

**EU-INDIA THINK TANKS TWINNING INITIATIVE  
2022 - 2023  
CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PAPERS ON EU-INDIA RELATIONS**

05 October 2023

Dear All

Greetings from the European Union Policy and Outreach Partnerships!

On behalf of the Delegation of the European Union to India, the project EU Policy and Outreach Partnership in India (EUPOP India) is inviting submissions by European and Indian nationals to participate in the **Call for Individual Research Papers on EU-India Relations** under the EU India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative 2022 – 2023.

Attached please find the details related to the call and submission for your reference. We look forward to your participation. Grateful if you could please circulate this information with people who would be interested in this opportunity.

Please note that the deadline for submissions is Monday, 20 November 2023, 9:00 AM Central European Time (CET). For making a submission, please access this google form link <https://forms.gle/NzVUcuMXL5kfAgid6>.

For any further questions or clarification please feel free to reach the EUPOP Project Coordinator, Dr. **Giulia Tercovich**, at [giulia.tercovich@vub.be](mailto:giulia.tercovich@vub.be).

Yours sincerely



Hema Singh Rance  
Team Leader  
European Union Policy and Outreach Partnerships

## EU-INDIA THINK TANKS TWINNING INITIATIVE 2022 - 2023 CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PAPERS ON EU-INDIA RELATIONS

### Background Information

India and the EU, as long-standing partners are committed to dynamic dialogue in all areas of mutual interest as major actors in their own regions and as global players on the world stage. The world's two largest democracies share key values and principles such as freedom, the rule of law, human rights, and the promotion of peace and stability. EU-India relations cover many areas, including cooperation on regional, global and security issues, close trade and economic ties, sectoral dialogues on sustainable development and modernization, research, and innovation as well as people-to-people contacts. In this scope, the EU-India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative (TTTI) was launched with the support of the European Union in 2015, with a view to promoting better understanding and stimulating joint research between the Indian and EU think tanks. The initiative feeds into the EU-India strategic relationship by suggesting concrete ideas and recommendations on how the EU and India can further strengthen their cooperation in the fields of foreign and security policy and global governance. This initiative is organized in the scope of the EU-funded project EU Policy and Outreach Partnership in India (EUPOP India), founded by the Delegation of the European Union to India.

### Objective

In this context, a Call for Individual Research Papers on EU-India Relations is being put forward with the aim to promote research and greater awareness on EU-India relations. The completed research papers are expected to spark wider public and private debates in the EU-India knowledge ecosystem, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie within this partnership.

The importance of promoting research on EU-India relations cannot be understated. This call offers the opportunity to develop a body of research that reflects the latest and most relevant international challenges and trends in the EU-India cooperation field. It is a key step towards consolidating the EU-India strategic relationship through increased research cooperation and bridging the expertise gap.

### Eligibility Criteria

This call is open to European Union (from any of the EU 27 Member States) and Indian nationals, who are 18 years and above. This call aims to engage researchers at various stages of their academic or professional careers.

Only one application per applicant will be considered.

### Subject Area

Possible topics may include but may not be limited to EU-India ocean governance cooperation, EU's digital partnership with India, or EU-India trade relations. Applicants are encouraged to explore other aspects of EU-India relations. The scope for research remains broad, allowing for the exploration of diverse dimensions and perspectives on this vital partnership.

## Required Output

- The research paper should include 3.000-3.500 words in its maximum length.
- It should include:
  - An abstract of no more than 300 words (not included in the final word count).
  - A short, bullet-pointed summary of key issues of 250 words (maximum) (not included in the final word count).
  - Indication of three sentences that you would like to see highlighted as a quote in the publication.
- Please submit your draft in both Microsoft Word and PDF format, titled “EU-India Individual Research Paper\_FirstName\_Surname”.
- This policy brief will not include in-text citations or footnotes. Hyperlinks must be added.

## Deadline Application

The deadline to submit your research papers is **Monday, 20 November, 2023 by 09.00h CET**.

To submit your research paper, please complete the Google form provided below.

<https://forms.gle/NzVUcuMXL5kfAgid6>

## Selection Process

The papers will be evaluated by minimum two subject-matter specialists who will award points to the submitted papers, which will be anonymized.

The submitted papers and results will be shared with the EU Delegation, who will make the final selection of the papers. In total, a maximum of 8 research papers will be selected.

The awarded research papers will be published on a website hosted by the EU and will be shared with the wider research community.

Further, the writers of the winning papers will be invited to engage with European and Indian policy makers in an open or closed-door round-table event (virtual).

## Publication

Research papers will be published on the EU India Think Tanks Twinning website ([www.euindiathinktanks.com](http://www.euindiathinktanks.com)).

A credit line will be given to each author.

The copyrights of research papers will belong to the EU Delegation to India.

Authors can use the papers for non-commercial purposes.

## **Award**

For each research paper selected, there will be an award of up to 1.000€. It will be paid by the Stantec-Altair Asesores S.L.