

Editorial Foreword

Dear readers,

The world economy is experiencing new challenges, such as making renewable energy efficient, coping with new political developments, and economic and political migration.

Recent studies¹ show that the war in Ukraine remains the world's biggest concern, and financial and climate crises are on the rise. People's concerns about the war are especially deep in Europe: Poland (90%), Germany (73%), Spain (69%), France (69%) and the UK (55%). In particular, half of Europeans worry the war may draw in other countries (51%) or lead to nuclear conflict (48%). While 60% of people worry about the price increases created by the war, 53% also worry about the humanitarian crisis. 59% of Africans worry that the war is creating food shortages on the continent. The implications of such a conflict can be seen in all economic and social areas for European and not only. Researchers became interested in exploring the impact of economic policies, inflation and as a consequence the cost of living and quality of life. The current global challenges generated a diversity of socio-economic research topics to be in the scientific community's attention, the researcher's contributions focusing on new perspectives and solutions to support businesses and society to cope with difficult times they are going through and build strong social cohesion.

REASER's current Issue brings to your attention exciting topics such as European innovation patterns, the trade war – on steel and aluminium markets, tax reforms in different countries and the social effects, corporate governance and monetary policy, climate change and land damages impacting farmers

The authors, young or experienced, come from different regions of the world and the European Union, the Middle East, and Asia (e.g. Albania, Cuba, Egypt, Ecuador, Jordan, India, Slovakia, Tunisia, Vietnam, Uruguay), and bringing you new perspectives on regional economic and social issues.

We appreciate our authors' hard work and dedication, which make their articles so enjoyable for our readers. We are also grateful to our reviewers for their involvement in making the review process more rewarding for all parties committed to improving the journal's quality. Moreover, the constantly growing interest of our readers for more than a decade generated a stronger flow of citations for each published Issue.

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¹ Kantar' Global Issues Barometer, 2022