

ECN Scientific Work Group Crowdfunding

Call for Papers for crowdfunding industry

Peer Reviewed Edited Volume on Crowdfunding

Deadline for Article Proposals: June 15, 2014

Motivation and objectives:

Current developments and achievements in the practice of crowdfunding show the relevance of this emergent field in financing all kinds of projects. Simultaneously, the scientific field elaborating this phenomenon gains ground but still needs further development. Therefore, the European Crowdfunding Network (ECN) initiated an interdisciplinary scientific **ECN Work Group** on crowdfunding with the support of the Department of Media and Communication Management at Ilmenau University of Technology.

By this working group we want to contribute to a better comprehension of crowdfunding, encourage further fundamental research and contribute to a systematization of this research field. But mostly we want to bring together scientists doing research about crowdfunding in Europe. For a start and to identify the European key actors doing research about crowdfunding we invited in a first round researchers to participate in an open edited volume. Researchers from all kind of academic institutions and fields contributed with their scientific work. But also many industry partners asked for a possible contribution.

Consequently, we decided to set up a second round inviting crowdfunding industry partners to submit their articles to enlarge the scientific perspective by practical issues. The edited volume will be published by ECN or in association with an academic or business publisher and will highlight relevant current and future issues in crowdfunding research and practice. It could be used as guideline and shall advance classification in an emerging field. For this publication of the ECN Work Group this is an **open call**. All topics concerning crowdfunding are welcome. Subject to a successful publication a periodical is planned as well as further activities like conferences and meetings of the working group.

Submission requirements and review of proposals:

Submissions are invited in the form of articles meeting the requirements for scientific publications. Welcome are both, shorter (1.200 – 2.500 words including notes and references, e.g. summaries of existing or forthcoming works) as well as longer contributions (5.000 – 6.000 words including notes and references, e.g. new examinations). Please note that only articles in English will be accepted. All submissions will be double-blind peer reviewed by the editorial board to ensure the high quality of our publication. Please note we will not accept any self-expressing articles, e.g. promoting platforms, products or services.

The criteria for evaluation are as follows:

1. Relevance of (research) question
2. Empirical foundation (providing quantitative/qualitative data; clear methodology)
3. Conciseness of the argumentation
4. Originality (innovative approach)
5. Overall impression

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Timeline:

Deadline for submission of articles:	June 15, 2014
Notification of acceptance:	June 30, 2014
All articles reviewed and returned for revision (where and as needed):	July 31, 2014
Deadline for submission of revised articles:	August 15, 2014
Publication of the edited volume:	Beginning of 2015

Please submit your articles and provide three to five keywords and a short abstract (250 word maximum) via e-mail in .pdf/.doc/.docx format to Oliver Gajda (oliver.gajda@europecrowdfunding.org) and Dennis Brüntje (dennis.bruentje@tu-ilmeneu.de). For questions requiring clarification of this call please do not hesitate to contact us.