

Call for Bids for Host CERME 16 (February 2029)

The Congress of ERME, the European Society for Research in Mathematics Education, has seen a steady growth in the number of participants up to its present level of about 900 participants. The recent CERME 14 in Bozen-Bolzano gathered 850 participants from more than 50 countries.

CERME 15 is already planned to be held in Bratislava in February 2027, and then we need to start planning for CERME 16 in 2029.

The ERME board calls for mathematics education research groups willing to do an important service to the functioning of the community by submitting a bid to host the next congress. (Note that commercial conference agencies can not apply alone, only mathematics education research groups, possibly with the help of conference agencies).

For further details about what the bid should contain, please see the complete call on [this link](#).

Bids should be submitted before **26 September 2025** by email to

Frode Rønning, President of ERME, frode.ronning@ntnu.no

If you have any questions on planning and necessities of the congress, do not hesitate to ask Frode Rønning.

APPLICATION FOR HOSTING CERME 16 (2029)

1. General conditions

The university is willing to host CERME 16 and YERME day in February 2029 and accepts the aims and vision of the European Society for Research in Mathematics Education (ERME, see <http://erme.site>).

Our application refers to the following general conditions:

- Time: Early (preferably first week) February 2029
- Place: The Local Organizer (LO) offers a place with good and affordable travel connections and with good working facilities at the conference venue. Please consider all kinds of travel connections, in particular possibilities to travel in environmentally friendly ways.
- Accommodation: It should have a good standard with inexpensive options and be close to conference place. It should provide stable Internet connection.
- Duration: five days (from Tuesday to Saturday, preceded by YERME day on Monday).
- Participants: facilities are required for up to 900 participants. If the conference site could welcome more, it would even be better. The final number restriction must be a common decision of the ERME board, the IPC and the local committee for policy and scientific reasons.
- All researchers in mathematics education are welcome. Participants from below-average-income countries in Europe and adjacent countries can apply for financial support after consideration of their own funding conditions and engagement in the conference.
- Programme: This is decided by an International Programme Committee (which includes the local chair). The programme includes in particular plenary lectures and up to 35 parallel working groups (around 50-60 rooms for group work needed plus a big hall for all participants)
- Budget: The LO submits a calculation in which all costs are listed (expected incomes and expected expenses), including the ERME membership fees (30€ for full members and 10€ for PhD students) and 15€ for the Graham Littler Fund (for everybody). The conference fees must be kept in a very reasonable range, not exceeding 500€ for academics registering early, including light lunches and coffee breaks, as well as the conference dinner, which should not be an optional cost for reasons of inclusion. Students and young researchers pay a reduced fee.
- The online submission system and the registration system must be organized using a professional tool like ConfTool, and this must be included in the budget.
- The preparation of the conference includes setting up a web site in coordination with the ERME web site, with all information about the scientific programme, the venue

and the accommodation. For the online submission and registration, the timeline should approximately follow that of CERME14 (see <https://www.cerme14.it/important-dates/>)

2. The Hosting University and the Local Organising team

Please insert here

- a) a short description (about 15 lines) of the Hosting University including its contribution to mathematics education (please indicate also the web site).
- b) a short description (about 15 lines) of the LO team (chair, members) and the tentative responsibility that each member of the team will take.
- c) a short description of the CERME experiences of the LO team

3. Time and place

Please insert here information about

- a) the suggested days in February and comment on their advantages and disadvantages, particularly possible overlapping with other events.
- b) the suggested place (including details about travel connections, transport from hotels to the venue, and other information that might be useful) and comment on its advantages and disadvantages (the possibility of providing rooms for all activities, the equipment of the rooms, and the general conditions including Internet connection). Please consider all kinds of travel connections, in particular possibilities to travel in environmentally friendly ways.
- c) the accommodation and selection of meals provided. In connection with meals, relevant dietary restrictions must be taken into consideration.
- d) the facilities at the venue: plenary room, working rooms, technology, computer- and internet access, ...
- e) the possibility of social events.
- f) the possibility of eventually having a larger number of participants; indicate the absolute upper limit of participants.
- g) the climate.

4. Budget

Two separate budgets have to be submitted, one for CERME and another for the YERME day. The YERME day is expected to attract about 125-150 participants, depending on the capacity of the venue. The budgets should include

a) Income

- Fees from participants (including registration and ERME membership) should not exceed 500€ and provide a reduced fee for PhD-students.
- Support from institution and companies is usually required for keeping the fees reasonably low.

b) Expenses

- Provided meals
- Proceedings
- Social events
- Organisation
- Rooms and equipment
- Support to participants
- ERME membership (to be paid to ERME): 30€ for full members, 10€ for students
- about 4000-4500 € for the conference management system (such as Conftool)
- 15€ per participant for the Graham Littler Solidarity Fund
- the conference dinner must be included in the fee
- Invitations of plenary speakers: Maximum 5000 €
- Dinner for about 130 people during the YERME day

c) Information about further costs for the participants: typical hotel prices, typical restaurant prices.

5. Further time plan

The ERME Board suggests the following time plan. Please comment on this.

Nov. 2025	Decision about host by the ERME board
2026	Finalisation of local plans, contracts; first meetings with ERME President. Appointment of IPC chair and cochair for CERME 16 (to be done by the ERME board)
Feb 2027	Appointment of the rest of IPC for CERME 16 (by the ERME board) Promotion of CERME 16 at CERME 15 First formal meeting with the ERME board (at/just after CERME15)
2028	
March/April	First Announcement
1 June	Second Announcement
1 Aug.	Paper and poster submissions open
15 Sept.	Deadline for paper and poster submissions. Requests for financial support
5 Nov.	Return paper review forms to group leaders.
20 Nov.	Resolutions to papers, posters and financial support sent.
20 Dec.	Reduced fee registration deadline.
20 Dec.	Resubmit revised paper and posters.
2029	
10 Jan.	Papers on the congress website
31 Jan.	Increased fee registration deadline.
February	Congress

APPENDIX:**Some further comments that should be taken into consideration in the application:****Basic requirements that must be fulfilled by the conference venue:**

- 1 auditorium with seating capacity for up to 850 people. If this is not possible, there should be a possibility for video link to a second auditorium.
- at least 50-60 rooms for group work (accommodating between 15 and 70 people), all equipped with a data projector.
- fast and stable Internet access for the participants.
- working space for participants, especially if the venue is far from the hotels.
- meeting rooms for the scientific programme committee, the ERME board and the organisers.
- Cafeteria or similar available on the venue.

Suggestions to Local Organisers and Programme Committee:

- The conference venue should preferably be close to the hotels and to the place where participants have lunch and dinner. An ideal conference location (including accommodation, conference venue and meals) would be situated with good facilities in the same location within a short (max 10 minutes) walking distance from a lively town with, for example, shopping possibilities and restaurants.
- The scientific programme committee (IPC) and the working group (TWG) coordinators should let the local organisers know WELL IN ADVANCE their needs regarding seminar rooms and the equipment in the rooms.
- Certificates and receipts: These should be given to all participants. It is advisable to prepare the receipt of the registration fee for all participants in advance.
- The applicant should compare the advantages of self-organising with those coming from using the facilities of a professional agency and explain the reasons for their choice.

Application for Hosting CERME 16 - 2029

*****Please use an official University letter and send it as a pdf-file (with signature/s) and as a word-file, and submit your application (letter plus enclosure) by 26 September 2025.**

From:

University of ...

Name and title/function of official representative ...

Address

Phone

email

website

To:

Frode Rønning, President of ERME, frode.ronning@ntnu.no

Subject: Application letter for hosting CERME 16 (2029)

Dear board members of the European Society for Research in Mathematics Education (ERME)

Herewith, the University of xy, Department of xy, applies to host the 16th Conference of European Research in Mathematics Education in our country. In the attachment (same file), we include all necessary information about the hosting University and the local organization.

We are looking forward to getting the decision of the ERME board by the end of November 2025.

Best wishes

Signature

Signature

(Official representative of University) (Chair of prospected Local Organising Team)