

FAQs CommOCEAN 2026

1) Do I have to pay by credit card? What are the VAT details of the event agency handling registration and payment?

- YES! For logistical reasons, we only accept payment by credit card.
- The conference fee is NOK 2,800 + VAT = NOK 3,500.
- The 2026 CommOcean conference is hosted by the University of Bergen on behalf of the Norwegian Marine University Consortium. Bergen Live AS assist with practical planning and registration for the event. Company details: Bergen Live AS, Berghus 13, 5003 Bergen, Norway // VAT Organisation number: 984 993 412.
- Tickets are non-refundable. Your ticket is personal. If you are unable to attend, the ticket may be transferred to one of your colleagues. Please notify irmelin@bergenlive.no if you would like to do a name change. In case the conference is cancelled, there will be a full refund of the ticket-fee. In case of cancellation, the organiser is not liable for any external costs attendees might have, like travel and accommodation.
- For any questions related to registration and payment, please get in touch with Ms. Irmelin Grønevik from the event agency: irmelin@bergenlive.no

2) My organisation has certain requirements before I can register and pay. How do I resolve this?

- When paying by credit card you will get a full VAT receipt including the information you have filled in with your name and the name of your organisation. If you require anything beyond this, we ask that you reach out to the event agency: irmelin@bergenlive.no
- NOTE! An additional fee may occur for any special requirements.

3) I am travelling from the Global South. Can I request support to attend the conference?

- We have identified Global South representatives who have received a direct invite from us for a fee waiver. If you believe you qualify as a Global South representative and have not received an email offering a fee waiver, please get in touch with Ms. Turid Lie Vilkenzen from the organising committee: Turid.Vilkenzen@uib.no

4) I'm an ECOP, unemployed, startup, NGO, etc... Can I request a fee waiver or other support to attend the conference?

- We have allocated fee waivers and some other limited support to Global South participants as part of a global solidarity profile for the conference. Sadly, we are not able to extend this fee waiver programme beyond Global South participants.

5) Communication and hashtags

- Some of the official conference information will be sent from a generic no-reply email called Ocean Bergen. Please mark **Ocean Bergen** and the email address oceanbergen-noreply@uib.no as safe, to ensure that this information does not end up in your spam filter.
- The official hashtags for the conference are *#CommOCEAN* and *#CommOCEAN2026*
- When sharing posts on LinkedIn, please include both the hashtags and tag the official [CommOCEAN page](#). We will then be able to both like and reshare your post to our followers.

6) What information will we put on [the conference webpage](#)?

- We will put your name, job title and affiliation (as stated in your submission) on the webpage, as well as the title of your contribution and summary you provided us with when submitting your abstract.
- This is in accordance with the [call for papers](#) where we asked for the submission summary to be “suitable for publication if successful”.

7) Can I make updates to the description of my contribution on the website?

- ❖ Yes, we will accommodate this according to the following plan:
 - In mid-July you will receive information on how to update title and/or summary. Any updates will be made collectively on 22 July. In this update we hope to be able to include all the co-organised workshops.
 - A final update of the webpage will be made on 26 August – one week before conference start. This will be a minimum update only updating factual errors.
 - **NOTE!** No updates will be made on request between these dates. We ask you to respect this for logistical reasons. Think twice before sending us emails about this. We are a minimum team working to make the conference happen on top of our regular tasks.

8) I have been accepted as a plenary speaker. How should I prepare?

- We have approached all accepted plenary speakers on this.

9) I have been accepted to do a workshop. How do I prepare?

- We have approached the accepted workshop organisers on this.
- Based on your questions, it may seem that some have limited experience with organising workshops. Some of you have asked for structure. We believe this should be left to you as the workshop organisers, be it the individual workshops or the co-workshops.
- Keep an open and free-spirited mind when entering into discussions with your workshop co-organisers and we are confident this will lead to inspirational workshops and a learning experience for all involved.
- For questions on the workshops, contact: Sverre.Dronen@uib.no

10) I have been accepted to do a circus session.

- We have approached the accepted circus session organisers on this.
- For questions on circus sessions, contact: Sverre.Dronen@uib.no

11) I have had a poster accepted for the conference. What is the poster size for use at the conference? Will the posters be displayed online?

- We ask that all posters are in the [A0 size format](#) (international standard ISO 216) and also as a PDF for online sharing.
- Posters MUST be in portrait format as this is the ONLY FORMAT supported by the poster walls at the venue.
- You must print the poster yourself and bring it with you to the conference. Alternatively, have the poster shipped.
- You must be prepared to put up the poster on the poster wall yourself upon arrival at the conference. There are no available personnel to help you with this.
- We cannot assist you if you want to have your poster printed in Bergen rather than transporting it or having it shipped. You will have to enquire directly with local printers if this is your chosen option.
- Some of you have asked about showing videos in conjunction with your poster presentation. Due to limited space, we are sorry to inform you that this will not be possible.
- For the PDF we have created a special frame for the conference. We ask you to include this in the digital poster.

- You are of course welcome to use the conference frame in the print version of the poster as well. However, we fully understand that you may want to use the poster for other purposes as well, so this is voluntary as we do not want to impede on the opportunity for you to use the poster at other events and conferences.
- For questions on the posters, contact: Andrea.Magugliani@uib.no

12) What can you tell us about the venue and allocation of rooms?

- General information about the venue – [UiB Learning Arena](#).
- The main conference hall will be [Storsalen](#) (capacity 200), where keynotes, plenaries and some workshops will be.
- Find a map of the [seminar rooms](#) (capacity ranging from 5 to 70).
- We have also secured some additional rooms adjacent to the seminar rooms. (We will try to locate a map of these as well.)
- Allocation will be made based on response from registered participants on workshop and circus session preference.
- Final allocation of rooms will happen at earliest in mid to late July.
- Please await further instructions before emailing us about room allocation!

13) What technical support will be available?

- The seminar rooms will be set up with one or more screens and support to connect using standard cables, pins and connectors. However, should you worry about this we always recommend bringing your own cables, pins and connectors. Better safe than sorry!
- Most of you only require a standard audiovisual set-up, with a screen for PPTs, slides, video, audio, etc. Thank you! 🙏
- Whereas we plan to have a designated ‘host’ for each seminar room during the conference, it is advisable that you bring your own laptop.
- A very few of you have requested microphones. Most of the rooms are ideal for talking without a microphone. We will discuss this directly with the few who have brought this up.
- Some of you have requested smaller, disposable objects (e.g., pens, markers, post it notes, notebooks). Whereas these may be available on site, we cannot guarantee this. We suggest bringing smaller objects like these yourself to avoid disappointment.
- For those of you who have requirements beyond this, we will follow you up directly.

14) WIFI connection

- Eduroam is available at the venue.
- We also have a UiB guest network which you can connect to by registering on site.

15) Dietary requirements

- Rest assured that everyone from carnivores to vegans will be offered options for the meals at the conference venue.
- Any allergies reported will be passed on to the kitchen at the venue. However, for those with extreme or unusual allergies, we advise that you take precautions.
- We recommend that you also note clearly if you have any allergies or dietary requirements when registering for the conference. Better say it twice!
- As for breakfast, this is outside the conference organisers control. We ask you to approach your hotel, B&B or host directly to inform them should you have any dietary requirements.