

The European Journal of Social Security

Call for special issue proposals – 2026/27



The European Journal of Social Security is pleased to launch a call for a special issue to be published in December 2026 or Spring 2027. The journal focuses on developments in social security and the welfare state more broadly, both at the EU and the (sub)national level. It welcomes contributions from a broad range of disciplines, including law, social policy, sociology, economics and demography. Proposals that take a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary perspective are especially welcome. Submitters should send an extended abstract of maximum 1,000 words, which explains the focus of the special issue, its relevance for current social security debates and why it fits within the scope of the European Journal of Social Security. Furthermore, a list of contributions should be provided, indicating the title of the papers, the authors and a brief abstract which describes the research question, research method and added value of the paper, as well as a suggestion of at least two independent and external expert reviewers for

each paper. In addition, prospective guest editors should include a statement on editorial experience, dissemination strategy, and on how it will be ensured that the proposed contributions will be of sufficient quality and will be delivered on time. We expect all papers to be reviewed at least once by the guest editors before being submitted to the journal. All papers will subsequently go through the regular peer review procedure of EJSS. Special issues usually consist of five to eight articles (about 6,000 – 9,000 words, depending on the number of articles). However, other formats can be discussed with the Editors in Chief.

Proposals should be submitted no later than the **30th of October** by sending an e-mail with the proposal to the editors of the EJSS. Selection is decided by the journal's Editorial board and applicants will be informed about the selection end November.

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Timeline:

- 30th of October 2025: deadline submission proposals for a special issue
- End November 2025: Applicants informed about selection
- April 2026 (issue 4/2026) or July 2027 (for issue 1/2027): Guest Editor reviewed articles uploaded on the manuscript portal; start of regular peer review process. (Individual articles can still be rejected at this stage)