

# The WorkAdventure of ECEMP 2026

Hello! We have a surprise for the online part of the ECEMP 2026 conference!

Instead of Teams, we will be using the online networking tool [WorkAdventure](#) for the entirety of the conference. This tool allows us to hold the webinars as well as online networking in between, effectively bringing the experience closer to that of the in-person part of the conference.

While the tool is pretty intuitive, below you can find some information that can help you on your way. The tool will also already be available the days before the conference such that you can test it out upfront.

Here is an overview of the document:

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## Log in

The helpers and chairs need to create accounts and send the mail they used for creating their account to the organisation committee such that the committee can give them additional rights for moderation.

Everyone else is free to join without an account. Register online to obtain the link to the WorkAdventure map.

However, if the open accounts are being abused, we may need to change the authorisation of the world. That implies that we would have to close the meeting for a few minutes and when you re-enter the meeting, you will have to make an account to enter the meeting. We expect that entire process (closing/reopening/account creation) to take approximately 15min. For now we hope it does not come that far, but we apologise in advance for the possible inconvenience.

# Map



Once you logged in and created a WOKA character, you will be placed on this map and you can walk around freely (either by using the arrow keys on your keyboard or a right click of your mouse).

There are a few notable areas, explained further below:

- The start area
- The help desk
- The rooms with the blue chairs
- The room with the red chairs
- The lobby and the garden

You start inside the building but close to the exit to the garden. The helpdesk is located right above you. There may be a person present, though they may also just walk around. In any case, the map and programme can be found there. This is indicated in the pictures below:





The rooms with the blue chairs will be used for the parallel presentations and the project sessions. The room with the red chairs is for the welcome/closing and the plenaries. The room numbers are indicated on the map and correspond to the room numbers indicated in the programme. Room 1 and 2 are the hybrid rooms where there are also speakers and attendees in person.

The lobby and the garden are free to explore. You can have bilateral conversations in these areas. The gardens also have some areas where you can have conversations in a bit bigger groups. These areas are invisible but they are indicated in the map below. As you can see, you can just follow the yellow lines to find these areas.



# Meeting types

We only use a few different types of meetings in this map:

- webinars
- bilateral conversations
- conversation areas

The webinars are in the rooms with the blue/red chairs. There is always a podium and an audience area. The chair and the speaker(s) will be on the podium and everyone else will be in the audience area, i.e. the blue/red chairs. In the audience area you will be fully muted, but you will be able to hear the speaker and you will see the presentation. The presentation starts out small, but it will automatically go to a medium size after a few seconds. After that there will be two buttons to make the presentation either smaller or larger. If you have questions, there will be a button at the top of your screen to raise your hand. The chair will see that you raise your hand and will be able to give you the word. In that case your video will be shown right next to the speaker for as long as you have the word (even though you are still located in the audience area). Lower your hand again when you are done speaking to “leave the stage”. Note that for the hybrid rooms, the in person questions will be given priority over the online questions but if there is time, we may still allow you to ask your question.

Bilateral conversations in the hallways and the garden just happen when you stand close to someone. These bubble type conversations are pretty dynamic and flexible. Your camera and voice will only be seen/heard when you are inside of this bubble. Your chat is also only inside of this bubble.

But if there is too much movement or too many people involved, the small bubbles may get in the way of your conversation. Therefore, there are also some places in the garden where there are preset larger stable bubbles where you can move a bit more freely and have a conversation in group. They work very similar to the small bubbles but they are static in place.

# Moderation

The chairs and some additional helpers have some additional tools at their disposal to help out at the conference. Under 'tools' they'll have a microphone that they can use to talk to everyone on the entire map. This can be used to make announcements that a session will start.

The moderators will also be able to kick/ban people. Hopefully, this is not necessary, but we will do so if needed. Cases for which you can be kicked or banned are actually very similar to what would happen if you do these things in real life. Some examples:

- Do not go on the stage if you are not meant to be there. Also not during the breaks. There are other places where you can talk to each other. If you want to make an announcement, run it through a moderator first. If you do go on stage when you are not supposed to, you will be kicked. If you do this multiple times, you will be banned.
- Do not angrily shout at people. If you cannot say something calmly, then it is probably not worth saying at all. For this kind of behaviour, you can be banned immediately.

We don't expect the above to happen. But we just wanted to make sure that this is clear. We rather expect that together we will be able to make a nice and cozy conference. If you can feel like you are having a beer with friends, that would be the ideal result of the conference. So, you are hereby warmly invited to have a good time together with fellow scientists. Cheers!