



## Student Competition ERRAC PAG, EURNEX, EUROPE'S RAIL Call for abstracts

**Target candidates:** former master students and PhD students in the field of railway studies (who graduated their studies in 2024 or 2025).

The graduated students are encouraged to send an abstract of their thesis or work (**max 4 pages – see the template at the end**).

**Eligibility condition: European diploma.** the Master or PhD thesis defence took place in academic year **2023-2024 or 2024-2025**.

**Scope:** The main goal of this competition is to highlight excellent scientific results in the railway domain and to facilitate the access of young practitioners and scholars to railway industry and the specific environment in the railway domain.

### Scientific & Event Committee:

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### Important dates:

**31<sup>rst</sup> March 2026**

- Abstract of the work (max. 4 pages including bibliography and figures)

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

- Selection of finalists (**4 proposals** will be selected – 2 Masters and 2 PhDs)

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

- Public presentation/poster – award ceremony ERRAC plenary 18 June 2026 in Brussels

### Submission link:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=europeanmasterphdcom0>



**Abstract template (4 pages max)**

**TITLE**

**First name, last name, affiliation, email**

**Key words: 3 to 5**

**Mandatory structure:**

- 1. Main objectives of the works**
- 2. Description of the contributions**
- 3. Future works and perspectives**
- 4. Conclusions**
- 5. References used in the text**
- 6. List of publications and awards during the Master or the PhD**