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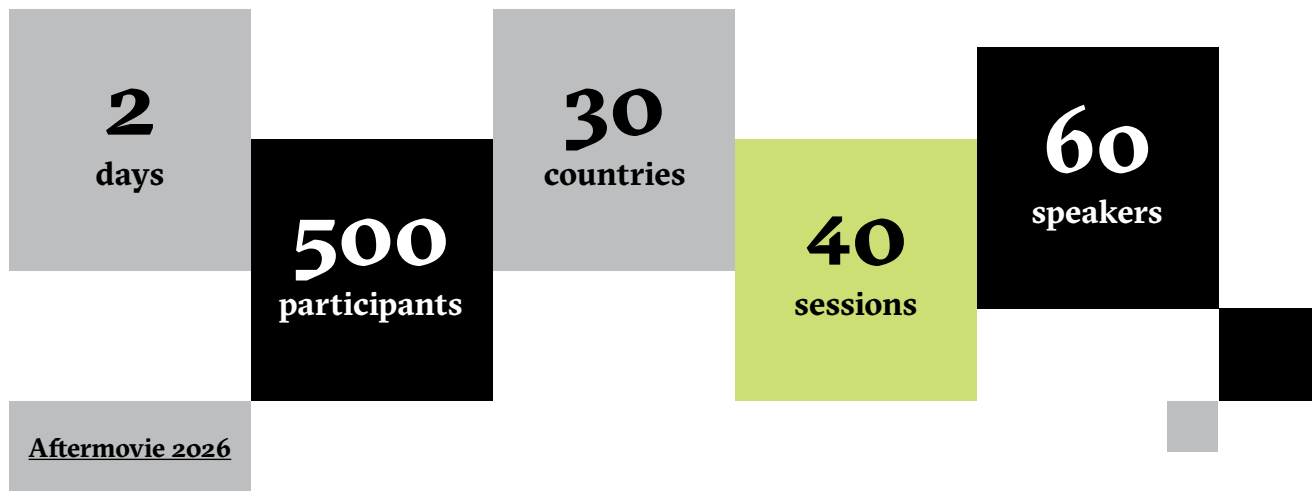
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# For academic institutions, by academic institutions



## Goal ⇄

**Exchange** of knowledge, best practices and information among European knowledge institutions for open and secure international cooperation

## Target audience

**Practitioners, policymakers, institutional leaders, and researchers** from research and higher education institutions in Europe

## Themes

**The programme offers sessions that address research security from different angles.**

- Best practice in implementing research security
- International collaboration and geopolitical developments
- Threats, intelligence and risk mitigation
- Institutional resilience and leadership
- Legal, ethical and governance frameworks
- Innovative tools and methods
- Country perspectives
- European trends and updates

## Conference programme goals

- Dynamic, engaging sessions that spark **interaction**
- **Fresh**, innovative content with a clear focus on research security
- Inspiring sessions for **various interests and career stages**
- **Diversity** of perspectives, voices and speakers
- A conference experience that leaves participants with new ideas and valuable **connections**

## Session types and formats

- **Hands-on** break-outs designed to fuel discussion, interaction and networking  
(**Break-outs are 60 min**).
  - Fishbowl, debate, fireside chat, world café, lightning talk/ ignite session, game, simulation etc.
  - Demonstration of tools and best practices in your institution
  - Expert lecture
  - No panel discussion
  - 1 Chair + up to 2 speakers as the norm
- **Keynote** ( 30 min. + Q&A)
- **Poster session**
- **Presentation** of the working practice in your specific institution
- **Posters** featured in the networking area throughout the conference
- **Workshop** (3 hrs. on May 24, the day before the conference)
- Delivers **tangible learning outcomes** for participants
- Immersive **learning methodologies** required
- **No online** or **hybrid** sessions possible
- **Any other brilliant ideas**

## Targeting of sessions

*Sessions don't have to, but may be relevant for specific audiences*

### **Level of expertise**

- Beginner/competent/expert

### **Type of organisation**

- University/ non-university research performing organisation/ funding organisation/ regulatory organisation

### **Professional background**

- E.g. Policy/ Research/ Leadership/ Legal/ HR/ Communication

## Submission policy

- Submission can be done through a form on the website (available when the call opens).
- Proposers must have the consent of all speakers.
- Proposers commit to remaining the co-ordinator/contact person of the proposal throughout the process. If the proposer is not a speaker, he/she may transfer that role to one of the speakers or chair.
- People can participate as a speaker in max. 3 sessions.
- Speakers receive a 50% discount on the conference fee.

## Submission criteria

- Subjects should be relevant and feel urgent.
- We prefer interaction over presentations.
- Submissions have to be clear and evidence based
- Our focus is European but global perspectives are welcome.
- Keep in mind that submission are selected to keep out programme as diverse as possible.
- Online or hybrid sessions are highly discouraged
- We are not looking for commercial parties.

## Timeline

|                                 |        |                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>September 1</b>              | —————→ | Call for proposal opens                                                  |
| <b>October 15</b>               | —————→ | Call for proposal closes                                                 |
| <b>October 15 → November 15</b> | —————→ | Proposals review and<br>proposers informed                               |
| <b>November 15 → February 1</b> | —————→ | Development provisional programme                                        |
| <b>February 1</b>               | —————→ | Provisional programme announced<br>Registration for the conference opens |
| <b>February 1 → May 1</b>       | —————→ | Programme updates and final<br>programme announced                       |

## Tips

- Keep your audience in mind when developing your proposal.
- Review session formats to choose the most suitable way to deliver your content.
- Develop clear, SMART learning outcomes.
- Make sure your proposal addresses a relevant topic within research security.
- Include audience interaction and peer learning in your session.



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For general information on the call for proposals, you may turn to our website **encors.eu** or contact our conference organisation **encors@tudelft.nl**