

Publishing Policy

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1. Aims and Scope

The *Eastern European Journal of Regional Studies (EEJRS)* is a peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to advancing knowledge on **regional development, economic transformation, and European integration**, with a particular focus on Eastern Europe and neighboring regions.

The journal promotes **interdisciplinary research in the social sciences**, including:

- Economics and International Economics
- Regional and Urban development
- Sociology and Social Policy
- Public Administration and Governance
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- International Relations and Cross-border Cooperation
- European integration and EU policies
- Labor markets, demography, and social cohesion
- Higher education and research systems

EEJRS aims to:

- publish **high-quality, original research**
- foster **theoretical and empirical contributions**
- support **evidence-based policymaking**
- encourage **international academic dialogue**

2. Editorial Independence and Governance

EEJRS ensures full **editorial independence**.

Editorial decisions are made solely based on:

- scientific merit

- originality
- relevance to the journal's scope

The Editorial Board operates in accordance with **international publishing standards**, ensuring:

- transparency
- accountability
- absence of conflicts of interest

3. Peer Review Policy

EEJRS applies a **double-blind peer-review process**:

- at least **two independent reviewers** per manuscript
- reviewers are selected based on expertise and absence of conflicts of interest

Evaluation criteria include:

- originality and contribution
- methodological rigor
- clarity and structure
- relevance

Possible decisions:

- accept
- minor revisions
- major revisions
- reject

The editorial team, coordinated by the Editor-in-Chief, makes the final decision regarding the acceptance or rejection of the article.

4. Publication Ethics and Malpractice (COPE-aligned)

EEJRS adheres to the principles of the **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**.

4.1 Ethical Standards

The journal enforces:

- zero tolerance for **plagiarism**
- prohibition of **scientific fraud**, including:
 - data fabrication and falsification
 - duplicate or redundant publication
 - improper authorship attribution

All manuscripts are **checked using antiplagiat.ro**.

4.2 Duties of Authors

Authors must:

- submit **original work**
- ensure proper citation
- disclose **conflicts of interest**
- confirm that the manuscript is not under review elsewhere

A **Declaration of originality (statement of non-plagiarism)** is mandatory.

4.3 Duties of Reviewers

Reviewers must:

- provide objective and constructive feedback
- maintain confidentiality
- disclose conflicts of interest
- evaluate manuscripts in a timely manner

4.4 Duties of Editors

Editors must:

- ensure fair and unbiased evaluation
- maintain confidentiality
- avoid conflicts of interest
- act upon ethical concerns (including retractions if needed)

4.5 Misconduct Handling

In case of misconduct, EEJRS may:

- reject submissions
- retract published articles
- inform institutions
- apply sanctions

5. Plagiarism Screening

All submissions undergo **mandatory plagiarism screening using** <https://www.sistemantiplagiat.ro/>

Manuscripts with unacceptable similarity levels are rejected.

6. Open Access Policy

EEJRS is a **fully Open Access journal**.

All articles are published under:

Creative Commons Attribution – NonCommercial – NoDerivatives 3.0 (CC BY-NC-ND 3.0)

This ensures:

- immediate and free access
- global dissemination
- compliance with international Open Access standards

7. Copyright and Licensing

Authors retain copyright.

By submitting, authors grant EEJRS the right to:

- publish
- distribute
- archive

Reuse is governed by the CC license.

8. Self-Archiving Policy (Green Open Access)

Authors are permitted to deposit their work in institutional or thematic repositories, including:

- the submitted version (preprint)
- the accepted version (postprint)
- the final published version (publisher's version)

This policy enhances the visibility, accessibility, and impact of scientific research.

9. Author Fees

EEJRS clearly states its policy regarding **publication fees (if applicable)**.

(No hidden charges – transparency required for indexing compliance.)

10. Data Availability and Transparency

Authors are encouraged to:

- provide **data availability statements**

- share datasets where possible

This enhances reproducibility and research integrity.

11. Submission Requirements

Articles must be in English, respect academic writing standards and follow the journal's formatting and editing rules and citation standards.

Authors must also comply with national regulations on scientific publications and guidelines for doctoral thesis writing and research evaluation

12. Responsibility and Disclaimer

Authors bear full responsibility for content, data accuracy, opinions expressed

The views expressed in published articles do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Board or Editor.

14. Final Provisions

Policy aligns with national and international academic standards.

This Publishing Policy is aligned with:

- the Regulation on the assessment and classification of scientific journals¹
- national legislation on science and innovation
- international standards of academic publishing
- [ASEM Open Access Policy](#)²³

¹ https://anacec.md/files/2025_DECI/Regulament-evaluare-reviste.pdf

² [Institutional Policy Open Access.pdf](#)

³ https://ase.md/files/stiinta/docs/2.41_Strategia_SD_22-27.pdf