



Guidelines for abstract submission

General information

ESCAIDE 2023 will take place 22–24 November 2023 as a hybrid event in Barcelona and online. The standard abstract call will run from 5 April to 15 May. A late breaker abstract call will run from 7 to 18 September.

ESCAIDE 2023 welcomes abstracts in all areas applied to infectious disease and public health. These areas include epidemiology, microbiology, virology, immunology, social sciences, science communication, the application of tools and methods to support infectious disease interventions and more. We encourage submissions that inform public health actions, introduce new ideas, and bring new understandings to the field. Abstracts should be submitted in the form of text via the dedicated online platform [[link](#)].

[Submit an abstract](#)

Abstract submission process

Requests for changes: The author is responsible for the content submitted: any error in spelling, grammar or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author. Corrections to abstracts can be made by 15 May 2023, directly in the submission system. No requests for changes will be allowed after this date.

Abstract ID number: Successfully submitted abstracts will be acknowledged by email, with an abstract reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence.

Review and selection of abstracts: Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by three independent reviewers and by the Scientific Committee to determine acceptance for presentation at ESCAIDE. For more information on the abstract selection process and review criteria, please read the dedicated [Guidelines for abstract selection and review](#).

Communication of results: Results of the abstract submission will be communicated to authors by 16 June. Abstracts accepted will be distributed in the programme and it is the responsibility of the presenter to check the date and time of the presentation.

Submission form

Create an account: Fill in contact details (name, organisation, address, etc.) of the contact person for the abstract.

Submission tracks: Each abstract should be tagged with a group and a health function that best match the content of the abstract. This is important as the tracks will be used to allocate the abstract to the correct reviewers, i.e., experts in the selected topics.

Groups	Health functions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Antimicrobial resistance ● COVID-19 ● Healthcare-associated infections ● Emerging and vector-borne diseases ● Food- and waterborne diseases and zoonoses ● HIV, STI and viral hepatitis ● Respiratory viruses and diseases ● Public health sciences (general) ● Vaccine preventable diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Burden of disease ● Behavioural and social sciences (inc. communication and health promotion) ● Field epidemiology (e.g., outbreak investigation) ● Implementation science (e.g., integration of research findings and evidence into public health policy and practice; evaluation of interventions) ● International health and migration ● Mathematical modelling, bioinformatics, biostatistics, and foresight ● Microbiology ● Novel methods (e.g., digital disease detection, e-health) ● Preparedness ● Surveillance ● Other (or NA)

Title: Choose a title that reflects the main message of the content. Acronyms should be avoided, as they may be unclear to some readers. Refrain from capitalising the entire title or beginning each word with a capital letter, as this can make the title difficult to read.

First author & co-authors: The authors will be listed in the order you enter them. If your abstract has multiple authors, please fill in all the required fields for each author. The co-authors will be listed in the order that you enter them. If an author has multiple affiliations, you do not need to number them, as the system will automatically organise them.

Affiliations: When listing affiliations for authors, please only include the primary organisations they are affiliated with. If an author has multiple affiliations, please list them without numbering as the system will automatically organise them. To add affiliations, please use the format 'Full organisation name (Abbreviation)'. For example, 'European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Stockholm, Sweden'. If you are currently a fellow in a training program, please include the abbreviation of the program in your affiliation. For example, 'Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Helsinki, Finland, EPIET'.

Consortium, network or group: If the abstract is co-authored by a consortium, network or group, please do not list all the co-authors and just give the name of the consortium, network or group.

Presenter: Fill in the details of the person who will present at the conference. This is very important, as their name will be included in the programme and in the abstract book. The presenting author of an accepted abstract must register and attend the conference to ensure the presentation of the abstract.

Keywords: Please include 4-6 key words; use terms listed in the Medical Subject Headings (MESH) from the Index Medicus (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>).

Abstract background, methods, results and conclusions: The text should **not exceed 275 words**. Abstracts must be submitted in English using UK English spelling. Please do not repeat the headings 'background', 'methods', 'results' or 'conclusions'. Follow the structure proposed and take advantage of the guiding questions as they will also be used by the reviewers when assessing your abstract.

Disclosure of data published: As a principle, ESCAIDE abstracts should contain original material from recent work that is not yet in the public domain. Abstracts of published work are discouraged. However, there may be cases where an abstract with previously published work can still provide value to the ESCAIDE audience. Whether to accept such an abstract is left at the discretion of the reviewers and Scientific Committee. If the abstract contains mostly previously published data, the author must disclose this information in the 'Disclosure of data published' field and include a link to the publication if applicable.

Preferred presentation method: The Scientific Committee will decide on the final presentation format, but you can indicate your preference for 'Oral presentation' or 'Poster presentation'. In the 'Oral' format, presenters will be invited to present a short summary and discuss their work in a Q&A session. If you select 'Poster presentation only', it means that your abstract will be considered only for poster presentation. In this format, posters are submitted in advance on a dedicated platform. During the conference they will be displayed in an e-Poster exhibition, and you can briefly introduce your work and take questions.

Presenter plans to attend: This year ESCAIDE will be organised as a hybrid event. Presentations on-site will be preferred to facilitate networking and to reduce complexity in integrating online/in-person presenters, but there will be possibilities to present remotely. Please indicate your preference for presenting in-person or remotely.

Important dates

Call for abstracts: 5 April–15 May

Review period: 17 May–31 May

Communication of results to authors: by 16 June

Call for late breakers: 7 September–18 September

Late breakers review period: 21 September–2 October

Communication of late breaker results to authors: by 13 October

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Interested in improving your scientific writing skills?

An abstract is a tool for concisely communicating work while highlighting its most important elements. Writing a good abstract and increasing the chances of getting accepted into a conference programme can be a real challenge. To support those with less experience in writing abstracts, ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA) offers the e-learning training on 'Essentials of writing and reviewing scientific abstracts', which is already available on EVA. [Find out more about the course.](#)

Opportunities for funding

Are you an early career researcher? This initiative offers travel and accommodation to selected abstract presenters who are early-career researchers with a maximum of 5 years of work experience or current MSc/PhD students in relevant Public Health/Infectious disease prevention and control fields. To determine if you meet the eligibility criteria, please review the funding criteria before indicating that you are eligible in the abstract submission form. Applicants who express interest will be contacted later to provide additional information. Please note that funding is only available to presenters whose abstracts are accepted. [Find out more about the ESCAIDE Funding Initiative.](#)