



Ecsite Annual Conference 2010- Session Formats

Panel Session

In a panel session, the convenor introduces the speakers who present their views to the audience. The session can have a maximum of 3 speakers and one convenor (the convenor should not be a speaker) to provide enough time for discussion (at least 20 minutes at the end of the presentations). We encourage proposals that offer different perspectives on topics to promote more constructive critique and debate.

Reverse session

At this session the speakers and one animator will guide the session after very short introductions on the topic. The aim of a reverse session is to provide the majority of the time in the session for the audience to actively participate in a discussion with the speakers.

Interactive workshop

This type of session is structured to enable in-depth exploration of one topic. The session should be practical, interactive and actively involve all the participants. The workshop can be a science demonstration, a game, a show or a short training course, for example.

Poster Session

10-15 posters on specific projects are displayed and introduced by each poster creator/presenter. Session participants wander among the posters talking informally with each presenter. A summary of the ideas is then presented by the session convenor, followed by a discussion.

Travelling exhibitions session

20 speakers have 4 minutes each to present their new travelling exhibitions. The condition for institutions to participate to this session is that the exhibition/s they will have selected should be presented for the first time at the annual conference.

Pros and Cons session

In this session two groups of speakers present their opposite views and debate on a specific topic. One convenor leads the discussion. The opposite views can be presented each by 2 or more people. Enough time should be left at the end of the session for discussion.



Other Interactive sessions

In your session proposal you are encouraged to propose additional formats of sessions from the ones proposed above.

For example: World cafes (questions are put on the table , and groups are formed in different tables, conversations link and build on each other as people during the session will move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues).