EUROPEAN MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION (EUMA)
EUROPEAN HIKING FEDERATION (ERA)

In close cooperation with
CLUB ALPINO ITALIANO (CAI)

organise
the **4th EUROPEAN TRAILS AND PATHS CONFERENCE**

9 - 12 October 2025, Macugnaga, Italy

Call to apply for abstracts

The Organising & Executive Committee is pleased to invite you to the 4th European Trails and Paths Conference, to be held in the Piemonte region in Italy.

We call all interested stakeholders to actively participate in the programme and support the key themes of the Conference with a valuable presentation. Please find all important information below and in the attached document for abstracts.

We look forward to receiving many productive and interesting abstracts.

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Key Themes

The key themes of the Conference are:

- **Digitization & digitalization**: Exploring the role of digital tools in enhancing trail sustainability and managing trail databases. Climate resilience and trail infrastructure
- **Overtourism**: Implementing strategies to mitigate the effects of high visitor numbers on popular trails using digital innovations.

Objectives

- To foster understanding and use of digital technologies in trail management, enhancing both access to information and the sustainability of trail environments.
- To foster use of digital technologies (apps and on-line maps) by trail users.
- To create a platform for exchanging best practices in dealing with overtourism through digital means, ensuring the longevity and health of natural landscapes.
- To discuss and potentially redefine trail definitions to align with modern needs and ensure recognition and funding from the EU.

Conference outcomes:

- **Best practices database:** Establishment of a comprehensive digital database detailing sustainable practices and solutions to overtourism on trails.
- **Digital tools for trail management:** Showcase of digital tools like Webmapp EUMA and ERA E-paths that assist in the effective management of trail data.
- **Enhanced trail sustainability:** Development of real-time monitoring systems to assess environmental impacts and manage visitor flows effectively.
- **EU policy alignment:** Recommendations for updates to trail definitions that could aid in achieving EU recognition and support for funding.
- **Network building:** Strengthening connections between trail managers across Europe to foster collaboration and shared learning.

Submission of the papers

20/05	**Deadline for submission of the abstracts.** The authors should submit the title, summary, and keywords in English. Summarize up to 300 words.
04/06	Deadline for notifying authors about the **acceptance of the paper.** The Executive and Editorial Committee will carry out the selection of papers.
24/06	Publication of the final program, including the abstracts.
20/08	Deadline for submission of the presentations.

Author's guide to abstracts and presentations

- Details in the attached PDF file.
- The documentation should be sent to: info@european-mountaineers.eu

General notes:

- Information will be regularly updated on our website: https://www.cai.it/4th-european-trails-and-paths-conference/
- The official language of the conference is English
- For additional information regarding the submission of papers, interested authors can contact: info@european-mountaineers.eu
- The author's presentation time will be limited
- Proceedings with conclusions will be available in electronic format