

PyCon India 2023 CFP Reviewers' meetings

Important links

- [CFP Reviewer · pythonindia/junction Wiki \(github.com\)](#)
- [CFP Reviewer best practices · pythonindia/junction Wiki \(github.com\)](#)
- [CFP checklist · pythonindiahttps://github.com/pythonindia/junction/wiki/CFP-Reviewer/junction Wiki \(github.com\)](#)
- Review status: [Talk Proposals Review - Google Sheets](#)

High-level Milestones

| Month | Task | Status |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| May | CFP opens, and 1st phase Review begins | Completed |
| June | 2nd phase Review begins | Completed |
| July | 2nd Phase Review keeps up the pace | Completed |
| August | 2nd ph review in full throttle 1st ph review completion | Completed |
| August's last two weeks | Finalizing ~35 talks + 5 waiting list talks | Completed |
| 3rd September | Submit finalized talks to Logistics and Mentorship workgroup | Completed |
| September | Speaker Rehearsal | Completed |

#17 - 8th Oct 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday 8 PM IST onwards

Attendees:

Soumendra, Dr. Murali, Aman, Pavan, Ashok, Kalyan, Sanchit, Bhanu, Chandan, Pradhvan,
Koti

Discussions:

- Sanchit:
 - Chandan's spirit for the conference from last many years.
 - Together, 50 volunteers did well.
 - Kalyan: Comments could be more straightforward and polite when replying to Junction and Email.
 - Chandan: Diversity, FTC, and Level of Talks were good.
 - Ashok: First-time volunteer, all good.
 - Sanchit: Female reviewers and the core group needed. Washroom complaints could not be handled.
 - Dr. Murali suggestions
 - More time after closing the CFP deadline
 - Without the core team, we could have gone; we need more consistent reviewers.
 - More time for experienced people for 1hr duration talks, we can extract more from the speakers.
 - Poster presentation: we could have done better promotion across universities.
 - The mentorship process could have been started earlier. First-time speakers needed more mentorship.
 - Koti:
 - Extending sessions to a few speakers is challenging.
 - Speakers like S Anand and Jaidev said to call them instead of asking for Slides.
 - Murali: Reviewers need to be anonymous.
 - Kalyan: Proposers should also reply to the comments. Add this detail to the CFP page.
 - Aman:
 - Standardization of Outline and Slides. Where to ask for Slides and where to outline.
 - Speaker best practices: We can add don'ts.
 - Speakers put their files but do not give access.
 - Sanchit:
 - Document instances where our reviewer and mentor could have responded differently and politely.
 - Asking for a slide, he said I have already given the talk.
 - Speaker feedback form with the reimbursement form. -> Murali and Soumendra
- #TODO
- Bhanu:
 - Rumanu and others said they want their talks to be private. #TODO

#16 - 2nd Sep 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Saturday 9 AM IST onwards

Attendees:

Goals:

- ☐ Narrow down proposals to 50
- ☐

Plan:

Pending Action Items:

- ☐ 30th Aug 5 PM: 1st ph review deadline we will mention
- ☐ What to do if we pass a proposal to 2nd ph and the proposer still needs to respond?

#15 - 28th Aug 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☐ 273 proposals received as on date
- ☐

Discussions:

Planning to complete the 1st Phase review
Action plan for 2nd Phase review

Action Items:

- ☒ ~~30th Aug 5 PM: 1st ph review deadline we will mention~~
- ☐ What to do if we pass a proposal to 2nd ph and the proposer still needs to respond?

#14 - 20th Aug 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☐ 273 proposals received as on date
- ☐ 12 talks review completed
- ☐ 62 proposals are ready for 2nd review
- ☐ 61 proposals are under review
- ☐ BoF - 5
- ☐ Posters - nil
- ☐ Devsprint - nil

Discussions:

Planning to complete the 1st Phase review

Action plan for 2nd Phase review

Approximately 40 talks and seven workshops has to be selected.

Action Items:

- ☐ Kalyan,bhanu,sitam meur,aman pandey,dhuaar mohit are willing to take part in review
- ☐ 26-27 Aug: Review Sprint

#13 - 13th Aug 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☐ 252 proposals received as on date
- ☐ Out of which 24 proposals for workshop
- ☐ BoF - 2

Discussions:

We will go ahead with the review process

Action Items:

- ☐

#12 - 6th Aug 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☐ 252 proposals received as on date
- ☐ Out of which 24 proposals for workshop
- ☐ BoF - 2

Discussions:

We will go ahead with the review process

Action Items:

- ☐

#11 - 30th Jul 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☐ 136 proposals received as on date
- ☐ Out of which 24 proposals for workshop
- ☐ BoF - 2

Discussions:

We will go ahead with the review process

Action Items:

- ☐ Consider the experienced speakers for the talk

#10 - 23th Jul 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☐ 115 proposals received
- ☐ Review Process
- ☐ Suggestion for reaching out more people for CFP
- ☐ Any other requirement

Discussions:

Discussions made on review process

Action Items:

- ☐ To complete the 2nd review process at the earliest

#9 - 16th Jul 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☒ ~~Slides requirement~~
- ☒ ~~The review process for BoF and Poster~~

Discussions:

- BoF
 - Informal Panel discussion

Action Items:

- ☐ Bhanu: CFP guide for public
- ☐ BoF review guideline; check with Bhanu and EuroPyCon: Soumendra
 - ☐ Open house weekly discussion
- ☐ Communication WG: Deadline-based promotions
- ☐ BangPyper proposer suggestion list : Koti
- ☒ ~~Open house weekly discussion: Reaching out to people~~

#9 - 9th Jul 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

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Agenda:

- ☒ ~~Status of Review~~
- ☒ ~~Discussion required~~

Discussions:

- Previous edition speaker tag on their talk on SM
- 5th Aug deadline SM promotions

Action Items:

- ☒ ~~Reach out to Sanchit for previous speakers list~~
- ☐ Bhanu: CFP guide for public

#9 - 2nd Jul 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

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Agenda:

- ☐ Status of Review
- ☐ How to Review Workshop Proposals
- ☒

Discussions:

#People enough for 2nd review
#mentorship requirement - communicate with the proposers
#Poster Presentations

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Action Items:

To followup with review process

#8 - 25th Jun 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☒ ~~Status of Review~~

- ☒ ~~How to Review Workshop Proposals~~
- ☒ ~~Lightening Talk lead selection~~
 - ☐ Aman Lead
 - ☐ Sitam Shadow lead

Discussions:

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Action Items:

- ☐ Check with Sanchit on Plagiarism software -> Check Zulip
 - ☐ Analyse and do the market study before on Alternatives -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo
- ☐ [Spillover] We need to contact other communities for proposals.
 - ☐ Check with Sanchit about which communities he sent
- ☐ Proposals To Review filtering not working. Raise an issue in Junction.

#7 - 18th Jun 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Agenda:

- ☒ ~~1st Phase Review status~~
- ☒ ~~Discuss 'Discussion Required' proposals~~
- ☒ ~~2nd Phase review assignment~~
- ☒ ~~Plagiarism Checking~~
- ☐ How to Review Workshop proposals

Discussions:

- Plagiarism software
 - [Empower Students to Do Their Best, Original Work | Turnitin](#)
 - [Ouriginal: Text-matching solution - Plagiarism prevention](#)

Action Items:

- ☒ Add Prajakta, the spreadsheet viewer access chiewkadam@gmail.com
- ☒ Add gpavanb also gpavanb@gmail.com
- ☒ Check with mentorship team for [End to End MLops with Python | PyCon India 2023](#)
- ☐ Check with Sanchit on Plagiarism software
 - ☐ Analyse and do the market study before on Alternatives -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo
- ☐ How to Review Workshop proposals | Check with previous edition Reviewers
- ☒ Poster presentation Junction start -> Ananyo
- ☐ Lightening Talk lead selection
- ☐ [Spillover] We need to contact other communities for proposals.
- ☐ Next Saturday, 3 to 5 PM ChennaiPy, meet the CFP announcement
- ☒ communication team on CFP announcement

#6 - 11th Jun 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

- About 6 reviewers joined

Agenda:

- ☐ Decide if this time is OK or if we should move the weekly call to Monday at 8 PM or Tuesday at 8 PM.
- ☐ Total Proposals Received :34
- ☐ Volunteer for Lightening Talk lead
- ☐ Koti
- ☐ Sitam meur
- ☐ Asoke
- ☐ Aman pandey
- ☐ Fill up [1st Phase Talk Proposals Review - Google Sheets](#).
Proposals as on 11-06-2023

| Categories | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Culture and Society | 1 |
| Core Python | 5 |
| Concurrency | |
| Developer tools and automation | 5 |

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|------------------------------|----|
| Data Science, AI/ML | 16 |
| Ethics and Philosophy | |
| Scientific Computing | 1 |
| Game Design and 3D Modelling | |
| Networking and Security | 1 |
| Web & App development | 1 |
| Desktop Applications | |
| Embedded Python and IOT | 1 |
| Distributed Computing | |
| Blockchain | |
| Cloud Computing | 2 |
| Others | 1 |
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| Total | 34 |

Discussions:

- Most of the members preferred Sunday for the weekly call
- For Lighting Talk 4 members gave their choices as to lead
- Aman Pandey opined that the proposals in data science AI/ML category are not upto the mark, and some proposals seem to be used as a marketing strategy
- Koti and others feel that we can discuss this during the 2nd review process and yet more proposals will come, and then we will take a call
- Members are requested to promote CFP on social media platforms
- All are accepted to complete the 1st review process and then fill up the Google sheet
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Action Items:

- ☒ ~~Most of the members preferred sunday for weekly call~~
- ☐ Filling up 1st Phase review Google Sheet
- ☐ [Spillover] Prepare 2nd phase reviewer spreadsheet: Soumendra Kumar sahoo / mmezhind@gmail.com
- ☐ [Spillover] We need to contact other communities for proposals.

#5 - 3rd Jun 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

- About 15 reviewers joined.

Agenda:

- ☒ Talk Review status
 - ☒ So far, 23 proposals, out of which four proposals for the workshop
 - ☒ DS - 14, Core - 6, dts-tools - 2, cloud - 1
- ☒ Reviewer requirement in a specific domain (if the need arises)
- ☒ 1st phase review challenges
 - ☒ Documents are not getting shared with the public
 - ☒ The same person applying more than one talk
- ☒ 2nd phase review challenges

Discussions:

- More AI/ML proposals:
 - Peeyush PyCon 2016:
 - Reaching out to local communities
 - SM promotion
 - Mailing list
 - Sanchit: Reaching out to other communities like Blockchain, IoT
 - Kalyan:
 - Directly reaching out to potential speakers
 - Ask CFP Workshop on EuroPython: [Link](#)
- Four tracks & 6 keynotes
- Aman: Pie chart on categories on the CFP page:
 - Kalyan: Indirectly discourages good proposals on the higher submitted categories
- Reetesh: No category-based halls.
- Promotions:
 - Dr. Murali: Regional communities promotion needed

Action Items:

- ☐ [Spillover] Write down about selection criteria somewhere, like 1st-time speakers' quota.
- ☐ How many CFP speakers and Special work speakers
- ☐ Prepare 2nd phase reviewer spreadsheet: slightly dependent on the bug: [Error while exporting Review votes · Issue #772 · pythonindia/junction \(github.com\)](#)

#4 - 28th May 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

- About 20 volunteers joined.

Agenda:

- ☒ Walk through the [Junction tool](#)
 - ☒ Checklist items for 1st phase review
 - ☒ How to provide your feedback
 - ☒ For the CFP lead
 - ☒ To the proposer
 - ☒ For other Reviewers
 - ☒ For public
- ☒ Any other queries

Discussions:

- 1st-time speakers quota

Action Items:

- ☒ Assign to PeeyushAgg → dhuadaar
- ☒ Assign to Aman69 → Aman Pandey
- ☒ Assign to Sitam → Sitam Meur

#3 - 21st May 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

12-20 volunteers joined

Agenda:

- ☒ Inform GFP dates (22 May to 5 Aug)
- ☒ Re-Registering again to Junction
- ☒ Revisiting [Reviewer best practices](#)
- ☐ Walk through the [Junction tool](#) -> Postponed to next call
- ☒ Prepare a backup of Soumendra:
- ☒ 1st non-tech GFP review volunteers

Discussions:

- Backup of Soumendra:
 - Dr Murali &
 - Sumanta: caeser1996
- 1st phase non-tech review volunteers:
 - Koti: vellankikoti
 - Samir: github-of-wone
 - Sitam: sitamgithub-MSIT
 - Dr Murali: muralinehru

Action Items:

- ☐ Set up a call for 1st phase non-tech reviewers -> Soumendra Kumar sahu
- ☐ Remove Google Meet link from meetings -> Soumendra Kumar sahu
- ☐ Finalize Backup lead -> Soumendra Kumar sahu

#2 - 7th May 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Around 15 volunteers joined.

Agenda:

- ☒ Finalize the categories
- ☒ Guide on how to do junction testing

Discussions:

- We have finalized the categories and sub-categories. A new category was added **Cloud Computing**.

Action Items:

- ☒ ~~[Spillover] Prepare the Volunteer <-> Category mapping form once categories are finalized. -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo~~
- ☒ ~~Check if Tag support for Junction exists -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo NA~~
- ☒ ~~Share Expertise mapping form to Reviewers -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo~~
- ☒ ~~Add descriptive text under description column -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo~~

#1 - 16th April 2023

Meeting link: https://meet.jit.si/pycon_in_2023_cfp

Time: Sunday evening from 8 to 9 PM IST.

Attendees:

Around 20-30 volunteers joined.

Agenda:

- ☒ Introduction
- ☒ ~~A basic idea of CFPs and our process:~~
 - ☒ #1 Introduction to CFP Review
- ☒ ~~Finalising Categories of Talk Proposals:~~
- ☒ ~~Q&A and further discussions~~

Discussions:

- Categories still need to be finalized. Reviewers will check what further can be added to the list.
 - ☒ CFP Categories
- I have noted down the attendees' expertise, but it's better to get directly from them after the categories are finalized. Check the 3rd Action Item.

Action Items:

- ☒ ~~Share category sheet to Reviewers -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo~~
 - ☒ CFP Categories
 - ☒ ~~Address the comments in the spreadsheet. -> Soumendra Kumar sahoo~~
- ☒ ~~Check what kind of Talks are being proposed under Politics~~
 - By Adarsh D @adarshdevamritham*
 - Sample proposal submissions in the Track 'Ethics, Philosophy & Politics' of Europython:
Currently, these proposals are in the community voting phase and are not publicly accessible.
 - How Python can help monitor governments

- The Digital State of the European Union
- Lessons from Prague

Most talk about Government APIs and services (similar to Mygov or APISetu in India). There are only a total of 6 proposals in the category at Europython.

- ☒ ~~Prepare the Volunteer <-> Category mapping form once categories are finalized. ->~~
~~Soumendra Kumar saho~~
- ☒ ~~Following meeting timings and Agenda ->~~ ~~Soumendra Kumar saho~~