

***Banca d'Italia/CEPR/EIEF/World Bank Conference on  
“Firm Dynamics, Investment and Aggregate Growth”  
Rome, September 17-18, 2026***

Banca d'Italia, the Centre for Economic Policy Research, the Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, and the World Bank Institute for Economic Development are pleased to announce a research conference on **“Firm Dynamics, Investment and Aggregate Growth”**. The meeting aims at bringing together lead economists to discuss the determinants of firm growth and productivity, including the role of capital accumulation, technology adoption, innovation diffusion, and industrial policy. We welcome both empirical and theoretical work and submissions that advance measurement and data construction (e.g., linked administrative sources, novel indicators, text or remote-sensing data). Submission focused on low and middle-income countries or authored by researchers based in these regions are strongly encouraged.

Topics of interest are related (but not limited) to the following aspects:

- Drivers and barriers to firm growth, and productivity dynamics in advanced and developing economies
- Tangible and intangible capital accumulation and their role in sustaining long-run growth
- Technology adoption within production networks and its implications for firm-level and spatial growth
- Interactions between frontier innovation and its diffusion across firms, sectors, and countries
- The role of science for technological innovation, technology transfer activities and startup creation
- Industrial policy design to foster firm growth and aggregate productivity
- The role of artificial intelligence in shaping firm performance and competitive dynamics

**Keynote speakers:**

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**Organising committee:**

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**How to apply:**

Papers should be [uploaded on Conference Maker](#) no later than April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Authors of successful submissions will be notified by mid-June.

**Funding**

The conference is sponsored by the organizing institutions. There is no registration fee, and meals during the conference and the social dinner will be provided for all participants. Economy class travel and accommodation expenses for up to two nights will be covered for all successful applicants from academic institutions according to [CEPR guidelines](#). Please contact [firm\\_dynamics@bancaditalia.it](mailto:firm_dynamics@bancaditalia.it) for any further enquiry.