

Call for proposals for Satellite and Side events

International Conference on Research Infrastructures 2022

Brno, Czech Republic, 19 – 21 October 2022

This is an open call for proposals for Satellite and Side events that will be organised in connection with the International Conference on Research Infrastructures 2022 (ICRI 2022) in Brno, Czech Republic, 19–21 October 2022; www.icri2022.cz

The call for proposals will close on 31st March 2022. Proposals submitted after this date will not be accepted. Please use the application form [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding this call, your application or if you need more information about Satellite and Side Events, please contact Zuzana Vémolová at vemolova@rect.muni.cz.

Introduction

The aim of this call is to invite a larger number of stakeholders to join discussions on topics relevant to research infrastructures, give them space to open topics important to them and share their visions, plans and contributions to society.

The intention is not to choose a few best applications but to coordinate multiple events that will be organised by various research infrastructures. The number of satellite events will not be limited. If your proposal meets the formal and quality requirements mentioned below and the ICRI 2022 Programme Committee approves, you can organise your event under the label “ICRI 2022 satellite event”. Side events, on the other hand, will be limited in number and will require greater coordination by the main ICRI 2022 organiser (see more information below).

The first part of this document includes general information about the ICRI 2022. In the second part, you can find all the necessary information about satellite and side events and conditions of this call.

ICRI 2022 General Information:

International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI) is the leading worldwide event providing an excellent opportunity for strategic discussions on emerging and the most pressing research infrastructure policy-making topics. A large variety of research infrastructure operators and users, and other research and innovation stakeholders from all around the world seize the opportunity of ICRI to debate the current and upcoming research infrastructure challenges and trends, highlighting the essential role of research infrastructures within the research and innovation environments. ICRI, as a global forum, encourages the cooperative spirit to address the eminent research infrastructure issues of international relevance and worldwide importance.

Every two years since 2012, ICRI has hosted about 500 delegates representing research infrastructure communities from all world regions. The venue alternates between the EU and third countries, and the event is organised jointly by the European Commission and the host state. The upcoming ICRI 2022 will be held in Brno, Czech Republic, under the auspices of the Czech Presidency in the Council of the European Union.

ICRI 2022 topics:

Societal and economic benefits and impacts, and social responsibility of research infrastructures (RI) – global/macro-regional dimension; trends and threats in socioeconomic development (SDGs); new policy imperatives for RI to facilitate digital and green transition, and sustainable economic development; the role of universities and higher education, engagement of citizens and better communication of the importance of RI

International cooperation and the role of RI – global and macro-regional cooperation models, new European Research Area (ERA) in the global perspective, trans-national access to RI and funding models and challenges

Developing an integrated RI ecosystem – role of small- and medium-scale RI next to large-scale international installations, macro-regional and global data management, sustainability, toolboxes for RI, careers and mobility of scientific and RI staff

ICRI 2022 Organisers

The ICRI 2022 conference will be organised in close cooperation between the [European Commission](#); the [Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic](#); the [Czech National Agency for International Education and Research](#); the [Masaryk University](#) and [CEITEC – the Central European Institute of Technology](#).

The City of Brno, the metropolis of the South Moravian Region, will be privileged and honoured to host the ICRI 2022 conference, and thus provide the delegates with conference premises, organise accompanying cultural and social events, and arrange site visits to the local top-class research infrastructure facilities.

Programme

The ICRI 2022 conference is planned to be held as a hybrid event. We expect in-person participation of 450 delegates. Moreover, it will be possible to participate online for anyone interested. In case of restrictions due to COVID-19, the fully online format is a backup scenario.

The conference will be built on four main programme blocks organised in the week from 17th to 21st October 2022:

- **ICRI 2022 Official programme** with plenary and parallel sessions will take place from 19th to 21st October.
- **ICRI 2022 Satellite events and Side events** (more information below)
- **ICRI 2022 Site visits** to research infrastructures based in Brno
- **ICRI 2022 Citizens programme** - presentations and discussions of some of the speakers and delegates present at ICRI 2022 aimed at a wide public audience, i.e. citizens of Brno and South Moravia. These will be organised in cooperation with Brno science promotion institutions like the Brno Observatory or VIDA Science Learning Centre.

Additionally, the European Strategic Forum of Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) meeting will take place back-to-back with ICRI 2022 (18th to 19th October).

The conference schedule of ICRI 2022 is presented in the table below.

	Monday 17th October	Tuesday 18th October	Wednesday 19th October	Thursday 20th October	Friday 21st October
Morning	Satellite Events in Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc or nearby (Vienna, Bratislava, etc.)	Satellite Events in Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc or nearby (Vienna, Bratislava, etc.)	ESFRI Forum Plenary Meeting Side Events / Site Visits to research infrastructures in Brno	ICRI Parallel Sessions	ICRI Plenary and Closing
Noon			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	Satellite Events in Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc or nearby (Vienna, Bratislava, etc.)	ESFRI Forum Plenary Meeting Satellite Events in Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc or nearby (Vienna, Bratislava, etc.)	ICRI Opening and Plenary	ICRI Parallel	Side Events / Site Visits to research infrastructures in Brno
Evening		ESFRI Forum Social Event	Optional sightseeing of Brno / Side events	ICRI Social Event	

Satellite and Side events – Conditions for organising a satellite or side event

ICRI 2022 Satellite Events

ORGANISERS: Typically the Czech national nodes of European and other international research infrastructures in cooperation with central hubs of such European/international research infrastructures.

Satellite events are independent of the ICRI 2022 conference both financially and in terms of organisation. The organisation and all costs incurred are the full responsibility of the organisers of the satellite event. ICRI 2022 support for satellite events is limited to providing the auspices, logo, ICRI 2022 website slot, and label, thereby increasing the envisaged visibility.

WHEN: Satellite events will be organised before the formal ICRI start on Monday 17th October 2022 and Tuesday 18th October 2022. If you wish to organise your satellite event on a different date, please contact us.

WHERE: Satellite events will be typically organised in different cities around the Czech Republic, e.g. Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc or nearby countries (Austria – Vienna, Slovakia – Bratislava). Satellite events can be virtual or physical, depending on possible restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 situation.

Organisers of satellite events will be fully responsible for:

- Organising the satellite event at own risk and cost
- Virtual event platform and tools in case of hybrid or online event
- Inviting panellists and speakers
- Promoting the event and attracting the participants
- Registration for the event
- Covering any expenses related to the event organisation

What ICRI 2022 organisers can offer is promotion and visibility:

- Being labelled as “ICRI 2022 satellite event”
- Using ICRI 2022 logo in connection with the event
- Visibility on ICRI 2022 programme and ICRI 2022 website

The ICRI 2022 organising team will provide organisers of satellite events with guidelines on the use of the ICRI 2022 brand in their communication. Otherwise, the events will be entirely independent of ICRI 2022 organisation.

TOPICS of satellite events: Any topic related to research infrastructures.

The number of satellite events will not be limited. If your application meets the formal requirements, is thematically related to research infrastructures, and the Programme Committee approves it, you will be welcome to organise your event.

ICRI 2022 Side Events

ORGANISERS: Any institution, Czech, foreign or international, engaged in the field of research infrastructures. Side event organisers will be assisted by the ICRI 2022 event production company. The production company will help with all aspects of side events planning and production.

Side events are independent of the ICRI 2022 conference financially and all costs incurred are the full responsibility of the organisers of the side event.

WHEN: There are dedicated time slots for side events in the ICRI 2022 programme. Side events will take place on Wednesday morning (between 9 and 12 CEST), Wednesday evening (between 19 and 22 CEST) and Friday afternoon (between 14 and 18 CEST).

Preferred time slot: The ICRI organisers will try to allocate side events according to side event organisers' logistical preferences, yet this might not always be possible. The event duration is to be decided by the proposer.

WHERE: Side events will take place in Brno. The ICRI 2022 event production company will help find a suitable venue in the official conference venue or its vicinity.

Side events are planned as physical meetings. Providing the possibility of online participation will be the responsibility of the side event organisers. If the covid situation does not allow for a physical meeting, switching to an online event will be the full responsibility of the side event organiser.

We expect to have 10 – 12 side events altogether. Participation of ICRI and ESFRI delegates is expected.

The side event organisers will be responsible for:

- Communicating with the ICRI 2022 event production company
- Virtual event platform and tools in case of hybrid or online event (if side event organisers agree, the event production company will help in this regard)
- Inviting panellists and speakers
- Covering any expenses related to the event organisation (room rent, catering, etc.)

What ICRI 2022 organisers can offer:

- Helping with the event organisation in cooperation with the ICRI 2022 event production company
- Coordinating all side events in terms of topics and timing.
- In case of interest, provide registration for the side event as part of the overall ICRI 2022 registration
- Visibility (using ICRI logo, being labelled as “ICRI 2020 side event”, visibility on ICRI 2022 programme and website)

TOPICS of side events:

Any topic related to research infrastructures. However, side event organisers are encouraged to choose topics complementary to the main programme of ICRI 2022. We see side events as an opportunity to include topics that will not be covered in the main programme due to lack of time. Moreover, side event organisers should take into account that ICRI 2022 aims to be an international event bringing together speakers and participants from all around the world. Therefore, organisers are encouraged to invite speakers from outside Europe as well. Gender balance should also be considered.

The final list of side events will be chosen and approved by the Programme Committee in April or beginning of May.

ICRI 2022 organisers might propose merging multiple proposals for a side event into a single event.

The confirmation of a side event does not entitle the organiser to unlimited invitations to the main programme of the ICRI 2022 conference.

Examples of satellite or side events: Steering committee meeting of a consortium and presentations/seminar; General Assembly; Meeting/Presentations of research infrastructures in a specific field; Introduction of various research infrastructure projects which are thematically close, etc.

Difference between satellite and side events:

Location: Satellite events will be organised in different cities around the Czech Republic or nearby countries. Side events will take place in Brno.

The number of selected events: The number of satellite events will not be limited. All good-quality applications will be supported. On the other hand, the number of side events organised in Brno will be limited to 10-12 events.

Event management: Satellite events organisers will be fully responsible for planning and organising the event. Side event organisers may get help from the ICRI 2022 event production company.

Topics: For satellite events, any topic related to research infrastructure is acceptable. Side events are expected to include topics complementary to the main programme of ICRI 2022.

Role of the main organiser of the satellite or side event

Every satellite or side event organisation team will appoint the main contact person, i.e. the main organiser. ICRI organising team will communicate with the main organiser, who will be responsible for passing the information on to the satellite/side event co-organisers. Any request to revise the information given in the application, i.e. title, description, speakers, time slots, etc., can only be received from the main organiser.

Next steps:

- We are planning **two info sessions** for the applicants where we will introduce the call and answer all your questions: Thursday **17.2. 2022 10:00 CET** and Tuesday **22.2. 2022 15:00 CET**. To register, write to yemolova@rect.muni.cz
- The results will be announced in April or beginning of May. We will contact and inform the applicants via e-mail.
- The list of satellite and side events will be published on the ICRI website based on the information from your application (name of the contact person, e-mail, event title, time, venue, event abstract, link to organiser's website/programme).
- In case you decide to plan your side event in Brno with the help of the event production company, we will connect you.

We wish you all the best of luck organising your satellite or side event.

ICRI 2022 Organising Team