

COMMUNITY STAGE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

GOAL

The Community Stage is designed to be a central hub for interaction at ISC 2026.

The community-driven submission format is your opportunity to bring your own ideas, topics, and discussions to the ISC floor.

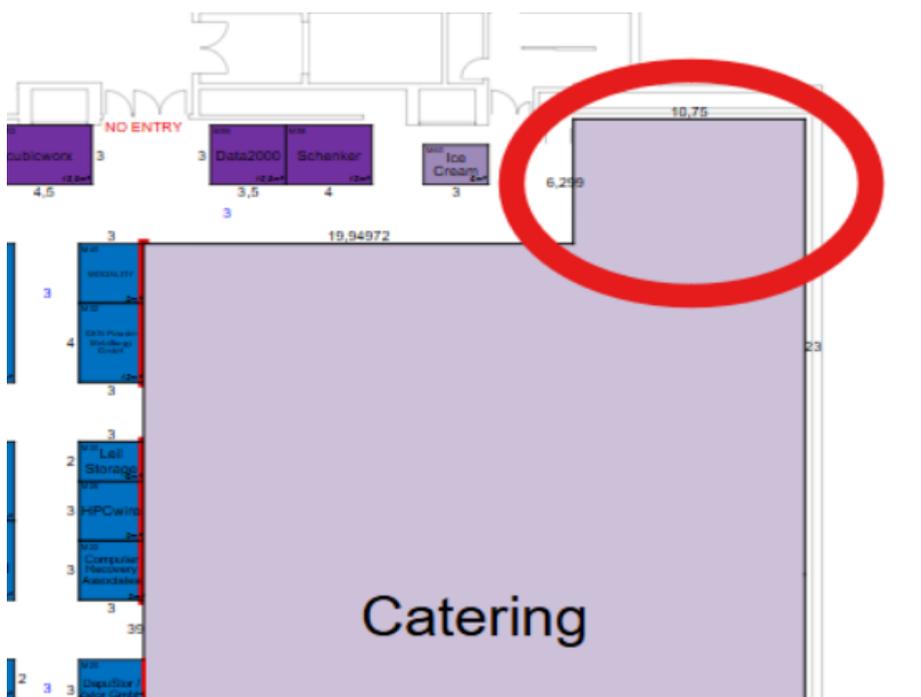
We are looking for sessions that don't just focus on sharing information but on creating connections.

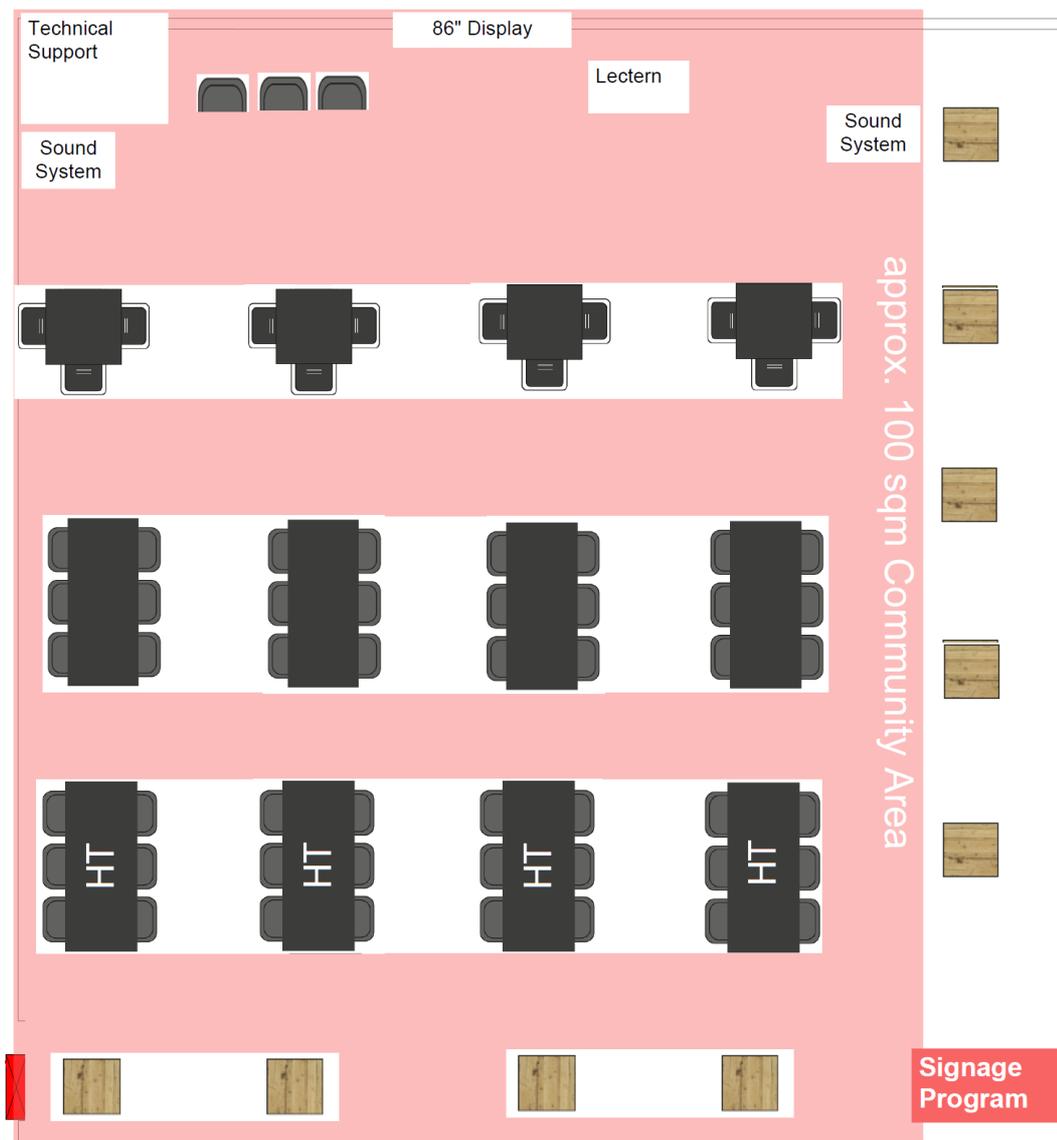
COMMUNITY STAGE FORMATS

We encourage formats that leverage the creative potential of the space and prioritize audience engagement. Recommended formats include:

- Moderated group discussions
- Lightning talks
- Interactive short workshops
- Creative formats like interactive Q&As, live polling, or something completely new

VENUE & LOGISTICS





- **Venue:** The Community Stage is a dedicated, open area located in the Exhibition Hall. It is not a closed room.
- **Noise:** Please anticipate surrounding noise from the Exhibition Hall.
- **Capacity:** The area is built to accommodate around 60 attendees.
- **Set-Up:** A screen, a lectern, a sound system, three seats for speakers/panelists; bring your own device (laptop, tablet, etc.) if your session involves a presentation.
- **Purpose:** This space is dedicated for interaction and informal discussion; please save formal product presentations and pitches for your exhibition booth or other suitable meetings scheduled elsewhere.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Community Stage thrives on your initiative.

Feel free to choose the slot that fits your content best, whether that's 30, or 45 minutes.

To maximize your chances of being accepted and to guarantee a truly valuable session, it helps us if your proposal answers the following four key questions:

- **Who:** Who is the target audience, and which different groups or perspectives are you bringing together?
- **What:** Which specific challenge are you addressing?
- **How:** What specific activities will keep the audience engaged?
- **Value:** What is the key insight or "aha!" moment you want attendees to walk away with?

Submitting a proposal does not guarantee acceptance. All proposals are subject to an internal review process based on relevance, content quality/clarity, and duplication checks. Not all highly rated proposals may be accepted due to program capacity.

- By submitting a community stage proposal, you agree to **host the session in person** in Hamburg.
- Presenters must be **registered as ISC participants** and need an Exhibition or Full Conference Pass.
- We will **not cover** travel, accommodation, registration fees, or other associated **costs**.

WHAT TO AVOID

A submission may be accepted or declined based on the following factors:

- **Product Pitches:** No hidden sales events, product demos, marketing talks, or promotion of a product. (Strict rejection for pure sales pitches).
- **Incompleteness:** Clearly define the 'Who, What, How, and Value' so the reviewers and audience know exactly what to expect.
- **Quiet Formats:** Sessions that require a quiet, private, or fully isolated setup are not suitable for the venue.