



## **Proposal for the LibreOffice and Open Source Conference 2025**

LibOCon 2025 is a perfect opportunity for our community to improve its connections with international institutions from the public and education sector as well as extending its cooperation with other Free Software projects.

Due to the geopolitical situation we believe that Luxembourg, being in a central position in Europe and being the host of many European institutions, represents for our community the optimal location for this year conference. It provides us and our guests the visibility and reachability required in times when options are being evaluated in terms of technological autonomy by many countries.

We will invite stakeholders from Europe and beyond to show that FLOSS communities are present and ready to help in improving the resiliency of and cooperation between our nations.

LibOCon 2025 will be the conference the LibreOffice community creates to join forces with colleagues from other FLOSS projects and communities. We will show that the alternatives needed to reduce the dependency from software and services sold by a few corporations are available and ready to take on the challenge.

Public sector organisations that have already upgraded to Linux and Open Source software, including LibreOffice, will be invited to share their experiences. Our goal is to invite more institutions and organisations to the conference so that they will see first hand how to follow the same path for a successful upgrade to Open Source software.

The conference will not focus only on Europe, we will have members of our community and speaking guests coming from all over the world.

We will also reach out to the Open Source Programme Office (OSPO) of the United Nations and their International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to invite representative of the OSPOs they are helping in creating in other countries, as presented during LibOCon 2024. There LibreOffice, together with other Open Source software and communities, will play an important role in reducing the dependency on the usual providers of proprietary software and services. Therefore it is important for us to reach out and help expanding our community in areas of the world were we are not yet present.

### **Venue**

As it has been proven to be an excellent location, we will be hosting it again in last year's venue, within the Belval campus of the University of Luxemburg, and we will work to get even more support from ministries, local organizations, and of course the university itself.

More information about the location can be found here:

<https://conference.libreoffice.org/2024/location>

### **Dates**

To guarantee that all participants will have a hotel room on campus we selected the week starting the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

### **Organisers**

The organisation of the conference is a joint effort made by several local volunteers and organisations coordinated by Paolo Vecchi with the support of the Digital Learning Hub and 42 School which are providing the venues.

TDF will handle financials and sponsorships directly.

The organisation team looks forward to see you again in Luxembourg to contribute in making also this year's conference a success for LibreOffice, our community and for the general adoption of Open Source software.