October 2026

**CALL FOR SESSIONS**

**1. General**

The ECOWEEK 2027 conference will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 17 October to 23 October 2027. The call for sessions is open until **15 December 2026**.

The event website is https://www.ecoweek2027sofia.org

The central theme of the conference is Cultural Heritage - religious, industrial and other sites. Preservation, Community and Sustainability.

The event is organized by ECOWEEK (https://ecoweek.org) and the BALKAN STUDIES INSTITUTE (https://balkanstudies.bg/en/) in Sofia, Bulgaria.

ECOWEEK 2027 aims to address a contemporary issue of cultural heritage from a variety of perspectives: from a shared urban space, to a shared experience, and addressing issues of cultural heritage preservation and reuse, and the sustainability parameters to achieve this – social, environmental, cultural, economic, technological and from the perspective of innovation.

The proposed event will draw from a wealth of expertise of researchers, professionals and practitioners from several countries and disciplines, aiming to share notes, generate dialogue, inspire for new and scale up of existing initiatives, initiate cooperation and networking for joint projects, aiming to benefit the cultural heritage of participating countries in particular and Europe in general.

The event is based on the interactive ECOWEEK conference and workshops format combined with the experience and methodology of the BALKAN STUDIES INSTITUTE in scientific conferences, to ensure a high quality event for academics, researchers, professionals and students.

**We look forward to receiving your abstracts!**

## 2. Call Guidelines

How to propose a Session for ECOWEEK 2027:

Chair Session submissions deadline: **15 December 2026**.
Sessions abstracts approved by: **30 December 2026.**
Call for papers and posters opens: 1 January 2027.
Deadline for call for papers: 15 February 2027.
All abstracts are submitted via the CMT platform: link

### 2.1 Call for Sessions (Panels, Roundtables, Workshops, Training Sessions) Guidelines

### 2.2 Session formats at ECOWEEK 2027:

- **Panel Discussions**: Moderator and 4-6 speakers followed by Q&A session. Duration 90 minutes. Each presentation up to 15 minutes.
- **Roundtables**: Moderator and group of 4-6 speakers. Moderated discussion develops after the presentations. Duration 90 minutes. Each presentation up to 15 minutes.
- **Research Sessions**: Chair and 4-6 speakers sharing academic research, followed by individual questions. Duration 90 minutes. Each presentation up to 15 minutes.
- **Training Sessions**: Professional and 8-15 participants in a hands-on educational session designed to teach professionals and students the use of advanced tools or methods of recording or analyzing cultural heritage, by applying them in a specific assignment. Duration 90 minutes. May take place outdoors.
- **Workshops**: Workshop 1-2 moderators and teams of 6-10 students of Architecture, Design, Conservation, on a cultural heritage theme, focusing on an actual building in Sofia. Necessary to provide solid background (digitized architectural plans) and understanding of the site, preferably, in a context that may generate contrasts, conflicts and creative discussion and thinking for the preservation and reuse of the chosen site.

**2.3 Submission Format:**

**2.3.1 Session Required Information:**

- Name, affiliation, department, and contact details of the moderator / chair / organizers (one or two people per session).
- Session title.
- Brief summary of the proposed session.
- Indicative bibliography.
- Up to 2 pages, Times Roman 11, 2.54 margins, 1.15 line spacing.

**2.3.2 Workshop Required Information:**

- Name, affiliation, department, and contact details of the moderator/workshop leaders (one or two people per session).
- Workshop title.
- Brief summary of the proposed workshop.
- Suggested site in Sofia (indicative).
- Indicative bibliography.
- Up to 2 pages, Times Roman 11, 2.54 margins, 1.15 line spacing.
- Workshop brief:

Workshop leader proposes a workshop theme around cultural heritage buildings, that explore the intersections of architecture, design, preservation, adaptation, reuse and sustainable upgrade of historic cultural heritage buildings – or complexes - in Sofia (preferably walking distance from workshop venue). Aiming to create a vibrant platform for students of Architecture, Design and Conservation to engage in hands-on interdisciplinary experience, that inspires creativity, critical thinking and innovative approaches to cultural heritage preservation and reuse.

Workshops cater for graduate and undergraduate students of Architecture, Design and Conservation at least in their second year. Workshops take place every day during the ECOWEEK event between 10:00 and 17:00 and are located in institution facilities. Site visits are encouraged. Presentations take place on the last day of the ECOWEEK event. All workshops will be conducted in English.

**2.4 Submission Evaluation:**

The following points will be taken into consideration when evaluating the session / workshops proposals:
- The quality of the proposed event.
- The novelty and relevance of the topic.
- Suitability of the chair/moderator to the proposed event.
- The feasibility of hosting it, such as special equipment, materials or tools.

All proposed session organizers will receive notification by email by **30 December 2026.**

For questions, please contact ecoweek@ecoweek.org

For more information please visit event website

https://www.ecoweek2027sofia.org

Sincerely,

**The ECOWEEK 2027 in Sofia organizers**

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