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Call for the Host of the ICOS Science Conference 2028

The biennial ICOS Science Conference brings together the top scientists and decision-makers around the world to discuss the latest scientific advancements in greenhouse gas science. ICOS has successfully organised six conferences in the past: first in Brussels, Belgium (2014), second in Helsinki, Finland (2016), third in Prague, Czech Republic (2018), fourth fully online due to the pandemic (2020), fifth in Utrecht, The Netherlands (2022) and sixth in Versailles, France (2024). The seventh ICOS Science Conference will take place in Lund, Sweden in September 2026 and more than 500 participants are expected to attend.

Now ICOS is looking for a host for the upcoming 8th ICOS Science Conference 2028, planned for mid-September 2028. The ideal host and location of the next conference would have:

- Location in a member or a prospective member country of the ICOS Research Infrastructure
- Location with easy access from all over Europe and beyond, and with a sufficient number of accommodation options nearby for the conference attendees
- An enthusiastic local organising team with a possibility to allocate time for conference preparations (starting from spring 2027, more intensely in 2028 towards the conference date)
- At least one venue option suitable for the next conference, which means:
 - o Capacity to host at least 800 attendees in the biggest presentation room, additional capacity of at least three other parallel session rooms of 150-200 attendees each, in addition to suitable space(s) for the poster sessions to host at least 400 on-site posters
 - o Technical readiness (either in-house or via a subcontractor) to set up, livestream and record a hybrid conference with both on-site and online presenters and attendees
 - o Capabilities of organising the conference catering and the Vendor Expo with at least 15 exhibition booths in the premises
- Possibilities for organising excursions to ICOS stations or other interesting destinations

Please submit your application for becoming the host of ICOS Science Conference 2028 by **30th September 2026 (by the end of the day)** via email to conference@icos-ri.eu with the following information:

1. Description of the suggested location and the members of the local organising team
2. Detailed description of the possible conference venue(s) in the area and if possible, including quotation or cost estimate from the venue(s) for renting the spaces for the conference purposes (three full conference days + one set-up day during mid-September 2028)
3. Short description of the accommodation possibilities and excursion destinations in the area