



European Association
of Schools of Social Work

Call for expressions of interest to host the EASSW 2023 Conference -

DATA 1st December.

The European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW) is calling for expressions of interest from Schools of Social Work and Universities for organising and hosting the 2023 EASSW conference for social work educators, practitioners, service users and students. Since 2021 the EASSW has adopted the acronym ECSWE (European Conference on Social work education).

The overall focus on the conference will be social work education. More specific themes will be developed together with the host. The conference is planned to take place in **May, June or July 2023**. Specific dates will be discussed with the organizer. The conference is expected to attract between 500 - 700 participants and would preferably take place in a university setting keeping the cost down and thereby making it possible for more people to attend.

The successful applicant should address the following specifications and criteria:

1. Must be in current membership with EASSW;
2. Give evidence of the financial viability of the host organizations;
3. Give evidence of organizational capacity to host and organize international conferences, including the management of abstracts; (although we hope the pandemic will be over in 2023, a short note regarding the possibility of holding the conference on line is welcomed);
4. Facilities and resources for translation in the official languages of EASSW and any regional language that would encourage and facilitate greater participation to the conference;
5. Indicative themes. Note that the final theme is decided by the EASSW and the Steering committee;
6. Proposed venue (preferably a University Setting) with information about the capacity to host plenaries, symposiums and workshops and to provide access for people with disabilities;
7. General information about hotel accommodations, access to the venue site (airport, train, bus, etc.) including low budget possibilities and proposals for social events.

Furthermore, proposals should present information regarding the following points:

- a) The main motivation for your Institution in hosting the EASSW conference in 2021;
- b) Potential benefits for the Social Work Education at your School/University, in your Country or part of Europe in hosting/organizing the EASSW conference;



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- c) Your previous experiences in organizing national and international/European conferences;
- d) Intention/plans of involving other partners in the organization of the conference. In particular, indicate whether you intend to use a professional agency for operating the conference or you intend to work with in-house resources and give details in relation to your choice;
- e) An estimation of your national/city authorities that will support the EASSW conference and the kind of cooperation you expect to receive from social work professional bodies in your country;
- f) An estimation about the possible impact of the conference to wider public in your country and how do you intend to organize public communication (press releases, social media and connection with EASSW social communication) and it's use for the social work profession, including conference website and social media;
- g) Expected contributions in kind and financial support from the sources other than registration fee (sponsorship, donations...);
- h) Information regarding logistic of the conference as: international and local travel connection, payment of the conference venue *wifi* access at the conference venue, local organizing committee, available working rooms for the conference staff etc.

Please send your proposal to: membership@eassw.org by the 15th of February, 2021.

If you want to make informal enquiries, the president, Teresa Bertotti and the vice president, Ines Amaro, who will be pleased to answer any questions:
president@eassw.org ; vice-president@eassw.org ;

Proposal will undergo a process of screening and selection by the representative of the Executive Board of the EASSW. The final response will be given by first week of April 2021 in order to make the announcement during the EASSW ECSWE 2021.