

Call for proposals

The Institute of Law & Economics, Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg (Germany) and the Hadar Jabotinsky Center for Interdisciplinary Research of Financial Markets, Crises and Technology invite submissions for its:

AI, Sustainability, and Corporate Accountability Symposium 2026

(2nd Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Symposium)

which will take place on: **May 26, 2026,**

at the **Warburg-Haus Library, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg**

Organizers: Prof. Dr. Roeë Sarel, Dr. Hadar Yoana Jabotinsky; Malte Deutschmann; Lucie Kleinert.

The Institute of Law and Economics in collaboration with The Hadar Jabotinsky Center is pleased to announce a one-day symposium on AI, Sustainability, and Corporate Accountability. Following the success of our 2025 Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Symposium, this second edition will explore the critical intersection between artificial intelligence governance and corporate sustainability obligations.

The European Union's twin transformation agenda has produced landmark regulatory frameworks including the AI Act (Reg. (EU) 2024/1689) and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive ("CS3D"; Dir. (EU) 2024/1760), imposing simultaneous compliance requirements on organizations. These concurrent obligations create critical operational challenges: harmonizing risk assessment methodologies, managing potentially conflicting disclosure requirements, and integrating due diligence processes across digital and sustainability domains.

This symposium addresses urgent questions as the EU intensively reconsiders its position on both AI liability and the scope of the CS3D, providing a unique oppor-

tunity to share knowledge accumulated in academic research and to propose innovative regulatory approaches. We invite submissions that shed light on the intersection of AI governance and sustainability frameworks, including but not limited to:

- **Compliance integration challenges:** How organizations can harmonize AI risk assessment with sustainability due diligence
- **Regulatory tensions:** Identifying and resolving conflicts between the AI Act and CS3D (or CSRD) requirements
- **Due diligence methodologies:** Best practices for integrated digital and environmental risk assessment
- **Disclosure frameworks:** Managing overlapping reporting obligations across AI and sustainability domains
- **Supply chain governance:** AI applications in sustainability monitoring and their regulatory implications
- **Liability and accountability mechanisms:** Corporate responsibility in AI-enabled sustainability initiatives

The symposium is open to any methodology (e.g. doctrinal work, empirical analysis, or experiments) and welcomes interdisciplinary work, as well as more traditional perspectives. We encourage submissions from academic researchers, practitioners, regulatory authorities, and corporate compliance officers. The goal of the symposium is to bring together scholars, practitioners, and interested parties to explore the implications of managing dual compliance requirements under the EU's digital and sustainability transformation agenda.

Please note: We are planning an additional conference on this topic, likely to take place abroad in September 2026. Exact details are to be announced. We would like to emphasize the opportunity to participate in both events, thereby fostering continued dialogue and knowledge exchange across borders.

Submission Guidelines

- Please submit an abstract (or a full paper if you already have one ready) of at least 500 words as a word/pdf file, by using the following link: <https://www.conferences.uni-hamburg.de/e/ai-sustain-symposium-2026>
- The submission deadline is **February 01st 2026 at 23:59 CET**

The symposium will combine several elements:

1. **Expert presentations** on the intersection of AI and sustainability, in a workshop format (approx. 20-30 minutes + discussion).
2. **Roundtable discussions** of case scenarios designed to highlight the relationship between AI governance and sustainability compliance.

Prior to the symposium, participants will receive scenarios (vignettes) that present cases illustrating potential tensions and synergies between AI Act and CS3D requirements. These scenarios will be distributed through a digital tool and will

serve a dual purpose: (i) inspire legal discussions during the workshop, and (ii) visualize potential controversies across participant groups to improve our understanding of whether different stakeholder groups diverge in their approaches. We particularly encourage young scholars (including students) to participate in the roundtable discussions.

The roundtable discussions will facilitate structured dialogue across different stakeholder perspectives, including regulatory authorities, corporate compliance officers, legal experts, academic researchers, and international NGOs.

Fees and Registration

There is no registration fee. Attendance is by invitation only (either an accepted presenter or a registered participant who has been approved by the organizers).

There may be limited funds available for selected presenters to cover their travel costs and accommodation costs in Hamburg. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact us in due time through the email specified below.

Additional details: The symposium will be conducted in English and will include a complimentary meal for registered participants (registration is limited to ~50 participants). In addition, speakers will be invited to a funded conference dinner at a local restaurant in Hamburg.

If Your Proposal is Accepted

- Your paper will be assigned a discussant
- You may be asked to serve as a discussant for another paper
- You will be asked to submit an updated abstract or, preferably, a full manuscript, by **May 1st 2026**.

Contact

For any questions, please contact us at: ai-sustainability-project.rw@uni-hamburg.de

Important dates

- **February 1st, 2026** - Submission Deadline (23:59 CET)
- **March 1st, 2026** - Notification on whether or not your proposal was accepted
- **May 1st, 2026** - Updated Manuscript/abstract Submission Deadline
- **May 26, 2026** - Symposium Date at Warburg House Library