Speaking at EuroPython?

Yes, you can!

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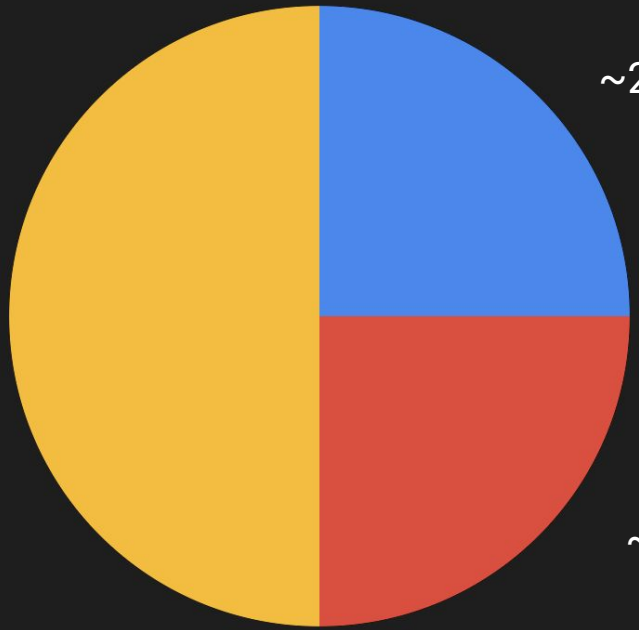
Before we get started

- Who here is on their 1st conference?
- Who here never gave a talk before?
- Who here have stage fright?
- Why are you here?
- Why am I here?


~25% Theory
~50% Practice ⚡⏲️
~25% Hands-on! 🙌

Part I

Theory

A bit about me

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- Before
- CFP Opened
- Got Accepted!
- During and after

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Before

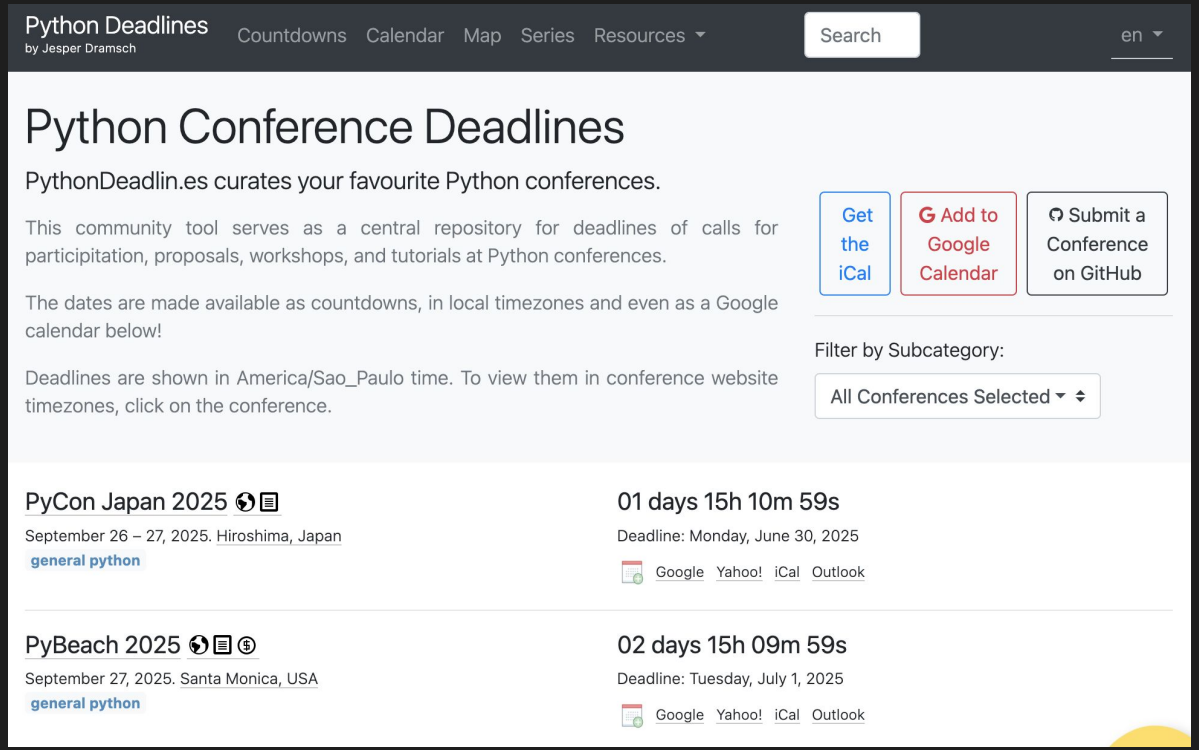
CFP is not open (yet)

- Collect ideas;
- Read news, newsletters, keep up-to-date, learn;
- Share: local meetups, smaller conferences, big conferences;
- Keep the events you are interested on your radar (deadlines);
- What the audience will learn?

- CFP Opened

Finding a conference / Building up

- https://pythondeadlin.es/
- Talk to your friends and co-workers
- Meetup groups
- Introvert? Stage fright? Start small and build up
- Lightning talks ⚡🕛



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CFP Opened

The Basics

- You **don't need** to have the presentation READY when submitting to CFP;
- Make more than 1 submission: (preferably) at least 3 (but you can go up to 5 or 7);
- DON'T let the program committee choose the length for you;
- It is possible for you to have competition (on the same subject);
- Know the conference: check the website to know what they are expecting;

Submitting a talk/tutorial (part 1 of 2)

- Catchy title! Elevator pitch;
- People usually don't read all the abstract (sometimes they don't even read it at all);
- Set the required audience (but keep in mind that depends a lot);

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Submitting a talk/tutorial (part 2 of 2)

- Most conferences you'll need to fill:
  - Title
  - Tags or Track(s)
  - Short description (around 200 to 350 chars)
  - Outline (around 300 to 1000 chars)

- CFP Opened

We carefully craft our submission
We wait 1 month for CFP results
We get rejected
We get rejected
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Rejected - Now what?

- Maybe there will be a cancellation and a spot will come up
- Watch other peoples presentation
- Ask for feedback during the CFP phase
- Read submissions that were accepted
- Participate in the CFP community review

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Got Accepted!

OK, you can panic! Now what do I do?

- Keep calm and carry on;
- Research;
- Collect references;
- Work on slides. Don't leave it to last minute;

Slides (part 1 of 2)

- Contrast;
- Large fonts please;
- Smooth colors;

Slides (part 2 of 2)

- Bullet points only - DON'T use a lot of text (or just read your slides directly);
- Author notes (not visible when presenting) are your best friend;
- Be VERY careful when/if displaying code. Highlight the important parts;
- Pictures, graphs, etc: similar advices as before

The presentation

- Structure it in 3 to 5 large topics, and break it down on smaller items;
- Should I practice? How much should I practice?
- How long is your presentation lasting?
- Consider some 3 to 5 minutes for questions;

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During and after

It's showtime

- During your presentation:
  - Have a bottle of water;
  - Relax;
- After:
  - People may have questions. You may be caught by surprise;
  - They may also talk to you on the hallways;

To wrap up

- It may look hard/difficult at first
- It's a process (at least in my opinion)
- Baby steps: start small and build from there
- Keep on learning
- You are going to rock! Because YES, you can!

One more thing

References

- Write an amazing abstract - Dr. Cristián Maureira-Fredes
- How To Get On This Stage (And What To Do When You Get There) - Mark Smith
- Tips for PyCon tutorial presenters - Trey Hunner
- Public Speaking Training - Lorenzo Barbieri
- https://ep2025.europython.eu/guidelines/
- My previous event presentations - Vinícius Gubiani Ferreira :P

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Thank you

Obrigado

Gracias

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谢谢啦

Have a question of feedback?

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Questions?

Part II

Hands-on

The Rules

- Open a presentation software of your preference
- Have a question? Place a post-it at the corner of your table
- I'll be there ASAP
- Slides done? How about applying for a CFP? :D

Coffee break

Back @ 15h30

Part III

Practice

Lightning talks ⚡

- Grab a post-it
- Write your name + subject (please strive for readable letters)
- Put it on the hat
- Be ready when your name is called
- 5 minutes limit + last 15 second warning (optional)
- Round of applause when the speaker finishes (on time or not)

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