

# CEDA DREDGING DAYS 2026

A Room with a ZOO, Antwerp, Belgium  
11-13 May 2026



## Instructions/guidelines for speakers

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This document provides practical information for speakers and instructions that will ensure a seamless presentation and smooth session management throughout the conference.

## 1. Conference venue information

### Conference venue

A Room with a ZOO, Antwerp, Belgium:

Conference rooms: Marble Hall, Darwin Hall, Okapi Room 2

Clubhouse: Atrium

Speaker Service Center: Okapi Room 1

### Facilities

The following equipment will be provided for each technical presentation:

- Projector with a resolution of 1920x1080 pixels (16-9 format)
- Laptop computer at technique
- Monitor on stage
- Microphone
- Lectern
- Remote control

### Speaker Service Center: Okapi Room 1

The Speaker Service Center serves as an area for preparation. The room will be equipped with one laptop and some power sockets. This is also the location to hand in your powerpoint presentation to the technician. Okapi Room 1 is located on the ground floor.

### IMPORTANT:

- *Please hand in your presentation the day before your presentation is scheduled! (Authors of presentations that are scheduled on Monday are requested to hand in their presentation between 12.30 and 14.00 on the same day)*
- *It is NOT possible to hand in presentations in the conference rooms!*

### Opening hours:

Monday 11 May 2026: 12:30 – 17:30 hours

Tuesday 12 May 2026: 08:00 – 16:30 hours

Wednesday 13 May 2026: 08:30 – 14:00 hours

## 2. Presentations

### Language

All presentations must be made in English.

### Time allowed

The maximum time allotted for presentations is:

- Full papers: **20 minutes** (18 minutes for the presentation, 2 minutes for questions and answers)
- Extended abstracts: **15 minutes** (13 minutes for the presentation, 2 minutes for questions and answers)
- Young CEDA Pitch Talks: **about 9 minutes** (6:40 minutes for 20 slides of 20 seconds each + 2 minutes for questions and answers)

The timetable will be strictly adhered to. The session chair will assist the speakers in keeping track of time and will warn the speakers approximately 3 minutes (1 minute in case of Young CEDA Pitch Talk) before they should end their presentation.

### **Seating**

During your own session, you will be asked to take a seat in the front row.

### **Guidelines for presentations**

To avoid delays caused by problems with compatibility, set-up and the launching of the presentations and consequent restlessness in the audience, please follow these guidelines.

1. A laptop computer will be placed at technique and a monitor next to the lectern. You will be able to manipulate your slides yourself via a remote control.
2. Please use the following info in your filename: Day of presentation-Session number-Name of presenting author (example: Tue-S5-Jansen) and hand in your presentation the day before it is scheduled.
3. Our technician will test your presentation file and will confirm that the file is all right for presentation. Alternatively, he will advise you if any changes need to be made.
4. Your presentation will be loaded into the conference computer by the technician. The presentation will also be started by the technician. You will be able to manipulate your slides yourself via a remote control.
5. The Windows 10 pro Office 365 (16:9 format) will be installed on the conference computer. This is fully compatible with the Microsoft PowerPoint presentation software which you should use for your presentation. No other software packages are installed on this computer. To avoid font compatibility problems, use common fonts (Geneva, Times Roman, Helvetica). If you do not use the recommended fonts, you should save the fonts in the presentation (the option to save the fonts in the presentations can be found in powerpoint under the options menu --> the tab "save" --> preserve fidelity when sharing this presentation.)

### **Tips for preparation of good slides (16:9 format)**

The general rule for effective slides is to include only the relevant information and to make sure your audience can read your slides.

1. Include only necessary information on slides.
2. On each slide include only information that you will discuss. Limit each slide to one main idea, and just a few sentences.
3. Avoid tables or simplify them by including only the data that you will need to make your point.
4. Use numbers with only a few significant digits (round up or down). If there is some graphical way to present the same information, do so.
5. Do not show slides that you need to introduce with the following words: "I am afraid you will not be able to read this..."
6. Horizontal slides are best, since the size of the screen may result in cropped vertical slides. In addition, viewers at the rear of the audience in a large room will probably not be able to see the bottom of vertical slides.

7. Make sure your slides are readable. Check your slides on your computer screen from 2 to 3 metres. If you can read them properly, the projections at the conference will be of good quality as well.
8. Use no more than 7 lines of text per slide.
9. Be consistent in all aspects: typeface (size, styles, and spacing), colours and convention. Do not use more than 3 typefaces or more than 5 colours.
10. Font sizes of 18-24 pt seem to work well in most cases. "Sans Serif" typefaces (Arial, Helvetica, etc.) are generally easier to read.
11. If you want to present any videos, please embed them in your PowerPoint presentation; this will run more smoothly. In case you use multiple or large videos, please also bring them as a separate file.
12. Slides with light colour backgrounds may be more legible than slides with dark backgrounds. Choose colour combinations that contrast well (e.g. white lettering on a darker background is easier to read than black lettering on a coloured background).
13. Organise your slideshow. If you refer to the same slide more than once, use duplicates. Do not torment the audience by "rewinding" or "fast-forwarding" through your slides to find the one you want to recall.

#### **On site - Prior to the session**

**Please make sure to be in your conference room 15 minutes before the beginning of the session** and contact the session chair. Do not ask the session chair to re-schedule your paper within the session: she/he will not be able to honour your request. Session chairs are requested to adhere strictly to the official programme.

### **3. If you must cancel your presentation**

If you cannot present your paper because of an urgent matter, please send the following information as soon as possible by e-mail to [sylvia@mintenprojectmanagement.nl](mailto:sylvia@mintenprojectmanagement.nl):

1. **Whether your presentation will be cancelled or presented by another speaker.**
2. **If another speaker presents your paper, the name, affiliation, email address, a photo (portrait) and a 100-word biography of the new speaker.**

Please note that the organisers can only accept the presentation from a co-author or an appropriate person who can be responsible for the presentation of the paper. We will not accept that a person reads the presentation for others.

### **4. Questions**

If you have any questions, please contact: Sylvia Minten, Conference Secretariat,  
E-mail: [sylvia@mintenprojectmanagement.nl](mailto:sylvia@mintenprojectmanagement.nl)