LIBER ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025:
CALL FOR PROPOSALS — DEADLINE EXTENSION

The Call for Proposals for the upcoming 54th LIBER Annual Conference has been extended!

*The deadline for submitting a proposal is now the **10th of January 2025**. Guidance on this as well as conference topics are outlined in detail below. For more information about the conference in general, please visit the <u>LIBER Annual Conference 2025 website</u>.*

LIBER Annual Conference 2025 Theme:

ENGAGE, COLLABORATE, INNOVATE:
LIBRARIES WORKING TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES.

In LIBER Annual Conference 2024 our keynote speaker Frank Scholze identified areas that concentrate critical global challenges, including those in nature, power, technology, people and economy. These thematic areas pose many challenges that affect libraries, institutions and societies across the globe and request the response of our scientists, researchers and educators. In the LIBER Annual Conference 2025 in Lausanne, we would like to explore how we can advance the collaboration of libraries within their own networks and beyond to tackle these challenges.

Topics
We invite our community to submit their proposals for contribution to the LIBER 2025 conference, distilling - in an engaging way - their work on the following topics:

- Artificial Intelligence for/in/and Research Libraries
- Library Partnerships for Societal Impact
- Monitoring and Assessment of Open Research

- Sustainable Operation and Development
- Equitable and Inclusive Library Environments
- Libraries Engagement in Co-shaping Policies for all
- Upskilling for the Future

Submission Formats

LIBER 2025 invites submissions on the Conference theme and topics, comprising of any of the following content directions:

- Future-oriented, thought leadership pieces arising out of current research.
- Presentation of research-based solutions, with a clear illustration on the methods used, the ways they can be applied, and/or the results.
- Work in progress or pilot descriptions, sufficiently mature to warrant attention.
- Experiences, best practices, and case studies specifying requirements, challenges or opportunities.

When submitting a proposal, speakers can choose the best format for the content they intend to deliver from the list of options below:

- Standard Presentation: mature works that showcase research, best practices, and case studies, which cover the methods used and open a discussion on the theme and its topics.
- Workshop: dynamic and engaging sessions related to the overall theme and topics of the conference, providing delegates with a hands-on experience.
- Poster: visually-inspiring displays of an initiative, completed or in progress, processes, and results.
- Panel Session: lively panel sessions, consisting of brief and engaging presentations related to the theme and the topics of the conference, inviting discussion among the panellists and with the audience.

Note: *For all proposals, the Conference Programme Committee may, in some cases, accept an abstract while proposing an alternative format from the initially selected one if it fits better within the programme. In this case, the author will be consulted.*

Selection Criteria

The CPC will select abstracts based on the following criteria:

- Originality/Innovation
- Method/Elaboration
- Interest/Engagement
- Impact/Implication
- Relevance

How to Submit Your Abstract

To submit an abstract, please visit the LIBER 2025 submissions portal. The deadline for submission of abstracts is now the **10th of January 2025** at **23:59 CET**.

Guidance and Notes on Submitting

- Accepted contributions will be limited to one presentation and/or poster abstract per author. Similarly, we aim to avoid more than one presentation on a single initiative/project.
- Submissions advertising commercial products and/or services will not be considered.
- All standard presentation submissions will be automatically considered for the LIBER Innovation Award.
- Abstract length should be a minimum of 250 words and should not exceed 500 words (for all forms suggested above).
- Only submissions in English will be considered, in line with the official language of the conference.
- Make sure that you have approval to participate in the conference at the latest when the results are announced.
- All submitted contributions will be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers, based on the criteria mentioned above.
- Authors are encouraged to submit their accepted abstracts for publication in LIBER Quarterly, a fully peer-reviewed journal. Instructions for this can be found on the journal website, as can contact details for LIBER Quarterly's managing editor. LIBER Quarterly is also accepting practise papers, more information for the submission process can be found here.

For tips on writing abstracts, please see this link.

Notification of Acceptance

We expect to announce the outcomes of the peer review in early **March 2025**.

Note: This Call for Proposals has been assembled by LIBER's Conference Programme Committee (CPC).

Contact

For any questions about this call, please contact us at liber2025@libereurope.org.