

Procedure for the publication of research as part of the Department of Treasury's Working Papers

The works admitted to the procedure for publication of the Working Papers (WP) are all works produced by authors within the Department¹ (including with the contribution of authors from outside of the Department) and works presented by external authors during events organised by the MEF (Brown Bag Lunch Meeting – BBLM) about subjects of institutional interest to the Department. The paper must be presented in the Italian or English language.

The publication process is summarised below:

1. The WP is sent to Office I of Directorate I².
2. The WP is assigned to a member of the Editorial Board³, namely, the editor-in-charge, who may:
 - a. render a positive opinion on the WP, initiating the other steps of the publication process;
 - b. request that the authors make substantial amendments before sending the work to an external referee;
 - c. refuse publication of the paper.
3. In the event of a positive evaluation, the work is assigned to an external referee chosen by a panel.
4. Within 4 weeks, the referee sends his comments to the editor-in-charge who, in turn, sends those comments in anonymous form to the authors, along with his comments, if any.
5. The author revises the work on the basis of the comments received, and sends the new version, along with a brief note, back to the editor-in-charge. The brief note indicates which of the comments were taken into consideration, and explains the reason why any specific observations were not incorporated into the new version.
6. The final version of the paper, along with editor-in-charge's assessment and the referee's comments, is sent by the editor-in-charge to the Editorial Board for definitive approval.
7. Following the definitive approval, the WP is forwarded to the Office of Communications and External Relations for the eventual disclosure to the Minister's Cabinet Office.
8. If there are no indications to the contrary the WP is published after two weeks.

Should a WP have already been accepted for publication in a scientific journal, or presented in a BBLM seminar, its publication in the WP series can be evaluated by the Editorial Board only, without being subject to the scrutiny of an external referee. In such case, the editor-in-charge may send a short report to the authors, at the Board's discretion, prior to publication.

¹ Consultants, doctoral candidates, researchers, apprentices, economists and other experts who work regularly with the Department are considered as persons within the Department for the purposes of the publication procedure. For authors who are part of Directorates and Offices other than Directorate I, the *nulla osta* (including an informal *nulla osta*) of the appropriate director general is necessary. Authors within other Departments of the MEF may publish in the Department of Treasury series with the *nulla osta* (including an informal *nulla osta*) of their Department Head.

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