

# Call for Proposals to Host the ECP22 in 2026

(applications will be considered on a rolling basis until September 15, 2023)

The [Executive Committee](#) (EC) of the European Association of Personality (EAPP) is excited to issue a call for proposals to host its biennial conference—the 22nd European Conference on Personality (ECP22) in 2026. Although this call is for the 2026 conference, we will also consider proposals for ECP23 to be held in 2028. *Please indicate in your application whether you are interested in hosting ECP in 2026, in 2028, or both.*

European Conferences on Personality (ECPs) have been held in a relatively wide range of European countries (see list [here](#)), and we seek to maintain this diversity<sup>1</sup>. We are particularly interested in receiving proposals for conference locations beyond Western Europe but will consider all locations based on the merits outlined in Section 4 (Evaluation) below.

## 1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- **Commitment:** Future organizers of ECP22 would *not* have to start working on the conference organization until after the previous conference (in this case *after* the ECP21 in Berlin in August 2024), when the next location is also announced to members. At this point, potential organizers would only need to commit to the conference organization as well as to ensuring their local institution is on board and has the capabilities to host a conference of this size and format.
- **Timing:** Typically, ECPs take place during mid to late July (although early August dates might also be possible). They usually start Tuesday evening (with the opening reception) and end Friday evening (with the gala dinner).
- **Benefits:** Hosting an ECP provides the organizers, local researchers, and students with unique opportunities to network with colleagues from all over the world, improve one's institution's international visibility, learn how to organize scientific meetings, and become intimately acquainted with the EAPP. The ECP main organizer is appointed as an ex officio member of EAPP's Executive Committee for the duration of the conference preparation (2 years).
- **Organization:** The organizational aspects of ECPs (e.g., structure of scientific program and social events, etc.) are quite similar across years, and all procedural information from previous conferences will be shared with the future organizers. ECP organizers are responsible for all organizational aspects of the conference but work closely with the EAPP, which continuously provides input and assistance.
- **Financing:** As ECPs are typically financed through conference registration fees, plus some sponsorships and donations, proposals do not need to consider how the conference will be funded. Notwithstanding, organizers are welcome to note sources of funding they could contribute or obtain to defray costs of the conference (e.g., to keep registration costs low for early career and less financially secure scholars). *Importantly*, ECP conferences are not meant to generate financial income for the hosts or for EAPP: The host is expected to run a neutral budget. If a conference goes over budget, the EAPP will not subsidize these costs
- **Scientific Committee:** It typically includes between 15 and 20 members, composed of the EAPP EC members, 3-4 additional scholars proposed by the organizers (usually from the host country), and 3-4 additional colleagues proposed by EC members. Their role will be to evaluate all types of scientific submissions.

## 2. PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Brief proposals for hosting the ECP22 in 2026 should focus mostly on:

1. Organizers' **motivation and connections** to personality psychology (broadly defined)
2. **Logistics**, such as where the conference events (e.g., summer school, preconference workshops, welcome reception, conference, gala dinner) would take place (hotel or institution, and in what city and country)
3. Whether the site has sufficient **space** to accommodate typical conference sessions (around 400 participants, several symposia in parallel, poster sessions, etc.)
4. Location's **accessibility** by train and air, considering issues of sustainability
5. Availability of **affordable lodging and meals**, considering issues of sustainability)

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<sup>1</sup> When scientific conferences are systematically held in wealthy Western and Central European countries, less financially secure scholars may be excluded, which limits the exposure of their perspectives to an international community and hurts the field's breadth.

The proposals should explicitly address each of the criteria outlined in Section 4 (Evaluation), even if briefly. There is no formal word or page minimum or maximum, but proposals are meant to be brief (e.g., around 2-3 pages).

### **3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

Please upload a single PDF file of the proposal to the survey linked [here](#) by September 15, 2023 (applications will be considered on a rolling basis until this date). Complete proposals will be reviewed by the EAPP EC based on the criteria noted in Section 4 (Evaluation) below.

Please direct any questions to EAPP's President, Veronica Benet-Martinez, at [president@eapp.org](mailto:president@eapp.org). We are excited to discuss your ideas for a proposal prior to submission. Please feel free to request a conversation before investing effort in your proposal. Similarly, the EAPP EC reserves the right to interview potential organizers to address questions about their proposal before a decision is made.

## 4. EVALUATION

The table below lists the criteria that proposals should address and how they will be rated.

CRITERIA	Information absent	Partially met	Moderately met	Fully met
	0	1	2	3
<b>Host Characteristics</b>				
The conference is hosted by an individual or group with visible commitment to and experience in the advancement of personality science (broadly defined).				
The host(s) have previous experience organizing scientific meetings or have demonstrated skills that are relevant to doing so.				
<b>Conference Site</b>				
The conference site facilities are adequate for ~400-500 participants and typical conference session activities (universities or similar are preferred due to cost effectiveness).				
The site has spaces that facilitate networking and informal exchange among participants.				
The site is close to eateries, lodging, and transportation venues.				
Approximate cost to reserve the site				
<b>Advantages &amp; Limitations</b>				
The proposal addresses potential advantages of the conference location (e.g., geographic diversity goals, accessibility, funding sources that can be applied for, other clusters of personality researchers in the area)				
If applicable: The proposal addresses potential limitations of the conference location (e.g., laws or local ordinances that target marginalized members of the EAPP community, potential travel/visa restrictions)				
The proposal addresses sustainability considerations concerning location accessibility by train, food and beverage, availability of green hotels, etc.				
<b>Financial, Travel, and Timing Considerations</b>				
The proposed costs (i.e., university's conference rooms rental, gala dinner, etc.) are acceptable.				
The proposal specifies the nearest airport/train station and its distance to the conference site.				
The date proposed for the event is appropriate; it should occur in July ideally.				

Are the organizers interested in hosting the ECP in a subsequent year if the proposal is not selected for 2026? (The answer to this question has no bearing on 2026 selection.)	Yes	No
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