



Call for participation – Young museum professionals in the Baltics

NEMO European Museum Conference 2026
Human after all - Museums in the wake of AI
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NEMO – the Network of European Museum Organisations wants to encourage increased participation of **young museum professionals (up to 33 years) based in the Baltics (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)** to join NEMO's [European Museum Conference](#) 2026 in Lithuania. NEMO is also **opening up for applications from the neighbouring country Poland**.

NEMO offers **5 travel and conference grants** (500 Euro lump sum, including a free conference ticket) for young museum professionals located in the Baltics or Poland who are interested and/or active in the topic of AI, cybersecurity and museums, and have a strong commitment to European collaboration and international networking.

The conference theme

This year's conference, bringing together around 300 participants from the European cultural and museum sector, will examine how museums can navigate the opportunities and disruptions of AI, strengthen cybersecurity, and reaffirm their civic role in a rapidly changing society.

As AI reshapes workflows, decision-making, and institutional cultures - while at the same time cyberattacks increasingly target cultural organisations - museums face urgent questions of leadership, preparedness, and long-term stability. These challenges go beyond technology and concern how institutions evolve, manage risk, and maintain trust.

The programme will also address museums' civic responsibility: building public trust, supporting digital and AI literacy, and engaging communities in open, informed dialogue about technological change. It invites museums to help visitors navigate complexity, foster critical thinking, and ensure that people remain at the centre of how culture responds to change.

Your contribution

We are looking for creative and interactive contributions that engage participants during breaks, transitions, and evening moments. Two types of contributions are possible:

- 1. Interactive activities at stands during receptions and coffee breaks**

We encourage dynamic, hands-on formats and invite participants to engage directly. These activities should animate the break areas and invite low-threshold participation. Examples may include interactive mini-installations, mini-games, experiments, DIY stations (post-cards, micro-zines, printing) – you are also welcome to come up with something entirely different.

- 2. Short, interactive interventions in plenary moments and the side programme**

We also welcome brief interventions that activate the audience during plenary transitions, evening moments, or side events. Examples may include thought experiments, performative elements, (collective) singing or movement, short audience prompts, or co-creation moments – feel free to surprise us. The interventions should be around 3-5 minutes and involve the audience meaningfully.

Interventions should be connected to the conference theme in a wide sense. Be creative and let us know how you imagine your contribution having the conference topic in mind!

Interested in a grant?

Please send us a brief video (max. 1.5 minutes) in English introducing yourself and sharing your motivation to join the conference and your idea for the conference contribution. Please also include your CV and a summary of the conference contribution in writing (how will it look, what will you need, timing, format, goal).

Please use a file transfer service (such as [transferrnow.net](https://www.transferrnow.net)) to send your files to office@ne-mo.org.

Deadline to apply: Extended to 15 May 2026.

Questions and further information: Contact us at office@ne-mo.org or visit our [website](#).