

Smart Country Convention 2024

Guidelines for submission
April 2024

Call for Speakers

Basic information

- The Smart Country Convention is the leading digitalization event for the public sector and will take place from **15 - 17 October** at the Messe Berlin Grounds. On four stages, experts will address current issues relating to smart cities, smart regions and e-government.
- Our Call for Speakers offers the opportunity to present forward-looking ideas and solutions to an expert audience from the federal government, federal states, local authorities and companies in the digital sector.
- Our Call for Speakers invites you to participate in the debate on mobility, cloud, energy and administration for sustainable and smart cities.

The duration of each presentation is **15 minutes**.

Submissions & deadlines

Entries must be submitted exclusively online at:

<https://www.smartcountry.berlin/en/program/speakers/call-for-speakers/>

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 24, 2024** (23:59 Berlin time, standard time zone: GMT/UTC + 01:00).

The focus is on giving courageous and practical projects the attention they deserve. The Call for Speakers is therefore aimed at:

- Professionals from all disciplines and all levels of the public sector
- Researchers from universities, institutes and think tanks

With this Call for Speakers, we are looking for practical contributions that stimulate discussion of the topic and enrich the knowledge of the participants. We kindly ask you to refrain from marketing presentations.

Scope & content

- The synopsis is limited to 1,000 characters including spaces.
- The title should be short and meaningful (max. 100 characters including spaces).
- The summary should outline the problem, describe the solution or idea, explain the practical benefits and relevance for the public sector.
- The practical relevance of the contributions is a focal point and therefore an important factor for the evaluation of the exposés.

Topics & language

Submissions may cover the following topics, but are not limited to them:

- Cloud solutions and IT infrastructure
- Digital justice
- Digital participation and accessibility
- Digital administrative services
- Skilled workers and digital skills
- AI and data economy
- Municipal best practices
- Mobility & energy
- Sustainability
- State sovereignty and cyber security
- Transformation of procurement

Networking technologies

Papers can be submitted and presented in German and English.

Audience

- Political decision makers and policy makers
- Experts and specialists from the digitalization industry
- Executives and managers
- Scientists and researchers
- Start-ups and young companies

Good reasons to become a speaker at SCCON24



1. More visibility for new, bold projects and ideas and greater involvement in the community



2. Sharing professional knowledge, tools & methods within the community

3. In-depth exchange and extensive networking with like-minded people

General conditions for submission

The submitting person is responsible for the content of the entry and its compliance with European data protection, copyright and ethics regulations. By submitting an entry, the submitting person assures that he/she has all necessary rights of use and exploitation (in particular copyrights) to the content provided by him/her and is authorized to pass it on. No author's fees will be paid. He/she assures that no third-party rights are infringed by the publication of the content and indemnifies Bitkom Servicegesellschaft mbH and Bitkom e.V. against any third-party claims in this regard.

By submitting a contribution, the submitting person gives his/her consent to the publication of the submitted data and contributions in the conference program, on the SCCON online platform and SCCON app as well as on the website:

<https://www.smartcountry.berlin/en/>

Review & Decision

The SCCON program team reviews and evaluates all submissions and makes the decision. Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitters by e-mail after the review.