



Management Decision 5th Annual Conference

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Management Decision (MD) will host its 5th Annual Conference on **June 16th, 2026**. The Conference will be held in person at the School of Business and Law at the University of Agder, Kristiansand (Norway), before the [European Academy of Management Conference 2026](#) (June 16th-19th, 2026).

The purpose of this conference is to bring together potential MD contributors, MD editors and board members, and management and organizational scholars to *a)* offer an update on MD; *b)* discuss challenges and opportunities for MD; and *c)* a forum for presenting scientific work directed to one of below **Journal Sections/Special Issue**:

1. Special Issue

Authors interested in submitting a contribution to MD's special issue entitled "[The Age of Institutional Pressures: Adaptive Role of Sustainability Management](#)" can present their work to receive feedback from the Guest Editors. Authors will benefit by strengthening their work before the formal Special Issue submission, due November 30th, 2026.

2. Over a Half-Century of Management Decision

This informal section highlights all the research presented on a specific topic (e.g., leadership, strategy, entrepreneurship, marketing, operations, *etc.*) across all relevant issues in MD (Randolph-Seng, 2022). Articles for this new section must conform to the general outline for writing review papers (Tranfield et al., 2003; Breslin and Gatrell, 2023; Guercini and Milanese, 2020; Snyder, 2019; Webster and Watson, 2002). Caputo et al. (2022) provide a bibliometric analysis of *Management Decision* spanning over 50 years of its publication history, while Cristofaro et al. (2024) offer an exemplary article tailored for this section.

3. The Practice of Making Decisions

This section aims to provide a platform where management scholars and practitioners can engage in dialogue to create real-world impact. Article types include theory- or research-informed contributions oriented toward real-life interventions; case-based manuscripts presenting concrete decision situations or unresolved managerial puzzles; insightful interviews with CEOs or other senior practitioners that surface consequential decision dilemmas; and practitioner-authored articles that shed new light on managerial and organizational challenges.

Free registration and key dates

To register for the Conference, which is free, please send your information (name, email, affiliation, etc.) to matteo.cristofaro@uniroma2.it by **May 22th, 2026**.

If you want to present a work for one of the three sessions mentioned above (i.e., Sustainability Special Issue, Over a Half-Century of MD, or The Practice of Making Decisions), also provide the title of the work, authors, and the specific session to which this paper is oriented. Then, you will be asked to **send the PPT of your presentation by June 5th** (to matteo.cristofaro@uniroma2.it).

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Tentative program

June 16th, 2026

13.00-13.30: Introductions by organizers

13.30-14.00: *Management Decision* 'historical and contemporary'

14:00-17:30: Presentations by the participants and discussions

19.00: Social dinner (restaurant to be defined)

Venue:

School of Business and Law of the University of Agder, Kristiansand (Norway)