submission deadline: 1 September 2026,**

All abstracts will undergo **double-blind peer review**. Accepted abstracts will form the basis for the book proposal and the preparation of full chapters, which must be completed by 1 September 2026.

Due to organizational constraints, **submissions received after the stated deadlines (both abstracts and full chapters) will not be considered.**

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