

XIIIth Conference of the World Mediation Forum



The 13th Conference of the World Mediation Forum will focus on the theme “Cultures of mediation and mediation as a transformative culture”, offering four days of shared reflection and practice through conferences, panels and workshops with specialists from different fields.

November 16–19, 2026 · Donostia–San Sebastián, Spain

16.Nov - 19.Nov 2026

Cod. C51-26

Mod.:

Streaming Face-to-face

Edition

2026

Activity type

Workshop

Date

16.Nov - 19.Nov 2026

Location

EHU Campus of Gipuzkoa

Languages

Spanish English

Academic Validity

40 hours

Web

<https://www.ehu.eus/es/web/ivac/xiii-conferencia-del-world-mediation-forum>

Organising Committee

Fundación
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Description

The World Mediation Forum (WFM) is an international non-profit organisation serving mediators from all continents, based on interdisciplinarity.

The mission of the World Mediation Forum is to develop and exchange knowledge, information and skills in all mediation areas, notably through the regular organization of international congresses for more than twenty years: (2003 in Argentina, 2005 in Switzerland, 2007 in Israel, 2009 in Venezuela, 2012 in Spain, 2017 in Quebec, 2019 in Luxembourg, 2022 in Portugal - virtual and 2024 in Brazil).

The **XIIIth Conference of the World Mediation Forum**, which will take place in **Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain**, from 16 to 19 November 2026, will focus on the theme of: **"Cultures of mediation and mediation as transformative culture"**.

With this general theme, the conference will address mediation in a wide variety of fields: justice, universities, schools, businesses, NGOs, sports and leisure organisations, religious fields, health systems, neighborhoods, municipalities, etc. It will thus address the most traditional themes, while questioning the prohibitions and limitations of the practice of mediation, restorative justice, therapeutic justice, transitional justice and transformative justice. The conference will feature theoretical panels presenting research findings, as well as more practical workshops and specific training sessions for particular groups.

CALL FOR PAPERS

[Proposed sessions and the guidelines for the conference.](#)

Abstract submission and acceptance dates:

- Abstract submission: from February 2
- Abstract submission deadline: June 1
- Notification of abstract acceptance (usually, one-two weeks after submission): before June 20, all submissions will have a reply.

Submit your abstract proposal through this [FORM](#).

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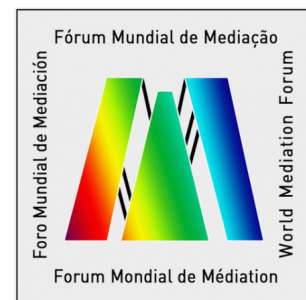
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Objectives

Training on mediation in a broad sense

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Registration fees

Online registration will allow access to the practical training materials for the morning sessions, but participation in the practical training cannot be certified for online participants as it requires attendance in person. Participation in all other Conference activities will be certified in accordance with ECT regulations.

Those who register for the Conference in person may be accredited for the practical training received (9 hours in total). The same language of practical training (English, French or Spanish) must be chosen for all three days.

REGISTRATION FACE-TO-FACE	UNTIL 15-07-2026	UNTIL 08-11-2026
General	70,00 EUR	120,00 EUR

REGISTRATION LIVE ONLINE - ZOOM	UNTIL 15-07-2026	UNTIL 08-11-2026
General Online	-	60,00 EUR

Place

EHU Campus of Gipuzkoa

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