

# OPEN CALL

## Bring Science into Living Rooms — Book a Scientist!

17–18 SEP 2026

Private Homes, South Tyrol

Science shortens distances — and knocks directly on people's doors. *Book a Scientist* invites researchers to make science tangible beyond the academic bubble: through personal encounters, direct exchange and conversations.

In a time marked by widespread disinformation, uncertainty and growing distrust in science, we need new ways of creating dialogue. Through a collaboration between Transart and Eurac Research, *Book a Scientist* creates spaces where researchers and citizens can meet in a close, personal and unexpected setting.

Instead of giving a lecture, you will take part in an open and informal conversation in someone's home. Not as an expert on a stage — but as a person sharing research, curiosity and perspectives.

The encounters are guided by a framework developed by **Caroline Barneaud and Stefan Kaegi (Rimini Protokoll)**: a set of questions, prompts and playful interactive elements designed to support exchange and create meaningful encounters.

**Would you like to participate as a scientist? Here's how it works:**

### Sign up

- We are looking for researchers from all disciplines who are curious about experimenting with new ways of communicating science. No prior experience is needed — openness and an interest in exchange are enough.

### When

- Choose between Thursday, September 17 and Friday, September 18. Each encounter lasts around one and a half hours and takes place between 17:30–20:30 (plus travel time).

### Join the preparation session

- Before the event you'll get to know the format and receive all key information, we will prepare a Q&A and organize an online meeting to clarify further questions.

### Share your research

- Hosts will invite a small group of people from their own networks. Curiosity, questions and dialogue are at the center — not a formal presentation.

### Receive support

- You won't be on your own. Before the event, you'll receive guidance and practical information to help you feel comfortable and prepared.

**Don't miss the opportunity to make science accessible in a new way.**

This open call is for researchers who are curious to meet people, experiment with new forms of science communication and bring research closer to everyday life.

**Interested? Sign up by using this link:**

<https://forms.gle/UDSsjcqjWX43g2jNA>

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