

ESG meets AI: Gen AI, AI Agents and Transition Finance Call for Papers

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In a time of profound ecological, technological, and regulatory change, banks, financial institutions, and capital markets are facing a dual transformation: On the one hand, there is growing pressure to systematically integrate sustainability aspects into business models, risk management, and financing. On the other hand, new developments in the field of artificial intelligence---in particular generative AI and AI agents---are opening up completely new possibilities for information processing, decision support, and process automation.

The **29th Banking Symposium** aims to bring together researchers and practitioners who are interested in the changes in the financial industry. We welcome papers from all areas of Banking and Finance that explore the potential and challenges of Generative AI and Transition Finance in the financial sector. Contributions may address a wide range of topics, including Gen AI (agents) analyzing ESG data and transition plans, transformation risks and opportunities or requirements for governance, data protection and regulatory compliance when using GenAI. Early-stage work is welcome.

- No submission fees.
- Travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed for presenters.
- Submission deadline: June 30, 2026.
- Paper selection finalized by end of July 2026.
- Submissions or questions? bankensymposium@uni-due.de
- The symposium directly precedes the 32th DGF Jahrestagung in Düsseldorf (September 24-26, 2026). It is possible to reach Düsseldorf by train within 30 minutes.

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