

# Call for Proposals

## Hosting the Spatial Cognition Conference 2028

The Steering Committee of the **Spatial Cognition Conference (SCC)** invites proposals to host the **Spatial Cognition Conference 2028**. Following the exciting **Spatial Cognition 2026 conference to be held in Glasgow, UK ([University of Glasgow - Research - Research units A-Z - Centre for Spatial Reasoning - Spatial Cognition 2026](#))**, the next conference will again bring together researchers from diverse disciplines interested in spatial cognition, including psychology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, geography, linguistics, architecture, robotics, and related fields.

The conference is expected to be held **anywhere in the world** and should continue the tradition of fostering a **highly interactive and discussion-oriented meeting**. Preference will be given to proposals that emphasize environments and formats conducive to informal exchange and sustained interaction among participants.

Information about previous conferences and the history of the series can be found at: <https://bscc.spatial-cognition.de/conferences>

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## Proposal Process

### Step 1 – Expression of Interest

Prospective organizers are requested to inform the Steering Committee of their **intention to submit a proposal**.

**Deadline:** 20th of May, 2026  
**Contact:** [alexander.klippel@wur.nl](mailto:alexander.klippel@wur.nl)

This preliminary notification is non-binding but helps the SC plan the review process.

### Step 2 – Full Proposal Submission

A **full proposal (2–4 pages)** should be submitted by:

**Deadline:** 20th of July 2026

The proposal should provide sufficient detail to allow the Steering Committee to evaluate the feasibility of the conference and its alignment with the spirit and goals of the Spatial Cognition conference series.

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# Proposal Content

Proposals should address the following elements.

## 1. Proposed Dates and Location

Provide the **tentative conference dates and location**, including:

- Proposed venue city and institution
- Rationale for the location
- Accessibility and international travel connections
- Potential conflicts or synergies with related conferences

## 2. Organizing Committee

Please describe the **organizing team**, reflecting the diversity and interdisciplinary character of the Spatial Cognition community. Suggested roles include:

- **General Chair(s)**: Responsible for overall coordination and local arrangements.
- **Program Committee Chair(s)**: Responsible for the scientific program, including invited speakers, paper solicitation, review process, and final program.
- **Workshop and Poster Chair(s)**: **Responsible for selecting workshops, tutorials, posters.**
- **Communication Chair**: Responsible for conference communication and outreach.
- **Local Support Team or Local Chair(s)**: Academics, staff, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers assisting with logistics.

Prospective organizers are welcome to contact the Steering Committee for guidance when forming the organizing committee.

## 3. Venue and Local Infrastructure

Provide information about the proposed **conference venue**, including:

- Conference facilities and room capacities
- Infrastructure supporting plenary sessions, parallel sessions, and poster presentations
- Internet connectivity and technical support
- Proximity to accommodations
- Accessibility and transportation options

Please also describe available **lodging options**, including approximate costs and proximity to the venue.

## 4. Estimated Participant Costs

Please provide estimated costs for participants, including:

- Registration fees (regular and student)
- Accommodation options and approximate prices
- Local transportation costs to the venue

## 5. Sponsorship Opportunities (optional)

Identify potential **sponsors or funding sources**, particularly those that could support:

- Invited speakers
- Student travel grants
- Reduced registration fees for students or early-career researchers

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## Proceedings

As in previous editions, the conference will produce **fully refereed proceedings**, ideally published in an **open-access format**.

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## Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Suitability of the venue and location
- Ability to support interaction and community building
- Strength and diversity of the organizing team
- Financial feasibility and affordability for participants
- Accessibility for international attendees
- Alignment with the traditions of the Spatial Cognition conference series

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# Submission and Contact

Proposals should be submitted electronically to:

**Alexander Klippel**

Spatial Cognition Conference Steering Committee

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For additional information about the Spatial Cognition conference series and previous events, please visit:

<https://bscc.spatial-cognition.de/conferences>

**Please feel free to circulate this call within your research communities.**

Sincerely,

**Spatial Cognition Conference Steering Committee**