

Barcamp - Instruction



What is a barcamp?

A barcamp is an open conference format in which the content is not set in advance by the organizer – instead, the participants create and organize the sessions of the camp. This process is supported by the moderators who initiate the conference and lead it to a good conclusion.

How do I prepare for the barcamp?

As a participant, you design the sessions in the barcamp by yourself. A session lasts 45 minutes tops and can take on different formats: whether you give an input on a specific topic with subsequent discussion, whether you host an interactive workshop or meet other people to discuss a certain subject or a problem... there are no limits to your creativity! Use the opportunity to share your expertise, to exchange ideas and to connect with others.

How does the barcamp work?

Opening: The moderators introduce themselves and initiate the barcamp with an activating warm up.

Session planning: As a participant, you present your session idea in a one-minute pitch. After all pitches, a digital tool will be used to vote on which session ideas will be implemented. Following the results, a session plan is created together.

Session implementation: The participants go to the respective sessions according to their own interest. The following rules must be observed when implementing the session:

- Input of the session giver: The input at the beginning should be kept short (20 min tops), as the majority of the session should be used for the joint exchange.
- A session lasts 45 minutes tops, but if you finish earlier and there is no more need for discussion, it can be ended earlier. In addition, you can leave a session at any time and join another, if you wish to do so.
- Some English-speaking participants will attend the barcamp. Please consider beforehand, if you could offer your session in English as well.
- Documentation of the session: Although it is not the purpose of the sessions to work result-oriented or to create a presentation, a short summary is appreciated to give every participant a small insight into the session afterwards.

Conclusion: After the sessions, all participants meet together and the most important learnings are shared in the group. The barcamp concludes with a cool down by the moderators.