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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Abstracts must be submitted online using the electronic abstract portal. Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted.

2. All abstracts must be submitted in English and require the structured sections identified at the section regarding the abstract template.

3. All abstracts must be submitted by no later than 23h59 (UTC+1) 24 January 2027.

4. All suggested presentations should be original contributions and ideally include new data. If data has been previously presented elsewhere, the suggested presentation should include new data or insights compared to the previous presentation.

5. Only complete proposals will be evaluated (i.e. no drafts).

6. All suggested contributions should be sufficiently detailed to evaluate its originality, relevance and quality.

7. Abstracts submitted to the conference are blindly reviewed by experts.

8. The submitting author will be notified of the Committee's decision in March 2027 by email to the same email address provided in their ESTSS 2027 profile.

9. Full presentation guidelines will be included in the acceptance email.

10. For all accepted abstracts, the lead author will be required to register until 2 April 2027. If the registration is not confirmed by that date, the abstract will be excluded from the conference programme.

11. Accepted abstracts will be published in European Journal of Psychotraumatology (EJPT; 2025 impact factor 4.209).

12. During the submission process, all abstracts must include a short biographical note, specify a thematic area, indicate the preferred presentation format and strictly adhere to the prescribed abstract template (consult below the guidelines for each type of presentation) and the following word limits:

a) Short biographical note – maximum 80 words (including spaces)
b) Abstract – maximum 250 words (including spaces)
c) Preferred presentation format.



13. It is necessary to identify the conference thematic track (only 1 track can be selected):

1) Psychotraumatology
2) Representations of Trauma
3) Media and Trauma
4) Global Changes and Trauma
5) Displacements and Trauma

14. You will need to select a presentation type for your original research or clinical work during the submission process:

1) Pre-conference workshops and courses
2) Oral communication
3) Poster presentation only
4) Symposia
5) Roundtable discussions
6) Masterclass

14.1. Detailed description of each presentation type

Pre-conference workshop and courses

The proposing author must submit their abstract under the Pre-conference Workshops and Courses category, following the structure provided on the submission platform (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and the general submission guidelines. The proposing author must also provide details of the workshop or course structure, in accordance with the specific guidelines outlined below. Once the abstract has been submitted, the proposing author will receive a confirmation email containing a unique submission code. This code must be shared with all other authors involved in the same workshop or course. Each additional author must submit their own abstract, following the same general guidelines, and enter the shared submission code in the "Proposed Presentation Format" field. Important: Including this code is mandatory, as it allows all individual abstracts to be linked to the same workshop or course proposal. Without this code, it will not be possible to associate the individual submissions with one another.

Duration: Between 3 to 6 hour interactive in-person pre-conference educational sessions.

Sessions without a minimum number of registered participants may be cancelled with registration refunded.

The proposing author should provide under the "Proposed Presentation Format" the structure of its pre-conference workshop/course, according to the following guidelines:

- Rationale: Why the topic is important and its relevance to trauma
- Targeted audience: Be as specific as possible when identifying the target audience for your workshop to help participants make an informed decision about whether to attend.
- Learning objectives: What participants will be able to do as a result of this session.



- Structure: Description of the session format and the activities that will be used to actively involve the participants. Provide estimated timeline and time allotted for each activity within the proposed 3 or 6 hour session.
- Intended outcomes: Describe intended outcomes and how you will evaluate achievement of these outcomes.
- Minimum number of participants needed
- Preferred maximum number of participants

Oral communication

The proposing author must submit their abstract under the Oral communication category, following the structure provided on the submission platform (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and the general submission guidelines.

If the abstract gets accepted for an oral communication, the presenter will be asked to prepare a 8-minute presentation, with 4 minutes discussion.

Submitters should provide:

- Background: Why is this topic important? What is the theoretical, clinical, social, or scientific context that justifies this work? What are the main objectives or research questions addressed by the study?
- Methods: Describe the study design, participants, procedures, instruments, and analytical strategy.
- Results: Summarize the main findings, highlighting the most relevant outcomes in relation to the study aims.
- Discussion: Interpret the findings in light of previous literature, theoretical frameworks, and methodological considerations.
- Conclusion: Outline the contributions of the study to research.

Poster presentation only

The proposing author must submit their abstract under the Poster presentation only category, following the structure provided on the submission platform (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and the general submission guidelines.

If the abstract is accepted for a poster presentation, the presenter will be asked to prepare a poster.

Submitters should provide:

- Background: Why is this topic important? What is the theoretical, clinical, social, or scientific context that justifies this work? What are the main objectives or research questions addressed by the study?
- Methods: Describe the study design, participants, procedures, instruments, and analytical strategy.
- Results: Summarize the main findings, highlighting the most relevant outcomes in relation to the study aims.
- Discussion: Interpret the findings in light of previous literature, theoretical frameworks, and methodological considerations.
- Conclusion: Outline the contributions of the study to research.

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Symposia

The proposing author must submit their abstract under the Symposia category, following the structure provided on the submission platform (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and the general submission guidelines. The proposing author must also provide details of the symposia structure, in accordance with the specific guidelines outlined below. Once the abstract has been submitted, the proposing author will receive a confirmation email containing a unique submission code. This code must be shared with all other authors involved in the same symposia. Each additional author must submit their own abstract, following the same general guidelines, and enter the shared submission code in the "Proposed Presentation Format" field. Important: Including this code is mandatory, as it allows all individual abstracts to be linked to the same symposia proposal. Without this code, it will not be possible to associate the individual submissions with one another.

Symposia are designed to capture a coherent set of three to five individual presentations that centre on one theme in which speakers address in depth an issue or a question of relevance. 15 to 20-minutes presentation.

A Symposium starts with a chairperson who briefly introduces the focus and it is followed by at least three but no more than five individual presentations. When submitting, the symposium abstract should be submitted as one single abstract.

The proposing author should provide under the "Proposed Presentation Format" the structure of its symposia, according to the following guidelines:

- Symposia Title
- Rationale: Why is the topic omportant and what do you want to achieve?
- Titles of each speakers abstracts: A brief explanation of each speaker's contribuition, without identifying the chair or speakers by name
- Qualification of each speaker: Without identifying chair or speakers by name, supply the expertise/experience of the speakers regarding the symposium topic

After the proposing author submits its abstract and provide this information, each speaker must submit his own abstract (one per speakers) using the code provided by the submting author under the "Proposed Presentation format" field.

Roundtable discussion

The proposing author must submit their abstract under the Roundtable category, following the structure provided on the submission platform (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and the general submission guidelines. The proposing author must also provide details of the roundtable structure, in accordance with the specific guidelines outlined below. Once the abstract has been submitted, the proposing author will receive a confirmation email containing a unique submission code. This code must be shared with all other authors involved in the same roundtable. Each additional author must submit their own abstract, following the same general guidelines, and enter the shared submission code in the "Proposed Presentation Format" field.

Important: Including this code is mandatory, as it allows all individual abstracts to be linked to the same roundtable proposal. Without this code, it will not be possible to associate the individual submissions with one another.

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Roundtable Discussions are gatherings of individuals with similar interests and needs for sharing ideas and/or resources.

Roundtable Discussions provide opportunities for open discussion, which should be facilitated by the abstract author/s and stimulated by a moderator. 15-minutes presentation.

The proposing author should provide under the "Proposed Presentation Format" the structure of its roundtable, according to the following guidelines:

- Roundtable title
- Rationale: Why is the topic omportant and what do you want to achieve?
- Titles of each speakers abstracts: A brief explanation of each speaker's contribuition, without identifying the chair or speakers by name
- Qualification of each speaker: Without identifying chair or speakers by name, supply the expertise/experience of the speakers regarding the roundtable topic

After the proposing author submits its abstract and provide this information, each speaker must submit his own abstract (one per speakers) using the code provided by the submting author under the "Proposed Presentation format" field.

Masterclass

The proposing author must submit their abstract under the Masterclass category, following the structure provided on the submission platform (Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and the general submission guidelines. The proposing author must also provide details of the masterclass structure, in accordance with the specific guidelines outlined below. Once the abstract has been submitted, the proposing author will receive a confirmation email containing a unique submission code. This code must be shared with all other authors involved in the same roundtable. Each additional author must submit their own abstract, following the same general guidelines, and enter the shared submission code in the “Proposed Presentation Format” field.

Important: Including this code is mandatory, as it allows all individual abstracts to be linked to the same masterclass proposal. Without this code, it will not be possible to associate the individual submissions with one another.

Duration: These are 1 hour interactive in-person educational sessions focusing on knowledge enhancement and give practical tips, skills or strategies on a topic.

The proposing author should provide under the "Proposed Presentation Format" the structure of its masterclass, according to the following guidelines:

- Rationale: Why the topic is important and its relevance to trauma.
- Targeted audience: Describe who should participate.
- Learning objectives: What participants will be able to do as a result of this session.
- Structure: Description of the session format and the activities that will be used to involve the participants.
- Intended outcomes: Describe intended outcomes and how you will evaluate achievement of these outcomes.
- Minimum number of participants needed.
- Preferred maximum number of participants.



15. Please carefully proofread your abstract before submitting.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Period	15 September 2026 – 24 January 2027
Review Process conducted by expert reviewers	24 January – 24 February 2027
Notification of acceptance sent to authors by email	15 March 2027
Deadline for presenters to confirm acceptance of their presentation	30 March 2027
Registration deadline for presenters	2 April 2027

Please direct any questions about abstracts submission to the Official Agency of the conference: secretariado@factorchave.pt