4th AQMAPPS Conference 2026

Advancing Quantitative Methods for Smarter, Data-Driven Public Policy

Date: September 15th and 16th, 2026

Location: Estonian Business School, Tallinn, Estonia

The fourth edition of the workshop *Advanced Quantitative Methods and Analytics for Public Policy Support (AQMAPPS)* aims to advance public policy through cutting-edge data modelling and analytical techniques. Following successful editions in Milan (2023), Amsterdam (2024), and New York (2025), AQMAPPS 2026 continues to foster interdisciplinary dialogue at the intersection of quantitative methods and evidence-based policymaking.

The workshop is organized by the Horizon Europe BRIDGE consortium (www.bridge-horizoneurope.eu).

Keynote Speakers:

- Dr. Johanna Rickne, Professor of Economics at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI) at Stockholm University
- Dr. Mika Kortelainen, Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics at the University of Turku.

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Call for Papers

We invite scholars to contribute to an interdisciplinary discussion at the forefront of quantitative methods and analytics for public policy support. Researchers from education, economics, sociology, political science, public administration, health, labour studies, and related social sciences are encouraged to submit research that advances data-driven and evidence-based decision-making for the public good.

We particularly welcome submissions aligned with the themes of the Horizon Europe BRIDGE project, including:

- Educational participation and completion
- Predictors of student transitions
- Early warning systems for dropout prevention
- The impact of COVID-19 on learning outcomes
- International student mobility
- Efficiency and cost-effectiveness of education policies
- Data-driven approaches to equity and inclusion

Methodological contributions employing advanced econometrics, causal inference, machine learning, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and choice modelling are especially encouraged.

Topics of Interest (including but not limited to)

- Innovative quantitative approaches to policy challenges in education, healthcare, crime prevention, economic development, and other public domains
- Statistical advancements and data-driven insights that enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, and equity of public policies and services
- Interdisciplinary applications integrating methods from economics, sociology, political science, psychology, management, data science, and statistics to address complex societal issues
- Big data, machine learning, and AI applications for evidence-based and explainable data-driven policymaking
- Empirical evaluations and policy simulations supporting innovation in policy design and implementation.

Submission Details

We welcome submissions presenting novel theoretical frameworks, rigorous empirical analyses, and actionable policy insights. Contributions should address real-world policy or managerial challenges across education, health, crime, and other societal domains, and provide implications accessible to policymakers, practitioners, and researchers.

Interested scholars are invited to submit an **extended abstract** (maximum 1,000 words, PDF format). To submit a proposal for the conference, please email the submission PDF and contact information for the author(s) to the following email address by May 1st, 2026: aqmapps@ebs.ee.

Please note that the word limit represents a maximum, not a target.

Submission Deadline: May 1st, 2026

We look forward to your contributions and to the stimulating discussions they will inspire at AQMAPPS 2026.

For more information visit: https://www.ebs.ee/en/4th-aqmapps-conference