Start writing a pattern today!
Share your knowledge about good design and best practices in your field and start writing a pattern today! Design patterns are a unique and effective way to capture expertise, tacit knowledge and research findings.

EuroPLoP is the premier European conference on patterns and pattern languages. Unlike other conferences, we put our focus on providing feedback and building a community of experts rather than having standard Powerpoint presentations.

What’s in it for you?
Share and learn: Patterns are a good way of sharing knowledge of your domain with colleagues. They are a great tool to reflect upon your own designs - many authors have reported that they have learned a lot about their own work while writing patterns. The interdisciplinary topics will provide you with new insights about your own domain and inspiring ideas from other fields.

Theory and practice: During the conference, you will meet many like-minded people from both academic and industrial contexts who share a passion for outstanding designs. You will become part of a community of experts, researchers, practitioners and thought-leading people. The creative and constructive atmosphere is highly productive.

High-quality feedback: All submissions will benefit from an iterative shepherding process prior to the conference. In this process, authors receive feedback and suggestions for their work from an experienced pattern author. At the conference, your paper will be discussed by peers and experts from the same or related domains in a so-called Writer’s Workshop. Instead of giving yet another slide presentation, the authors get a lot of constructive feedback and comments that help to improve your paper.

Publication: After the conference, you can continue to work on your paper and incorporate the feedback into a final version for the EuroPLoP companion proceedings. Selected papers from the computing domain will go into the ACM Digital Library. Papers that have been in a Writer’s Workshop also qualify for a submission to the Springer journal LNCS Transactions on Pattern Languages of Programming (TPLoP). In the past, many book authors have submitted parts of their work to get feedback.

Topics
We are looking for patterns or pattern-related papers in the fields of

- Software engineering
- Software architecture and design
- Embedded systems
- Web development and cloud computing
- Mobile computing
- Agile development and coaching
- Distributed and service-oriented systems
- Software quality and verification
- Requirements engineering
- Protocols and standards
- Business and organization
- Education and collaboration
- Human computer interaction
- and from other domains as well.

1 Note that all papers go into the EuroPLoP companion proceedings, independent of their domain. ACM only accepts papers from the computing domain.
If you are an expert in your field, then you are the right person to contribute a pattern! EuroPLoP accepts papers containing patterns or pattern languages, as well as experience reports and papers related to the theory and use of patterns.

**Papers on applying and identifying patterns**
Apart from papers containing patterns or pattern languages, we also welcome papers on the use of patterns in industrial projects. They should stimulate a general discussion on how to utilize patterns more widely in practice.

Please submit:

- Scientific studies on patterns and pattern applications
- Papers that present theoretical arguments about patterns
- Reflections, analysis and empirical evaluations of patterns and pattern languages
- Reports on using patterns in industrial projects, education and organizations
- The pattern approach as a research methodology

**Focus groups**
We are also looking for focus groups and proposals for new session formats. We have reserved time slots during EuroPLoP for scheduled focus groups and open spaces. If you want to announce a focus group topic in advance, please write a short abstract and submit it through our submission system. You can also propose and experiment with new formats (e.g. fishbowls, collaboration sheets, six thinking hats). Please state shortly how you will organize your session, how much time is needed, and how many participants are required. Our focus group chair can support you in organizing and planning your focus group.

**Submissions**
Submission deadline for initial papers: **February 3, 2014**
Submission deadline for focus groups: **April 28, 2014**

After the initial submission, you have time to revise your paper and incorporate the feedback you received during the shepherding process. All accepted papers will be discussed in Writer’s Workshops during the conference.

Paper submissions should not exceed 10 pages although larger submissions are acceptable. If your paper is significantly longer than 10 pages or contains more than five patterns, please consider to split it up into several submissions. Papers with pattern languages may be longer, but we can only discuss parts in the workshops. We welcome papers that only contain one or two patterns.

We look forward to receiving your contributions!

**Important dates:**
- **February 3, 2014:** Paper submission deadline
- **March 10, 2014:** Shepherding starts
- **April 28, 2014:** Second draft due for review
- **April 28, 2014:** Submission deadline for focus groups
- **May 11, 2014:** Paper acceptance notification, Registration opens
- **June 2, 2014:** Closing date for early registration
- **June 9, 2014:** End of shepherding
- **June 16, 2014:** Conference draft version due
- **July 9-13, 2014:** Conference
- **November 25, 2014:** Proceedings version due

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