

Call for New Ecsite Conference Programming Committee Members (ACPC)

We are looking for at least four new members to join the **Ecsite Conference Programming Committee (ACPC)** from **July 2025**, to replace experts whose mandates end this year.

The ACPC has an advisory role for the Conference. Working together with the Ecsite Head Office and representatives of the Conference host organisation, ACPC advises the Ecsite Board on the programme, selects and approaches keynote speakers, designs the call for session proposals, and reviews submissions.

Who should apply?

Diverse applicants from across our network with different backgrounds, expertise, career levels, age groups coming from different geographic regions, and institution types to represent the Conference audience.

Enthusiastic and team-oriented individuals whose skills and perspectives will complement and enhance the committee's expertise and diversity.

Please note: This is a voluntary role. Committee members (or their organisations) are responsible for covering all associated costs (travels, accommodation), including conference attendance.

What does the role involve?

As a committee member, you will help curating the programme of the largest science engagement conference in Europe.

As a committee member, you should:

- Attend the **Ecsite Conference** each year of your mandate, starting from this year's [event in Warsaw, 3-5 June](#).
- Participate in **up to two additional in-person meetings**, including the crucial **session selection meeting in early December**.
- Join working groups focused on various programme-related tasks.
- Review **50+ session proposals** each November.

We estimate the time commitment for working meetings, session review and other tasks between 6-10 days every year.

What's in it for you? You will collaborate with experts across Europe, and gain access to a diverse network of science engagement professionals. Your voice will be part of the key conversations, raising your profile within the Ecsite community and beyond. Work in the Committee is also a rich learning experience, that will strengthen your strategic thinking and reward you with insights into other institutions best practices and new ideas emerging in the field.

About the Ecsite Conference

The Ecsite Conference is the flagship event of our network. It is a friendly and approachable science engagement Conference ideal for anyone working in or supporting the field. Every

year more than 900 participants attend. The event is organised by different Ecsite member organisations across Europe, always at the beginning of June.

We welcome attendees from the full range of disciplines including:

- Professionals who shape the programme at science centres and museums;
- Exhibitions developers,
- Directors of education,
- University students, professors and researchers;
- Managers and coordinators of ground-breaking EU and global projects;
- CEOs, Managing Directors and senior-level managers.

More about the 2025 edition of the event here: <https://ecsite.wildapricot.org/about-Ecsite-2025/>

Ideal candidates will:

- Work in an Ecsite Full Member organisation
- Have a **strong command of English**.
- Not serve on programme committees for other similar conferences simultaneously.
- Be deeply committed to **Ecsite and the science engagement field**
- Be a regular attendee at the Ecsite Conference since the 2022 edition.
- Have a large network of professional contacts.

Desired expertise

We are particularly looking for members with expertise in:

- Learning & education
- Operations, finance, HR
- Communication & marketing
- Management & strategy
- Events and activities
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

If your field isn't listed but you believe you can contribute, **we encourage you to apply and make your case!**

How to apply

To apply, fill in the online form and share:

- Your CV and key information about yourself and your area of expertise.
- A response to the question: **"Why you?"**

You may use any medium that best expresses your candidacy – a written motivation letter, video pitch, presentation with pictures or any format of your choice.

*If using **video or audio**, keep it to a maximum of **2 minutes**. If choosing **text**, please keep it to **one page**.*

Apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/250934149941058>

Timing & Interviews

Apply by 25 April end of day.

Selected candidates will be informed by 30 April and invited for interview. The interviews are preliminary planned for 6-8 May. The selection results will be shared with all candidates by 30 May, and those selected will be welcomed to the Committee at the end of the 2025 Ecsite Conference in Warsaw, 3 -5 June.

Current ACPC composition

Chairperson:

- Marjolein van Breemen, Naturalis, Leiden, The Netherlands

Ecsite Head Office representatives:

- Catherine Franche, Executive Director
- Nicola Hamilton, Head of Communications & Membership
- Wiktor Gajewski, Events Manager

Experts (* - members whose mandates are finishing this year):

- Marianne Achiam, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Raphaël Chanay, Universcience, Paris, France
- Vasyl Dunets*, Junior Academy of Sciences, Ukraine
- Dobrivoje Lale Eric*, Centre for the Promotion of Science, Belgrade, Serbia
- Mairéad Hurley*, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- Pedro Russo, Ciência Viva, Lisbon, Portugal & Leiden University, The Netherlands
- Christian Sichau, experimenta, Heilbronn, Germany

Current and past host representatives:

- Jurij Krpan, Kersnikova Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Joanna Kalinowska, Copernicus Science Centre, Warsaw, Poland

More details here: <https://ecsite.wildapricot.org/Who-we-are#ACPC>