

Call for host 2028 EUA-CDE Annual Meeting

Deadline for applications: 31 December 2026

The EUA-CDE Annual Meeting is the largest and most comprehensive gathering of professionals and experts working on doctoral education and research training. It is an opportunity to build new partnerships and exchange practices and interact with European and national policy makers, funding organisations, quality assurance agencies, global partners and other relevant stakeholders.

- Period: mid-June
- Event days: Wednesday to Friday
- Expected attendance: 250-300

Criteria

Host must be an EUA-CDE member located in the EHEA and able to offer:

- Easily accessible location from across Europe (international air and train travel hub)
- 1 plenary room with a capacity of 250-300 persons
- 6-7 breakout rooms, each with a capacity of 50-60 persons, close to the plenary room
- All rooms equipped with audio-visual equipment, and sound system/microphones if needed
- 1 meeting room to accommodate the Steering Committee (20 persons) and 1 room to accommodate the EUA secretariat
- Registration desk and cloakroom at the entrance area of the venue
- Catering area with a capacity of 250-300 persons for coffee breaks, lunches and reception (with some seating available)
- Support staff for the preparation and the duration of the event
- Technical support during the event:
 - Facilities for streaming
 - Video recording
 - Online speakers
 - Hybrid event (online and onsite participants)

- Student helpers during the event
- A venue for the networking dinner that can accommodate 250-300 persons, preferably close to the event venue
- Local transport, if necessary
- Hotels, preferably within walking distance of the event venue
- Stable Wi-Fi network, capable of handling 250+ simultaneous logins

EUA-CDE Responsibilities

- Deciding on the programme, including theme, keynote speakers and parallel sessions
- Liaising with/briefing of speakers and chairpersons
- Managing key players (collection of presentations, bios, photos, accommodation requirements)
- Preparing and sending the call for presentations/papers, reviewing submissions, sending notifications
- Setting up and managing the event website and event app
- Managing the entire registration process:
 - Setting up and managing the registration tool
 - Sending invitations and reminders to register
 - Processing received registrations (checking membership status, sending confirmations)
 - Dealing with email requests from participants
 - Collecting participant registration fees via bank transfer and online credit card provider (in EUR) and sending out payment related messages
- Managing the marketing, PR and international press relations
- Preparing event materials:
 - Programme (ready-to-print PDF – max. 20 copies)
 - Name badges for participants (Excel list)

Host responsibilities

- Providing the necessary function areas, session/meeting rooms and AV equipment (host in-kind contribution)
- Providing support staff for the preparation & duration of the event (host in-kind contribution)
- Providing technical support staff during the event
- Providing student helpers during the event
- Providing photographer during the event (optional)

- Providing contents for website and event app (related to local issues)
- Block booking and negotiation of preferred rates at local hotels for participants (booking will be done directly by the participants)
- Block booking of hotel rooms for key players (rooming list will be managed by EUA-CDE)
- Printing of Forum materials (badges, signage – including a printed programme for the entrance in a format no smaller than A1 size.
- Organising event catering (coffee breaks & lunches, water for speakers/participants)
- Organising reception and networking dinner
- Managing the local/national press relations

Financial Management

The following costs will be covered by EUA-CDE:

- Technical support (if not offered as host in-kind contribution)
- Student helpers
- Photographer
- Event materials (event app, programme, badges, signage)
- Catering (coffee breaks, lunches, reception, networking dinner, water for speakers/participants)
- Travel and accommodation of key players (Steering Committee, speakers, EUA staff)

The host will not charge EUA-CDE for the staff time necessary to ensure the effective overall functioning of the event. In return for providing the necessary function areas and session rooms in kind, appropriate visibility of the host will be assured. The host logo and name will be prominently displayed on the event materials. Host publications can also be displayed during the event.

The host will be offered 7 fee-waivers for the event.

Where a bid is submitted jointly by multiple parties, EUA-CDE will communicate with a single designated contact for all organisational matters, and a single institution shall bear ultimate responsibility for the organisation of the event.

EUA-CDE and the host will sign a Partnership Agreement, outlining the respective responsibilities and including an estimated budget, agreed by both parties.

Application

Applications should be sent by email to events@eua-cde.org by **31 December 2026**, including

- A cover letter explaining the advantages of the location
- An official endorsement by the executive head of the institution (rector, president, vice-chancellor)

- The **official bid template** (found under the downloads section of our website) filled-in and including
 - A detailed description of the proposed venues, session rooms and function areas as stipulated in the criteria
 - Breakdown of costs for rooms and equipment (if not offered as host in-kind contribution)
 - Breakdown of costs for coffee breaks, lunches and dinner based on 300 participants
 - Proposal of dates in **June 2028** (Thursday and Friday, with pre-meeting workshops and reception on Wednesday afternoon)
 - Contact details of liaison person

Additional information may be requested during the application processing phase. The final selection will be made in **early 2027**. Following the selection, EUA staff will make a site visit to the proposed location.