

# ATHENA Science Slam (Villach, Austria, 13-14 May 2024) Call for Participants



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The **ATHENA Team at the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (CUAS)** is arranging a public science communication event in Villach on **13-14 May 2024**, and is **looking for participants from the ATHENA network**.

## ***What is a Science Slam?***

Science Slam draws on the concept of poetry slam and is an innovative and increasingly popular form of science communication that challenges conventional formats such as podcasts, features, and commentaries. They are organized either at academic conferences or on public stages as a competition between researchers who creatively and entertainingly present their projects (or innovations). At the end, the audience votes for the best presentation.

## ***What will happen and when?***

**The ATHENA Science Slam** will occur at the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences in Villach from 13-14 May 2024. Six to eight “slammers” from across the alliance will enter a competition staged at the Kulturhof: Villach, a popular cultural venue located in the center of the picturesque town of Villach, on 14 May evening. This competition will be open to the public (and livestreamed?). Before that, participants will gather twice in a blended preparatory workshop led by Science Slam expert Bernhard Weingartner from the Technical University of Vienna.

- **Organizers:** ATHENA Team at CUAS, Bernhard Weingartner (Technical University of Vienna), Kulturhof:Villach
- **Date:** 13-14 May 2024
- **Venue:** Kulturhof:Villach
- **Blended preparatory workshop:** one virtual two-hour introductory meeting in March (date and time to be agreed on by participants and the workshop leader), one in-person intensive workshop on 13 May at the premises of CUAS (Europastraße 4, 9524 Villach)

## ***Who can participate?***

We are looking for motivated, courageous and inspiring researchers at all career stages who, individually or in groups, are eager to learn a new and highly entertaining form of science communication and participate in a fun competition with each other. **ALL DISCIPLINES ARE WELCOME!** We also encourage student participation in contributions with more than one

performing researcher. Contributions should possibly be in German, as we want to primarily address a local and largely non-academic audience.

***What are your benefits?***

The ATHENA Science Slam is a **unique opportunity** for participants to familiarize themselves with a fresh and innovative approach to science communication and learn a new set of skills that aims to bring research and its contributions to a broader and non-academic audience. Since the event is combined with a workshop and lasts for two days, participants can apply for **Staff Mobility Training** at their home institutions.

***How to register?***

For registration and questions, please send an email to **Julia Marinaccio** ([j.marinaccio@fh-kaernten.at](mailto:j.marinaccio@fh-kaernten.at)) **AND Bernhard Weingartner** ([Bernhard.weingartner@tuwien.ac.at](mailto:Bernhard.weingartner@tuwien.ac.at)). To register, you only need to state your interest and briefly describe your idea. A fully-developed idea of your performance is not required at this stage.

**Deadline: 28 February 2024.**

**Watch this video for inspiration:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQ\\_PWQoo6yQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQ_PWQoo6yQ)