

## **The EFA Annual Meeting 2023 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and a special focus on climate finance**

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### **I. Overview**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Finance Association (EFA) took place at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 16<sup>th</sup> August until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It was the fourth time that this prestigious finance conference was hosted by a Dutch university (twice in Rooterdam, 1981 and 1991, and once in Maastricht, 2004). Professor Antoinette Schoar from MIT Sloan School of Management, USA, could be won as the keynote speaker.

As in the previous year, only 216 of this time 2,039 papers submitted were admitted for presentation resulting in an acceptance rate of about 10.59 % which is one of the smallest at least since 2009. Table 1 presents the development since 2016 in detail.

A total of 608 scientists contributed to the 216 papers presented at the conference, with 33 authors – who participated in 19 papers – being from 7 universities and institutions based in Germany. The ratio of “German papers” of  $19/216 = 8.80\%$  is well below the previous average of 10.25 % realized since 2009.

Measured by the number of downloads from the Social Science Research Network (SSRN; deadline: October, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023), the three most successful contributions with German participation were:

1. *Mariassunta, G.* (Stockholm School of Economics)/*Jasova, M.* (Columbia University)/*Loumioti, M.* (UT Dallas)/*Mendicino, C.* (European Central Bank): “Glossy Green” Banks: The Disconnect Between European Banks’ Sustainability Reporting and Lending Activities, 881 downloads, ranking position 7 based on total downloads.

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