EuroSTAR Conference Submission Guide

Please read the below guidelines BEFORE submitting a proposal for the EuroSTAR 2025 Call for Speakers.
Submissions open 25th August – 13th October 2024.

How can I propose a talk?

Review the 2025 Call for Speakers explanation from our Programme Chair.

This details what the Programme Committee are looking for and will help keep your submission relevant, so it scores well during the reviews. Once you have your talk ready, you can submit it here. Please note, we accept a maximum of 4 submissions per speaker.

Talk Types

Track Talks

Share your powerful ideas, case studies and innovative initiatives. Be useful! The EuroSTAR audience will want actionable content – learnings they can apply when they get back to their jobs. What have you learned that can be useful to them?

EuroSTAR Track Talks should:
-   Tell your stories of trials & triumphs, successes & lessons learned
-   Detail the methodologies or approaches that have helped individuals and organisations
-   Bring new information, emerging and/or innovative approaches or techniques
-   Introduce case studies of real projects
-   Show how you have addressed technical or non-technical pain points
-   Avoid sales pitches
-   Allow for discussion time – this is where a lot of the learning takes place
-   Include actionable takeaways for attendees and their teams

Track Talk length:
45mins (30min talk + 15min discussion)

Deep Dives

Based on feedback from EuroSTAR attendees, technical talks would be of greater benefit if there was additional time to show examples, How To's and actionable takeaways. Therefore, we have introduced four x 90 minute Deep Dive sessions. *Please Note:* Deep Dives will be available to all attendees (like Track Talks) so capacity could potentially be 200+ theatre style. It will not be possible to move around in traditional group style.

EuroSTAR Deep Dives should:
-   Technical
-   Be a more in-depth examination or analysis of your topic
-   Ideally include exercises where possible
-   Be Interactive

Deep Dive Length:
90mins (2 x 45mins with 15min break mid-way)

Tutorials/Workshops

Pre-Conference half day or full day training courses on a specific topic designed to develop certain skills. They should be interactive, feature group work and encourage collaboration.

EuroSTAR Tutorials should:
- Feature in-depth knowledge (technical or otherwise)
- Include hands-on practical work
- Foster collaboration through group exercises

Tutorial length:
- Half day (3hrs Training + 30min break)
- Full day (6 hrs Training + 2 x 30mins & 60min break)

Who are we looking for?

Speakers of all levels are invited to submit, from new voices to leading lights – this is all about your life experience, and how others can learn from your successes & failures.

Anyone with a story that will help others in the testing community take their craft to the next level! Whether you are an experienced speaker or have never spoken before, we would love to see you on the EuroSTAR stage.

No Sales Pitches, please!

Attendees come to EuroSTAR to learn, not to be sold to from the stage. If you would like to present your company or your services in our EXPO area, then please contact Clare Burke to learn more about our sponsor opportunities. Abstracts will not be selected if they directly promote any products or services or are of a commercial nature.

How are talks selected?

The Programme for the EuroSTAR Conference is independently chosen by the European software testing community, with both the Programme Committee and volunteer community reviewers taking time to review and rate sessions. Except for a small number of invited speakers, all sessions at the conference are chosen from this community review process.

Once the Call for Speakers deadline (13th Oct) has passed, all submissions are anonymously assigned to a review panel of experienced testers from the community.

The reviewers score the proposed talks on criteria such as:
- Original Ideas
- Tangible Takeaways attendees can apply to their work
- Scope & Relevance to the theme

The 2025 EuroSTAR Programme Committee; Tanja Vos (Spain), Nele Van Asch (Belgium), Anaïs van Asselt (Germany), Bart Knaack (Netherlands), and Linda Van De Vooren (Netherlands), will then come together to gather the best rated submissions and create a diverse and balanced programme.

Speaker Benefits

There are many reasons why speaking at EuroSTAR is so enjoyable and you can hear from past speakers why they choose to share their experience on the EuroSTAR stage.

We have also created a downloadable Speaker Benefits brochure which you can access HERE.

EuroSTAR Software Testing Awards

Successful applicants who become EuroSTAR Speakers will be invited to submit a paper for consideration as the EuroSTAR 2025 Best Conference Paper – this is not submitted with your application but please indicate on the form whether you intend to provide one. You will be reminded after Programme Launch if you wish to enter. View the winning papers on EuroSTAR Huddle.

The EuroSTAR Best Tutorial Award is decided by delegates feedback scores and will be announced as part of the 2025 EuroSTAR Software Testing Awards.

Tips from previous speakers

Check out the videos on our Why Speak page - get ideas from previous EuroSTAR Speakers on how to get your submission noticed and give yourself the best chance to making the EuroSTAR programme.

Submit a Talk

Go to submission form and complete your details for EuroSTAR 2025.