



Essay Competition – Resilience Award

Call for Participation

Next to forcing many people to relocate to safe territory and leading to the tragic loss of many human lives, the war in Ukraine has caused a variety of hurdles and risks that businesses are facing as well. “Resilience” becomes a more and more important factor in facing obstacles like scarcity of resources, fragmented supply chains or rising energy prices and costs. Both the Ukrainian and German economy are affected by the negative consequences of the war and other crises.

The Chance for Science Network together with Dr. Jens Katzek, member of the Expert Council “Transformation in the Automotive Industry” initiated by Robert Habeck, Federal Minister of Economics, are looking forward to honoring those authors with outstanding, creative and innovative scientific solutions in the field of resilience of businesses in times of crises like the Russian aggression in Ukraine. The award of the Essay Competition is endowed with 500€ and is sponsored by Automotive Cluster Ostdeutschland GmbH (ACOD), where Dr. Katzek is Managing Director.

Essays may contain succinct, innovative and practicable scientific solutions to issues like maintaining operational processes even in times of crises or how to recover quickly from such events; strong adaptability of businesses in general or their controlling departments in specific; resilient cost and earning structures and reducing dependencies; investing in automation and digitization to counter the lack of qualified personnel. However, those are mere examples, essays may address other problem areas in the field of resilience as well.

How to participate – the 3 steps

Step 1 – Turning in your Essay

Essays eligible for the competition should be no longer than 5 pages. Co-authored essays are accepted, the co-authors may submit a joint written essay and may share the award.

To be considered for the Award, the essay must be submitted until **August 7, 2022** on the **CfS website**. Please find more information on the Essay Competition and the Chance for Science Conference on the website as well.

Step 2 – Reviewing Process and Selection

The selection will be based on the quality of the applicant's submission.

The review panel will evaluate the essay submitted based on the following criteria:

- creative approach to scientific solutions in the field of resilience of businesses
- innovative capability of the scientific solutions
- practicability of the approach

Step 3 – Award Ceremony and Discussion during the Chance for Science Conference 2022 (online)

The Award for the winning essay will be handed out during the **Chance for Science Conference** on **September 8 and 9, 2022**. The winning participant will receive a grant of **500€** and the opportunity to present their work or project to the audience of the Conference during a discussion session, chaired by a representative of ACOD.

The review panel is looking forward to your submissions!

We encourage you to distribute this Call for Participation within your networks and highly appreciate your support.