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Call for Tenders to Host the ESREA Triennial Conference in 2025

Every third year ESREA organizes a European research conference somewhere in Europe in cooperation with a hosting institution. This conference is not connected to any specific network; rather it aims to gather all ESREA networks for a joint conference. As a result, ESREA'S triennial conferences have become major events for scholars of adult learning and education. The previous conferences were organized at the following locations: 1995 in Strobl (Austria), 1998 in Brussels (Belgium), 2001 in Lisbon (Portugal), 2004 in Wroclaw (Poland), 2007 in Seville (Spain), 2010 in Linköping (Sweden), 2013 in Berlin (Germany), 2016 in Maynooth (Ireland), 2019 in Belgrade (Serbia) and 2022 in Milan (Italy).

ESREA is now calling for tenders to organize the next triennial conference, in September 2025.

The deadline for tenders is **31st January 2024**. Proposals should be sent to esrea_sec@die-bonn.de. The decision on the location will be announced in March 2024 following a meeting of the Presidium of ESREA.

If you have any questions regarding the hosting of the triennial do not hesitate to contact Laura Formenti (laura.formenti@unimib.it) as she was part of the organizing group of the triennial conference in 2022, and is a member of the Presidium of ESREA or contact the secretary of ESREA, Susanne Lattke (esrea_sec@die-bonn.de).

The proposal should be approximately 1-3 pages and does not necessarily need to follow the structure outlined below, but should give as much detail as possible. Some of these questions might be hard to answer at this stage, but please try to give some indication.

Our policy is that the conference should be financed through the conference fees.

Theme of the conference

1. What ideas do you have for a theme for the conference?
2. Who might you invite as keynotes to speak to the theme?
3. Are you planning a pre-conference for PhD students? If so, on what theme?

In outlining the theme please briefly explain the rationale for the choice of theme in your own institutional/national context, the work of ESREA'S networks and the wider field of research on adult learning and education.

Location of the conference

1. What will be the location of the conference?
2. How easy is it to travel to this location?
3. What approximate costs for travelling to the location are there (are there any low-cost companies flying there, etc.)?
4. What is the distance between the ferry port, railway station and airport and the location of the conference?

Localities

1. What localities do you have access to (quality of seminar rooms, etc.)?
2. Will it be possible to fully equip the rooms with computers, projectors, etc.

3. What's the maximum number of participants which you would be able to accept at the conference?
4. How many people fit into the largest of the rooms which you have access to (there is a need for a room which can accommodate all participants during the joint sessions and plenaries)?

Organization

1. Who will, to your knowledge at this stage, be the person with overall responsibility for the organization of the conference?
2. Who do you have in mind to serve on the local organizing committee?
3. Will these persons have time in their position to manage the organization of the conference?
4. What experiences do you have of arranging international research conferences?

Accommodation

1. What range of accommodation will be available (are there both cheaper and more expensive accommodation available)?
2. How far will it be to get from the hotels to the conference location, what means of transportation will be available and what time will it take to get from the hotels to the conference location?
3. What are the costs for accommodation? (Please give some examples of different "qualities" of accommodation and their approximate prices? Is it important to have cheap options if at all possible, especially for PhD students).

Information and documentation

1. Will you have the possibility to set up a conference web page with all the conference information on it?
2. How do you intend to distribute the conference papers?
3. What are your plans for dissemination after the conference?

Financial issues

1. Do you think you can ensure the conference is financed through the conference fees and/or institutional supports? If not, what support would you need from ESREA?
2. What will the approximate conference fee for the conference be?
3. What will be included in the fee (participation, food, public transportation, etc.)?