

# OsmoCon 2018 Outlook

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# OsmoCon 2017 Preparation

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- Planning started in October
  - <http://lists.osmocom.org/pipermail/openbsc/2017-October/011332.html>
- Schedule planning in December, with little participation
  - <http://osmocom.org/issues/1887>
- event announcement too late (Feb 01)
- travel grant funding arrived way too late (March 27)
- 14 days ahead of the event we were about to cancel
  - almost no registrations until that point
- talk submissions came in way after schedule was full

# OsmoCon 2017 Experience

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- venue was full, actually overbooked
- talks were good
- recordings were excellent
- strong sysmocom presence, but some diversity
  - Fairwaves, Facebook, On-Waves, Rhizomatica

# OsmoCon 2017 Feedback

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Attendees informed us

- one day is too short
- very uni-directional, not much interaction
- schedule too full
  - consequence of talk submissions too late
  - consequence of only one day

# OsmoCon 2017 Retrospective

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- I didn't like the venue too much
  - hard to get air into the room
  - too crowded with no separate room during breaks
  - non-functional WiFi
  - no-frills, 1990ies FOSS community feeling may not appeal to everyone
- OsmoCon + OsmoDevCon back-to-back
  - is lots of stress
  - leaves no time to meet up with OsmoCon attendees one day afterwards
  - caused OsmoDevCon to be one day shorter

# OsmoCon 2018 Changes

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- larger venue
- not a youth hostel but a real hotel
- two days instead of one
- not together with OsmoDevCon but 6 months later
- early-bird pricing should make people order tickets sooner
- formal CfP process with submission deadline, ...

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