

EARLI 2027 — SYMPOSIUM GUIDELINES

Dear Colleagues

Symposia provide an opportunity to present research on one topic often from multiple perspectives, compiling a coherent set of papers for discussion. Symposia sessions are directed by a chair, involving four presenters and one discussant, from at least two different countries. We recommend that each individual submission is checked for its own quality and its relevance and coherence to the topic of the symposium prior to formal submission to EARLI 2027.

For EARLI 2027, symposia will continue to be evaluated and accepted as a whole, rather than by splitting the symposium into individual papers and considering these separately. This means that the assessment of a symposium will be holistic. If a symposium does not reach the symposium acceptance threshold, its individual papers will **not subsequently be considered or accepted as standalone papers for EARLI 2027.**

To reflect the collaborative nature of the symposium format, the acceptance threshold for symposia will be lower than the threshold for individual papers. In doing so, EARLI acknowledges that the value of a symposium lies not only in the strength of its individual contributions, but also in the coherence, complementarity, and collective contribution that emerge from bringing these researchers and perspectives together.

A symposium is scheduled for 90 minutes, allowing 15 minutes presentation time per speaker, 10 minutes for the discussant, and 20 minutes for open discussion.

A symposium submission consists of five entries in total: one overarching symposium abstract and four individual symposium papers.

Below you can find the guidelines for the creation of a symposium submission on the new EARLI platform.

Symposium submissions Requirements

Each of the five entries (the overarching abstract and each of the four papers) requires:

- **Abstract:** max 400 words
- **References:** max 500 words
- **Extended summary:** max 1000 words
- **Keywords:** 4
- Participants in a symposium must come from at least **2 different countries** and **3 different universities**.

How to Make a Symposium Submission

Step 1: Submit the overarching symposium abstract

Start by completing the overarching symposium abstract, which should describe the overall focus, rationale and contribution of the symposium.

For this entry, add:

- the presenting author (for the overarching abstract only)
- any co-author(s) (for the overarching abstract only)
- the chair (of the symposium)
- the organizer (of the symposium)
- the discussant (of the symposium)

Once you have completed these details, click Save and Continue.

Step 2: Add the four symposium papers

After saving the overarching abstract, you will be taken to the next step, where you can add the four individual symposium papers.

For each paper, enter:

- the presenting author
- the co-author(s)

Before submitting, please ensure that your overarching symposium includes participants from at least 2 different countries and 3 different universities.