

Call for Nominations

Host the ETHO Technical Community Conference

2027



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WHAT IS THE ETHO TECHNICAL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE?

ELIA Members are invited to nominate a
host venue for the ETHO Technical
Community Conference
(to be held in February or March 2027)

DEADLINE: 1 September 2026

ETHO (European Technical Heads Organisation) is an ELIA Community Hub of higher arts education technical staff, established in 2016 to advance hands-on learning and innovation through an inclusive community. Sharing ELIA's aim to empower higher arts education, ETHO facilitates the exchange of good practices and hosts two key events. One of which is known as the ETHO Technical Community Conference.

The ETHO Technical Community Conference is a networking event, that brings together technicians and professionals in the field of technical services and teaching together to share knowledge across the ELIA network.

As a highlight of the technical community, the ETHO Technical Community Conference is drawing an audience of approximately 150-200 attendees ranging from technical managers, technical heads, technicians, and educators involved on technical services or technical teaching from ELIA member institutions.

Bringing together professionals to promote and celebrate the sharing of knowledge, research, and new ideas, the ETHO Technical Community Conference welcomes host institutions wishing to contribute to this global conversation.

For more information, please visit the [ELIA website](#).



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HOSTING THE ETHO TECHNICAL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

The ETHO Technical Community Conference is usually organised and held in the first half of the year (winter/spring), giving the host institution a timely opportunity to present themselves to higher arts education institutions, and universities from all over the world. This is a great moment to showcase your practices and put your institution on the map. As a host institution you will be actively involved in the development of the event in collaboration with the ETHO core group and the ELIA team. Exact dates are agreed with the ETHO core group, the host institution and the ELIA team.

- As host, you will play a key role in the selection process and will also be encouraged to experiment and innovate with regards to the programme flow and formats.
- The ETHO working group usually initiates the theme for the conference and formulates the call for contributions in collaboration with the host institution.
- Also, you will be responsible for arranging the venues, organising logistics, and securing national and local funding and sponsorship, if needed.
- Meanwhile, the ELIA Team will take care of organising the programme, communications, reporting, recruitment, and the registration of participants.
- It is important to mention that ELIA is committed to minimising the ecological footprint of our events, taking into account the various aspects of travel, accommodation, venue, catering, and materials produced and supplied.
- ELIA is further committed to advancing social justice by raising awareness within the sector and beyond, with regards to the complex and intersectional aspects of anti-discrimination. For this reason, making events more accessible and inclusive is a key priority.

The event consists of an engaging two-to-three-day programme which includes interactive workshop sessions, technical visits, presentations, inspiring speakers, plenary discussions, educational peer-to-peer dialogue, and networking events.



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BUDGET

Before the planning begins, ELIA and the host institution create a joint agreement. The budget is estimated at approximately €46.000 which is jointly agreed upon. There is the possibility that this amount could be lower depending on the in-kind contribution the host institution contributes. ELIA will guarantee to raise around 35% of this amount through participation fees. The remaining amount will be raised by the host institution. A portion of the budget may be contributed 'in kind' (for example, by using your institution's building as venue). Generally, in practice, host institutions also raise financial support from governmental and local authorities.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

To nominate your institution, we invite you to submit your nomination which should include the following information:

1. A description of your motivation to host the ETHO Technical Community Conference 2027.
2. Information about the city in which your institution is situated, (including its location relative to international transportation hubs, airports, or train stations; tourist activities nearby; etc.)
3. Information on the venue (capacity, flexibility, technical facilities, hotels in the vicinity) and possible financial support or partnerships (including in-kind).

We greatly look forward to receiving your nomination. For more information, and to submit the nomination, please contact:

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Deadline for nominations: 1 September 2026

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The ETHO Working Group will make a preliminary decision regarding the venue for the ETHO Technical Community Conference which will then be endorsed by the ELIA Executive Group.