



Formal Methods Europe

A guide to FME sponsorship for events

Version 3, September 2025

This version is valid from 1 October 2025 onwards.

Introduction

FME (Formal Methods Europe) is a worldwide association bringing together researchers and practitioners in formal methods developing computing systems and software. Formal methods differ from many software and systems engineering techniques in that they stress the importance of a rigorous semantic basis for the tools and notations used. Such sound foundations permit the analysis of computing system designs to a depth that is otherwise impossible to achieve.

FME's aim is to encourage formal methods research and application. The association's members are drawn equally from academic institutes and industry. Our activities include the dissemination of research findings and industrial experience through our own events and sponsored events; the development of information resources for educators; and a networking function for practitioners.

This guide focuses on sponsored events. All further relevant information on FME can be found at www.fmeurope.org.

Who can submit?

Formal method related events can submit a proposal requesting sponsorship to FME. The association has a budget available every year to sponsor such events. The height of the budget may differ from year to year, is proposed by FME's Board and approved by its members.

An eligible event must also adhere to FME's policies on diversity, conduct, and use of AI.

The event may also not have received FME sponsorship for more than two (2) consecutive years.

Submitting a Proposal

Proposals for financial support are considered and decided upon by FME's Board. An application must be made by email to board@fmeurope.org and should include at least the following information:

1. A description of the *purpose* for which sponsorship is requested. FME will only sponsor specific activities, participants or speakers. General support for an event is not granted. Examples of activities eligible for funding include:
 - Travel funding for a keynote speaker.
 - bursaries for selected participants to the events, typically students
 - a tools exhibition or poster session

- special projects resulting in e.g. a product or tool related to formal methods.
2. The *amount* requested must be in the range provided by the FME Board in the call for sponsorship requests.
 3. A (*preliminary*) *budget*, including all sources of sponsorship and expected participant numbers.
 4. The *Call for Papers, OC and PC Chairs, and PC members* if the proposal relates to a conference or workshop.
 5. An indication of the *maturity* of the event (first edition, longer running series).
 6. A description of how *FME's objectives* will be furthered by the activity.
 7. *Contact* details.

Considering the proposal

Proposals are considered twice a year: on or around April 30 and October 31. The sponsorship budget is limited. When ranking proposals, the FME board will consider how well they further FME's objectives. Priority will also be given to activities that have not already been sponsored recently by FME. The association reserves the right not to sponsor any events at all in a year, even if a budget for it has been approved by the members.

The Board may refer a request for sponsorship to others for an opinion. The board will usually get back to the applicants with any questions or points requiring clarification before a decision is made.

After the approval

The applicants listed in the "Contacts" section of the application will be informed as soon as a decision has been made. From that point on, appropriate visibility must be given to the fact that FME sponsors the event, e.g. on the event's website (using FME's logo) and during the event (e.g. when announcing an FME sponsored keynote). Specific guidance and conditions may be given by FME at the time of approval.

Payment of the sponsorship

- FME will only refund after the event has taken place.
- FME will only refund after it has received some lightweight proof that the event has taken place and that the sponsorship has been acknowledged, e.g. that the FME branding was made visible on the program
- FME will need (digital copies) of tickets and receipts for accounting purposes.
- FME will only refund in Euro currency.

Further information

Please contact the FME Board at board@fmeurope.org.