

8th International Research Forum on Guided Tours
Regional Development, Education, Sustainability, and the Next Generation
Bolzano Italy, 28-30 May 2024

Call for Abstracts

At the 8th IRFGT we will bring regional development, sustainability, qualification, and the next generation of guides to the core of the meeting but will also look back on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on tour guiding and guided tours worldwide.

We invite you to submit your abstracts regarding the following themes and subthemes:

A. Sustainable Tour Guiding and Regional Development

- Sustainable guided tours in urban, rural and nature areas
- Cooperation, networking, and employment opportunities for guides in a region
- The professional relationship between tour guides and tourism stakeholders (in a destination)
- Addressing mass tourism

B. Empowering Tour Guides to Guide Sustainably

- Innovation in education and training
- Quality management in tour guiding
- Fair and sustainable remuneration schemes
- Digital marketing solutions
- Tour guiding and crisis management, and safety

C. The Future of Tour Guiding

- Tomorrow's tour guides: needs and solutions to recruit the next generation
- Tomorrow's tour participants: the changing profile and demand of tourists and locals
- Experience and transformative tour guiding towards sustainability

D. Innovation in Guided Tours

- Itinerary development and design
- Novel, creative tour formats
- Old and new technologies in guided tours
- Visitor attraction

E. Covid-19 Implications for Tour Guiding

- Post-pandemic guiding – what impact on and change for tour guides and participants?
- (Job prospects) Perspectives for tour guides before and after Covid

Submission of Abstracts

If you are interested in presenting your research at the Forum, register and submit an abstract of max. 600 words via ConfTool (<https://lt.eurac.edu/irfgt24/conftool/>).

Abstracts should provide the following:

- clearly articulated research question(s) and its/their relevance;
- the most important details about research approach, data, and methods;
- if applicable: the main preliminary results and their interpretation;
- the main references;
- 5 keywords.

Abstracts will be double blind reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee.

Notification of the outcome of the review process will be sent by 1 March 2024.

English is the official language of the Research Forum.

Deadline for abstract submission is 31 January 2024.

The maximum number of submitted abstracts accepted per author (either single or co-author) is two.

Important dates

1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024	Call for Abstracts
By 1 March 2024	Notifications to authors
1-31 March 2024	Early bird registration
1 April to 7 May 2024	Regular registration

For further information visit the [IRFGT's website](#).

Do not hesitate to contact us at IRFGT@eurac.edu.

Format of the Conference Proceedings

All abstracts will be edited and published online in the "IRFGT 2024 Proceedings". The link will be shared on the IRFGT homepage.

Post-Conference Publication Opportunity with the IJTGR

After the Conference, authors will be invited to submit full versions of their papers for publication in the International Journal of Tour Guiding Research <https://arrow.tudublin.ie/ijtgr/>.

This Diamond Open Access Journal, is a free, open access journal, established in 2020, is dedicated to publishing exciting and interesting Tour Guiding and Visitor Attraction related papers with an academic and/or applied focus.

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