



Call for Presentations

PMI Netherlands Summit 2026

Projects with purpose: building value for tomorrow

#25YearsAhead

5 – 6 November 2026 | Amsterdam (Schiphol), The Netherlands

The PMI Netherlands Chapter is pleased to invite you to submit a proposal to speak at the **PMI Netherlands Summit 2026**, our special **25th Anniversary edition**.

This year's Summit spans **two days**:

- **5 November 2026 – International Project Management Day Gala Dinner:** A celebratory evening bringing together speakers, partners, and the project management community to honour 25 years of PMI Netherlands and the global impact of our profession.
- **6 November 2026 – PMI Netherlands Summit Conference:** A full day of keynotes, breakout sessions, panels, and networking focused on the theme **“Projects with Purpose: Building Value for Tomorrow.”**

We invite you to contribute your expertise, insights, and innovative practices to help shape this milestone edition of the Summit.

Event Theme and Focus

Our central theme, “Projects with Purpose: Building Value for Tomorrow, - #25YearsAhead” is directly aligned with PMI’s M.O.R.E. call to action:

- Manage Perceptions of value among stakeholders.
- Own Project Success beyond the traditional “on time, on budget, on scope.”
- Relentlessly Reassess project parameters in a world of constant change.
- Expand Perspective to consider broader organizational and societal impact.

We are seeking presentations that show how project professionals in different sectors are putting this broader view of project success into practice—through new ways of working, stronger leadership, and purposeful, value-driven outcomes.

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Audience and Program Tracks

Our participants include a strong international community of certified professionals, with many holding PMP®, CAPM®, PMI-ACP®, PMI-RMP®, PMI-SP®, PMI-PBA®, PgMP®, PfMP®, and increasingly specialized credentials such as PMI-PMOCP™, PMO-CP™, PMI-CP™, CPMAI™, and GPM-b™. Many of our members hold multiple certifications, reflecting deep expertise across risk, scheduling, business analysis, agile and hybrid approaches, portfolio and program management, PMOs, sustainability, construction, and AI in project management. The Summit is also an excellent opportunity for students and young professionals who are at the start of their project management journey and want to learn from, network with, and be inspired by this experienced global community.

We particularly welcome sessions that:

- Show how these competencies and certifications are applied in real projects.
- Demonstrate advanced practices in risk management, business analysis, agile/hybrid delivery, or complex project management.
- Offer practical insights and tools that participants can apply immediately in their roles.

The Summit will feature a mix of keynotes, interactive sessions, case studies, and panel discussions.

To reflect our diverse community and current trends, the content will be organized into the following focus tracks:

1. **Accelerate Your Career:** This track supports project professionals who want to build strong career foundations and grow through continuous learning. Topics may include career development strategies, skill-building for different experience levels, leveraging PMI resources, personal branding, and navigating career transitions within the project management profession.
2. **Lead the Way:** This track is for current and aspiring leaders who drive organizational success and transformation. Topics may include sessions by PMO leaders for PMO leaders, strategy and business acumen, change management, organizational culture, leadership capabilities, stakeholder influence, and leading gigaprojects or other large-scale initiatives.
3. **Future Ready:** This track explores emerging trends, technologies, and ways of working that are reshaping project management. Topics may include

artificial intelligence (AI) in projects and PMOs, agile and hybrid approaches, innovation practices, trend-spotting, and industry- or specialization-specific insights that help professionals stay ahead of change.

4. **Make an Impact:** This track highlights how project management creates positive outcomes for organizations, communities, and the world. Topics may include real-life examples of projects as a force for good, integrating sustainability and ESG goals into project planning and delivery, social impact initiatives, and success stories that solve complex challenges and deliver meaningful benefits.

Presentations can be sector-specific or cross-industry, as long as they connect clearly to the overall theme of purposeful, value-focused project work.

What we are looking for

Proposals and speaker profiles will be evaluated on multiple dimensions:

- **Clear connection to the theme:** Each submission should demonstrate a clear alignment with the summit theme, focusing on how project professionals can deliver projects with purpose and build value for tomorrow. The abstract should articulate how the proposed session contributes to this mission.
- **Learning Outcomes:** The speaker's abstract should present clear, measurable learning outcomes, ideally expressed as 3–5 bullet point takeaways. It should indicate what participants will learn or be able to apply following the session. Strong proposals emphasize practical relevance, including real-world case studies, lessons learned, tools, and techniques that attendees can adopt in their own professional contexts.
- **Expertise/Credentials:** Speaker's background, certifications (e.g. PMP), years of experience, and domain credentials. Includes education, roles, and industry recognition (awards, patents, etc.). Relevant publications, blogs, or case studies authored by the speaker (especially in PMI or IEEE literature) support credibility.
- **Originality/Insight:** Is the session tackling new challenges or offering unique case studies? Proposals should avoid rehashing well-known material. We look for freshness and novelty of content, innovative practices in any of the tracks (Sustainability, Pharma & Life Sciences, Construction & Infrastructure, Engineering & Technology, or Future of Work & Cross-Industry Innovation).

- **Engaging delivery:** Interactive formats, dialog with the audience, and tangible takeaways. Presentation skills will be assessed through prior speaking experience or a submitted video sample, with emphasis on clarity, engagement, and professionalism.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** The program committee aims to ensure that the summit reflects the diversity of the global project management community. Speaker selection therefore considers demographic and experiential diversity as part of the overall evaluation. To uphold fairness and mitigate unconscious bias, the review phase is conducted in a blinded format whenever feasible, with identifying information withheld from reviewers.
- **Prior Speaking Experience:** A documented history of past presentations (including titles and event names) will be considered as evidence of reliability and audience impact. While experienced speakers are welcome, emerging speakers with strong content will also be considered to support diversity of perspectives.

Session Formats

We welcome proposals for various formats, for example:

- **Conference Keynote or Breakout Session (45 minutes):** Presentation with Q&A and/or interaction.
- **Interactive Workshop (45 minutes):** Hands-on activities, exercises, or group work.
- **Panel Discussion (45 minutes):** A panel discussion is a moderated conversation with multiple experts exploring a shared theme. Panelists do not deliver individual presentations or submit full proposals. Instead, the Summit team assembles or assigns panels to ensure a balanced mix of perspectives. The moderator guides the flow, questions, and interaction, and no slides are required.

In the Call for Presentations application you may indicate your preferred format (workshop/keynote/breakout session) and any specific requirements (e.g., room setup, materials, technology). In case of interest in a panel discussion, or other questions, please reach out directly via email to speakers@pmi-nl.nl.



Evaluation Process

Proposals will be assessed using a structured scoring rubric based on the criteria above and the overall quality of the submission. Each dimension is scored on a 1–5 scale and combined into a weighted total of 100 points.

Following submission, proposals undergo:

- Eligibility and completeness verification
- Blind review by the program committee
- Secondary review or short interview, for proposals meeting the scoring threshold

Based on this process, proposals may be:

- Selected and offered a speaking slot
- Placed on a waitlist as a backup
- Not selected for this edition

Selected speakers will be invited to participate in an onboarding process designed to support the preparation of a high-quality session.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit your proposal including:

- Speaker bio (80–120 words, written in third person): including relevant experience, affiliations. PMI certifications (if applicable) are mentioned separately.
- Session title (concise and compelling).
- Session type (Keynote/breakout/workshop).
- Focus track you are targeting.
- (Short abstract (150–250 words) describing the session (for the participants).
- Indicate separately the relevance to the theme (80–150 words).
- State 3–5 learning objectives (what participants will know or be able to do after the session).
- Intended audience (role level, industry, experience).

Please submit your proposal at this link: [Call for Presentations, PMI NL Summit](#).

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Timeline

- Call for Presentations opens: Apr 10, 2026
- Submission deadline: Jun 30, 2026
- Final acceptance: Sep 25, 2026
- Briefing session: Oct 9, 2026
- Final session materials due: Oct 23, 2026
- Event dates:
 - Nov 5, 2026 : Gala Dinner
 - Nov 6, 2026 : Full day Conference

Why Speak at the PMI Netherlands Summit?

As a speaker, you will have the opportunity to:

- **Share your expertise** with a highly engaged community of project professionals, PMO leaders, and change-makers.
- **Shape the conversation** on the future of project management in the Netherlands and beyond.
- **Showcase innovative practices** from your organisation or sector to an audience eager for practical, applicable insights.
- **Elevate your professional visibility** by positioning yourself as a thought leader in front of peers, partners, and potential collaborators.
- **Expand your network** and connect with practitioners, decision-makers, and emerging talent across industries.
- **Contribute to PMI's mission** to maximize project success and elevate our world through better ways of working.
- **Inspire the next generation** of project professionals by sharing real-world experience, lessons learned, and bold ideas.
- **Join us at the International Project Management Day Gala Dinner on November 5, 2026**, where speakers are invited as honoured guests.