

ENCORS 2027

call

for

session

proposals

**european
network
conference
on research
security**

May 25-26 2027
May 24 2027 pre-conference workshop

Delft, the Netherlands

For academic institutions, by academic institutions

2
days

480
participants

40
sessions

30
countries

60
speakers

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ENCORS is the European Network Conference on Research Security of research performing organisations in Europe. As centres of innovation, European academic institutions are increasingly exposed to foreign interference from state and non-state actors. In response, many are implementing measures to safeguard academic integrity and values. ENCORS aims to address research security as a practical and intellectual challenge within the daily research process. The inaugural edition in 2026 brought together nearly 500 practitioners, experts, scholars, senior academics and decision makers.

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 practices, innovative tools and methods
- Geopolitical developments, threats, intelligence, and European trends in research security
- Country perspectives
- Legal and ethical frameworks
- Institutional resilience, leadership, and governance

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**

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Session types and formats

Hands-on break-outs (60 min) designed to fuel discussion, interaction and networking. Examples of formats:

- Fishbowl, debate, fireside chat, world café, lightning talk / ignite session, game, simulation etc.
- Demonstration of tools and best practices in your institution
- Expert lecture

Plenary 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 on May 24, during our pre-conference (3 hrs)

- Delivers tangible learning outcomes for participants
- Immersive learning methodologies required

- Panel sessions are not our preferred format, we're looking for formats that create genuine interaction
- This is an in-person only event, so online or hybrid sessions aren't possible
- Got a brilliant idea that doesn't fit any of these formats? We'd still love to hear about it

Targeting of sessions

Sessions don't have to, but may be relevant for specific audiences. Think of:

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 the form on the website
- Proposers must have the consent of all speakers
- Proposers commit to remaining the coordinator / contact person of the session proposal throughout the process.
- People can participate as a speaker in a maximum of three sessions
- Speakers (not Chair or proposer unless they are also presenting) receive a 50% discount on the conference fee
- A maximum of two speakers (+ Chair, if any)

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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
- In our selection, we aim to create a programme that is as diverse as possible
- No online or hybrid sessions
- We are not looking for commercial parties

Timeline

September 1	→	Call for session proposal opens
October 15	→	Call for session proposal closes
October 16 - November 15	→	Session proposals reviewed and proposers informed
November 16 - February 1	→	Development provisional programme
February 1	→	Registration for the conference opens
February 1 - May 1	→	Programme updates and final programme announced

Tips

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

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Contact

For general information on the call for session proposals, you may turn to our website **encors.eu** or contact our conference organisation **encors@tudelft.nl**. You can also submit your idea directly by clicking the button below.

Click here to submit your idea