



KubeCon



CloudNativeCon

Europe 2026



TRANSPARENCY REPORT

AMSTERDAM 2026



KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026

Thank you for making KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026 in Amsterdam a truly unforgettable experience. Cloud native kept moving; and so did you. Nearly 13,500 attendees came together from North America, Europe, South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and beyond, proof that this community's momentum is as global as it is unstoppable. Over 3,600 companies were represented, with 2,478 CFP submissions, 31 keynotes, 234 breakout sessions, and 82 maintainer track sessions keeping the program in full motion throughout the week. And with 44% of attendees joining us for the very first time, it's clear the community never stands still.

The energy on the ground was unmistakable, and the keynote stage set the tone. A full-size electric glider and live drone demos brought the spirit of cloud native to life in ways that were hard to forget. Across three packed days, sessions and conversations covered the topics defining cloud native's next chapter: AI infrastructure, digital sovereignty, platform engineering, observability, and more, all grounded in the open collaboration that keeps this ecosystem strong. The CNCF Community Awards celebrated the contributors and end users pushing the boundaries of what's possible, a reminder that the people behind the projects are what make this community remarkable. It was inspiring to see developers, maintainers, end users, and technologists connect in person, through technical deep-dives and contributor summits, through hallway conversations and project meetups, through every idea exchanged and every connection made.

We're proud to be moving alongside you; supporting the projects, people, and practices that keep cloud native going. We look forward to connecting with you all throughout 2026 in Mumbai, Yokohama, Shanghai and Salt Lake City!

 **2,478**
Proposals submitted

 **300**
Attendees thanks to Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund

 **450**
Pieces of media coverage

 **44%**
First-time attendees



Jonathan Bryce, Executive Director, CNCF



ATTENDEE OVERVIEW

It was fantastic to bring our community together, with nearly 13,500 people joining us in Amsterdam.

13,414

REGISTRATIONS

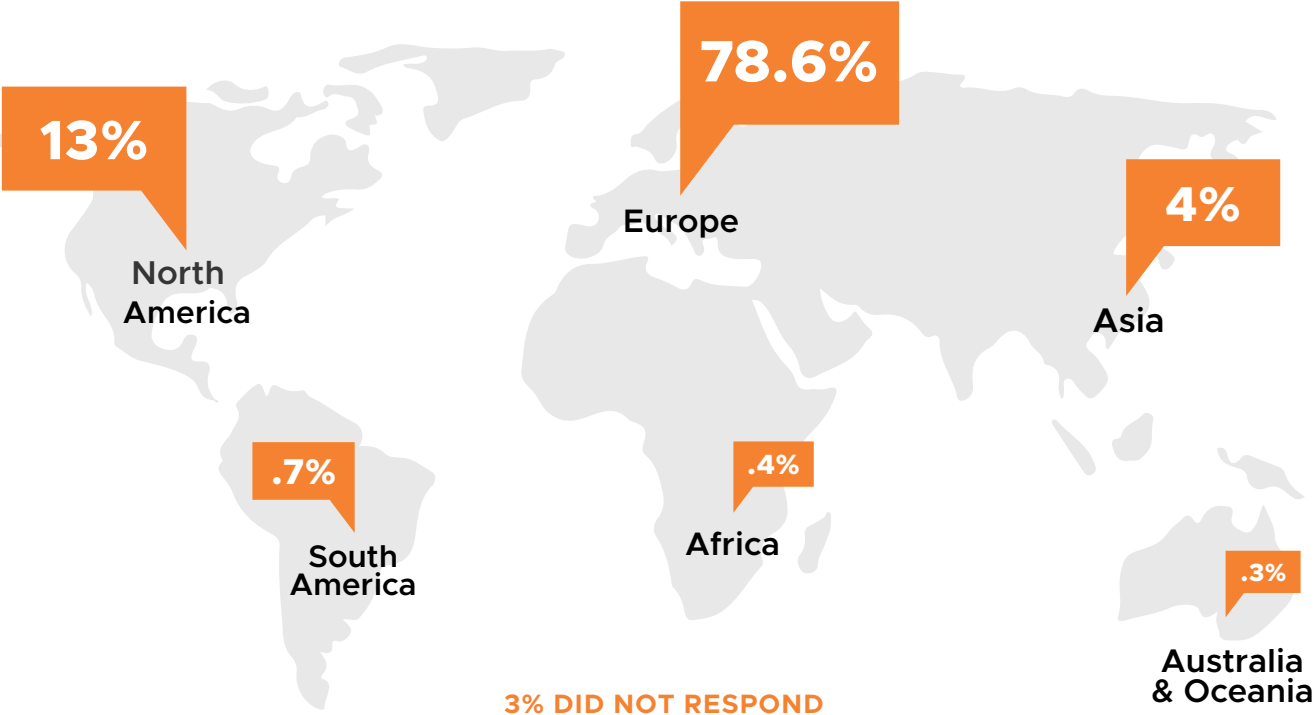


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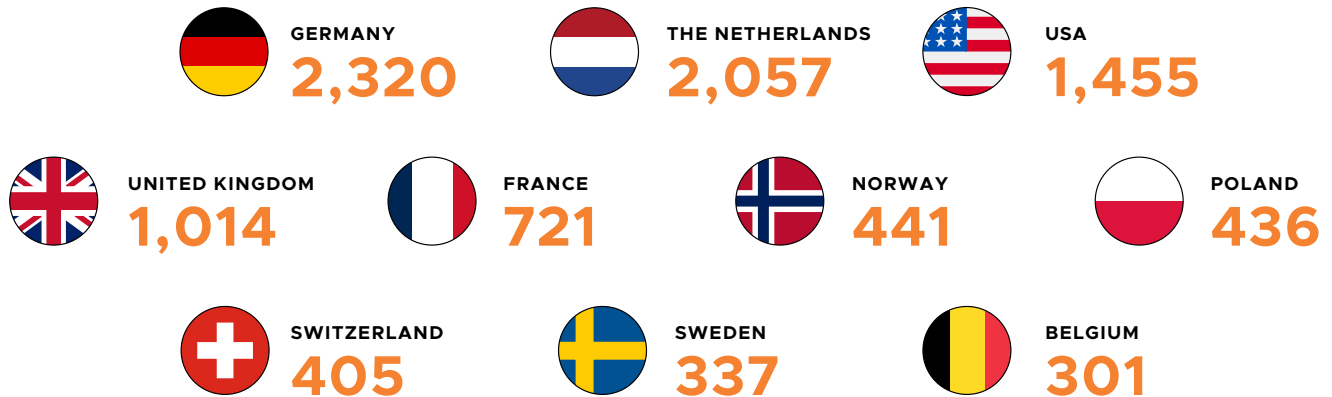
COMPANIES REPRESENTED



ATTENDEE GEOGRAPHY



TOP TEN COUNTRIES IN ATTENDANCE



TOP 3 JOB FUNCTIONS

DEVOPS / SRE /
SYSADMIN

DEVELOPER

ARCHITECT

TICKET TYPE THROUGH THE YEARS

Type	2021 Virtual	2022 Valencia	2023 Amsterdam	2024 Paris	2025 London	2026 Amsterdam
Total	26,648+	18,550	16,092	12,048	12,087	13,414
In-person Corporate	N/A	19%	33%	48%	52%	50%
In-person Individual	N/A	7%	13%	20%	19%	20%
Speaker	1%	3%	4%	8%	5%	7%
Sponsor	5%	12%	13%	19%	20%	19%
Media	0.6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Academic	N/A	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Virtual All- Access Pass	67%	50%	27%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virtual Keynote	27%	8%	8%	N/A	N/A	N/A

For events prior to 2021, please visit cnf.io/reports.

INCLUSION + ACCESSIBILITY

CNCF strives to ensure that everyone who participates in KubeCon + CloudNativeCon feels welcome, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status.

CHAOSS D&I EVENT BADGE

CNCF was awarded a Gold Badge from the CHAOSS Badging Initiative, chaoss.community/diversity-and-inclusion-badging/, for fostering healthy inclusion and accessibility practices.



Our commitment to cultivating a friendly, welcoming, and inclusive environment extends to the facilities and resources we provide at events. In Amsterdam, these included:

- Quiet + Prayer Room
- Pronoun + Communication Stickers
- Captioning available for keynote and breakout sessions
- Baby Care + Nursing Room
- Complimentary onsite Child Care

COMMUNITY HUB

The Community Hub saw remarkable momentum this year, with participation more than doubling to reach 979 attendees. This growth highlights the Hub's success as a welcoming space to connect, learn, and put equity, inclusion, and accessibility into practice. By hosting a diverse range of gatherings, workshops, and networking events, the Hub has become an essential home for authentic community connection.

A screenshot of a LinkedIn post by Colleen Coll. The post text reads: "One of my favorite moments I captured at Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) KubeCon EU this week didn't happen in a keynote. It happened in the Merge Forward (CNCF) Community Hub...learning sign language. Not as a 'nice to have.' As a real, human way to connect. The 🙌 Sign Language Crash Course brought people together across experience levels, backgrounds, and roles—reminding us that communication in tech isn't only about code, APIs, or platforms. It's about people. And the room was hella PACKED! For many in our community, accessibility isn't an edge case. It's everyday life. #MergeForward exists to create space for exactly this—where underrepresented communities and allies can learn, share, and actually feel seen. Watching folks lean in, try something new, laugh through it, and get it...that's the kind of momentum you don't always see on the show floor. But it's the kind that sticks." To the right of the text is a photograph of a person wearing a black baseball cap and a light blue button-down shirt, using hand gestures to communicate. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a room.

COMMUNITY HUB (CONTINUED)

# OF COMMUNITY HUB PARTICIPANTS	979
# WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GATHERING PARTICIPANTS	95
# OF PEER GROUP MENTORING PARTICIPANTS	66
# OF MERGE + MEET: KICKOFF MEETING PARTICIPANTS	53
# OF KUBERNETES CONTRIBUTION 101 PARTICIPANTS	135
# DEEP ROOTS: BLACK, INDIGENEOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR GATHERING PARTICIPANTS	15
# LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY GATHERING	62
# OF CODE AND BRAIN PARTICIPANTS	111
# OF DESIGNING SLIDES PARTICIPANTS	36
# SIGN LANGUAGE CRASH COURSE	120
# OF NEURODIVERSITY AT WORK PARTICIPANTS	115
# OF KUBERNETES BOOK CLUB PARTICIPANTS	125
# OF YOUR VOICE ON STAGE PARTICIPANTS	13
# OF NON-CODE CONTRIBUTION PARTICIPANTS	33

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund provided opportunities to 300 applicants to attend the event.

# OF TRAVEL FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS	54
# OF REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS	152
# OF SPEAKER TRAVEL FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS	94

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CAPTIONING

TOP 5 LANGUAGES

JAPANESE • ENGLISH • KOREAN • FRENCH • GERMAN

346.23

**TOTAL HOURS USING IN-ROOM CAPTIONING
FROM WORDLY ON ATTENDEE MOBILE DEVICES**

In addition to captioning, CNCF provided sign language interpreters for deaf and hard-of-hearing attendees throughout the conference, delivering nearly 40 hours of interpretation. ASL interpretation for all daily keynotes was also shown on screen.

CO-LOCATED EVENTS

This year CNCF hosted 16 co-located events on topics ranging from platform engineering to observability, AI and CNCF projects.

16

TOTAL CNCF-HOSTED
CO-LOCATED EVENTS

6,727

REGISTERED FOR
CO-LOCATED EVENTS

6,776

TOTAL ONSITE LEADS

151

AVERAGE ONSITE
LEADS PER SPONSOR



Agentics Day:
MCP + Agents
EUROPE

179 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

Diamond

- Solo.io
- Tetrade

Platinum

- Robusta Dev

Gold

- goose

ATTENDANCE

444

Avg. Session

700

Peak Session



ArgoCon
EUROPE

86 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

Diamond

- Akuity
- Octopus Deploy

Platinum

- Intuit

Session Recording

- Pipekit

ATTENDANCE

298

Avg. Session

982

Peak Session



Backstage | CON
EUROPE

41 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

Diamond

- Port
- Roadie
- Spotify

Gold

- Red Hat

ATTENDANCE

126

Avg. Session

210

Peak Session



CiliumCon
EUROPE

32 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSOR

Diamond

- Isovalent now part of Cisco

ATTENDANCE

257

Avg. Session

350

Peak Session



CLOUD NATIVE AI
+ KUBEFLOW DAY
EUROPE

171 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

Diamond

- Nebius
- Spectro Cloud
- Vultr

Platinum

- SUSE
- union.ai

ATTENDANCE

107

Avg. Session

386

Peak Session



CLOUD NATIVE
TELCO DAY
EUROPE

78 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

Diamond

- LF Networking

Gold

- Red Hat

ATTENDANCE

98

Avg. Session

210

Peak Session



34 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSOR

- Diamond**
 - ControlPlane
- Session Recording**
 - ControlPlane

ATTENDANCE

350 **262**
Avg. Session Peak Session



44 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

- Diamond**
 - Hitachi
- Start-Up**
 - Keymate

ATTENDANCE

180 **300**
Avg. Session Peak Session



40 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSOR

- Diamond**
 - Spectro Cloud
 - ZEDEDA
- Platinum**
 - Avassa

ATTENDANCE

102 **166**
Avg. Session Peak Session



41 CFP SUBMISSIONS

ATTENDANCE

149 **269**
Avg. Session Peak Session



220 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

- Diamond**
 - Chronosphere
 - A Palo Alto Networks Company
 - Dynatrace
- Platinum**
 - ClickHouse
 - Coralogix
 - Honeycomb
 - OpenSearch
 - Victoria Metrics
- Gold**
 - Grafana Labs

ATTENDANCE

169 **544**
Avg. Session Peak Session



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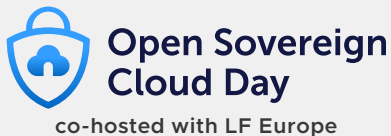
125 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

- Diamond**
 - Sysdig
- Platinum**
 - Infisical
 - Minimus
 - Perforce OpenLogic
- Session Recording**
 - Kusari

ATTENDANCE

122 **221**
Avg. Session Peak Session



144 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSOR

- Platinum**
 - SUSE

ATTENDANCE

187 **281**
Avg. Session Peak Session



14 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSOR

- Platinum**
 - Spacelift

ATTENDANCE

128 **218**
Avg. Session Peak Session





Platform Engineering Day EUROPE

234 CFP SUBMISSIONS

SPONSORS

Diamond

- DX
- vCluster
- VMware by Broadcom

Platinum

- Cloudsmith
- Cycloid
- Harness
- Infisical
- Octopus Deploy

• Port

- Syntasso

Start-Up

- Bluebricks
- Edera
- Kusari

ATTENDANCE

216

Avg. Session

778

Peak Session



25 CFP SUBMISSIONS

ATTENDANCE

53

Avg. Session

72

Peak Session



Savannah Peterson • 2nd Analyst | Storyteller | On-Air & Stage Personality | E...
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I'm at KubeCon in Amsterdam and here's three reasons I love this community:

- it's open to everyone. Seriously, I can't code and I'm neurospicy. I've felt more welcome in this community than most of technology. If you're wondering "are these my people?" They are. Trust me.
- the largest companies contribute on the same level playing field as a teenage builder at home. One of the few environments that's possible.
- the biggest shapeshifting projects in tech come out of the CNCF ecosystem. Love your Spotify playlist? That's built on kubernetes, a 10 year old OSS project.

Massive thanks to [Kaitlin Thornhill](#) and [Natasha Woods](#) for the invite "home" to be with my nerd fam. [#CNCF](#) [#KubeCon](#) [Cloud Native Computing Foundation \(CNCF\)](#) [The Linux Foundation](#)



👤 Kaitlin Thornhill and 118 others

15 comments · 3 reposts



CONTENT

As always, attendees had a lot to choose from among all of the great content. Our co-chairs worked with 23 track chairs and 142 committee members to craft the programming.

With 347 sessions, KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe featured a diverse line-up of topics ranging from introductory sessions through technical deep-dives. Talks are available now on our [YouTube playlist](#).



31

KEYNOTE TALKS

(INCLUDING SPONSORED KEYNOTES)



347

TOTAL SESSIONS



2,478

**PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED**



24%

**GENDER MINORITY
SPEAKERS**

719

SPEAKERS

82

**MAINTAINER
TRACK SESSIONS**

142

**PROGRAM
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

234

BREAKOUTS

THANK YOU TO OUR KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON EUROPE 2026 CO-CHAIRS



Abby Bangser

*Principal Engineer,
Syntasso*



Faseela K

*Cloud Native Developer,
Ericsson Software Technology*



Lin Sun

*Head of Open Source,
Solo.io*

CLOUD NATIVE THEATER

The debut of the Cloud Native Theater was a resounding success, serving as a high-traffic focal point for the Solutions Showcase. By integrating tracks from Cloud Native University, Data on Kubernetes Day, EnvoyCon, Istio Day, and the KubeVirt Summit, the theater provided a unified platform for knowledge sharing. The sessions bridged the gap between foundational education and advanced technical insights, covering essential topics like service meshes, high-performance proxies, and Kubernetes virtualization. With strong attendee engagement and a focus on real-world AI workloads, the theater effectively showcased the maturity and interconnectedness of today's cloud native landscape.



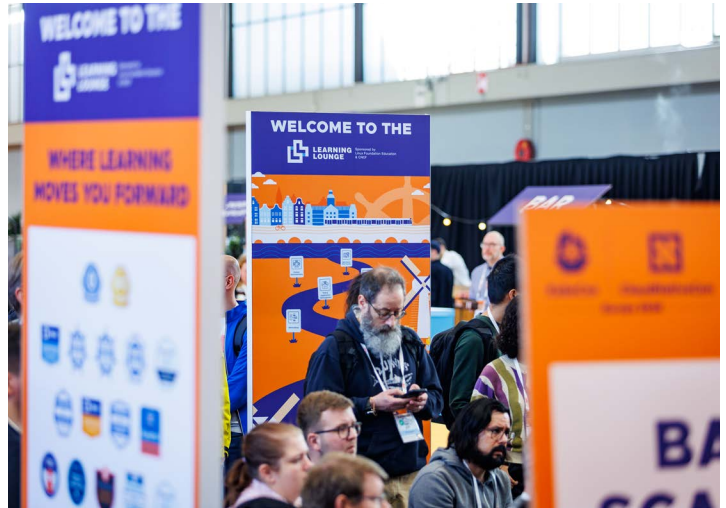
DEMO THEATER

The Demo Theater was another standout success, quickly becoming one of the most popular features of the conference. With 27 sponsor demos showcased throughout the week, every session drew a crowd. Attendees were drawn to the theater for a firsthand look at cutting-edge technology, live product walkthroughs, and engaging presentations from leading sponsors.



LF LEARNING LOUNGE

The LF Learning Lounge served as a premier destination for professional development, featuring a high-traffic series of 10-Minute Tip Talks on critical topics like AI skills and the Kubestronaut journey. Attendees engaged directly with subject matter experts for personalized career advice while accessing exclusive resources including guided learning paths and certification discounts. By celebrating certified professionals with official pins and empowering new learners, the lounge successfully fostered career growth and strengthened the global cloud native talent pool.



POSTER SESSIONS

Poster Sessions within the Solutions Showcase provided a dedicated space for participants to present their latest research, creative solutions, and innovative ideas while gathering feedback from a broad mix of researchers and industry experts. Attendees could explore the poster area at their own pace, connect with presenters, ask questions, and engage in meaningful discussions.



KIDS DAY

On Sunday, 22 March, we hosted our community Kids Day. Designed to engage young minds in the world of technology and innovation, Kids Day offered a fun-filled afternoon of interactive activities and workshops tailored for children ages 8 to 14. Hosted workshops included:

- Learning AI with Phippy the Giraffe
- Phippy and Friends Raspberry Pi Zoo Rescue



PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026 offered a range of meaningful opportunities for attendees to engage with CNCF projects and maintainers.

The [CNCF Maintainer Summit](#) brought together project maintainers for a focused in-person gathering. Attendees shared best practices, explored contribution workflows, and worked through common challenges to strengthen collaboration across the cloud native community.

Attendees had the chance to dive deeper during the **Maintainer Track + ContribFest sessions**, which provided behind-the-scenes insights into CNCF projects. These sessions offered valuable perspectives from project leaders and fostered collaboration among community members and industry experts.

In the **Project Pavilion**, participants connected directly with project maintainers. This space encouraged open conversation, technical discussions, and idea sharing-making it a vibrant hub for learning more about the technologies shaping the cloud native ecosystem.

Throughout the week, CNCF Ambassadors led guided Project Pavilion Tours, helping attendees navigate the space, meet maintainers, and engage with the projects most relevant to their interests.

The **Project Pavilion Stage** also gave projects the opportunity to sign up and showcase their work through live demos, adding another layer of visibility and interaction within the community.

On day one of the event, attendees gathered in the Project Pavilion to celebrate our newest Graduated Projects and Project Birthdays. Attendees grabbed a treat and stopped by the kiosks in the Project Pavilion to congratulate the teams on their recent graduations and project milestones.



PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

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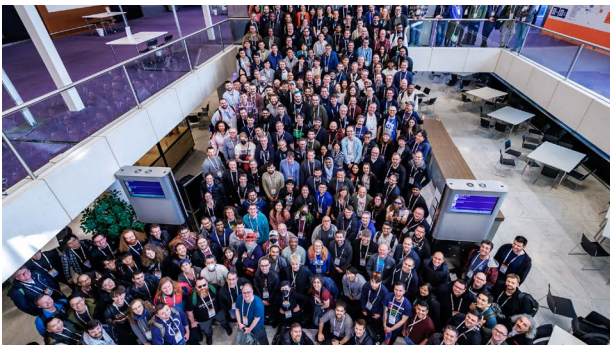
PROJECT KIOSKS

51

PROJECT LIGHTNING TALKS

82

MAINTAINER TRACK SESSIONS



SUSTAINABILITY

We're committed to sustainability at our events and KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe was no exception.

We were proud to partner with our venue, RAI Amsterdam, to be a part of the growing movement towards a more sustainable future. By fostering a green, healthy, and welcoming environment, RAI Amsterdam elevates event sustainability through a comprehensive approach focused on environmental, social, and governance values.

- **100% Green Electricity:** The RAI Amsterdam sources 100% of its electricity from green sources, minimizing the event's carbon footprint.
- **Sustainable Partnerships:** The RAI actively collaborates with sustainable suppliers and partners to promote environmentally friendly practices throughout the event supply chain.
- **Community Engagement:** Active support of local community initiatives and projects, contributing to the social well-being of the Amsterdam community, is a key focus and priority.

In addition to selecting an environmentally conscious venue, we:

- Chose a venue that was easily accessible via public transportation, walking, or biking.
- Donated event materials and sponsor swag to local social initiatives such as HVO Querido, the Food Bank, and the Salvation Army.
- Partnered with ACS Audiovisual Solutions to contribute to a tangible ecological restoration project in Kenya. By donating 200 water bunds, we jumpstarted nature's recovery by retaining 420,000 liters of water and restoring 25,000 m² of land by 2026.
- Prioritized a "smart catering" concept designed to combat food waste through the use of fresh, seasonal, and locally sourced products.
- Adhered to the "4R principle" (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle), supported by responsible waste separation.

HEALTH + SAFETY ONSITE

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon implemented the following health and safety measures:



FOOD ALLERGY ACCOMODATIONS



ACCESSIBLE SAFETY RESOURCES + TIPS



MEDICAL, SAFETY, + TRAUMA RESOURCES



INCIDENT TRANSPARENCY REPORT:

- 1 Code of Conduct received onsite
- 1 medical intervention

SPONSOR INFORMATION

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BOOTH TRAFFIC

Total leads

TOTAL

110,213

Average leads per booth

557

20% INCREASE FROM EUROPE 2025

SPONSORSHIP

YoY Sponsorship	2021 Virtual	2022 Valencia	2023 Amsterdam	2024 Paris	2025 London	2026 Amsterdam
Diamond	6*	6*	7*	5	6	7
Platinum	8	17	18	17	19	20
Gold	12	18	18	22	33	37
Silver	46	95	111	115	105	103
Start-up	28	49	63	53	48	35
End User	2	2	1	3	5	5
Marketing Opportunities	25	44	45	35	43	34
Total Unique Sponsors	102	189	221	218	216	206

*capped maximum



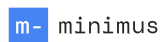
DIAMOND SPONSORS



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MEDIA + ANALYST COVERAGE

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026 coverage was heavily dominated by the rapid integration of cloud native AI into the cloud native ecosystem, with key themes emerging around AI-driven workloads, disaggregated LLM inference, and the development of AI-ready Kubernetes platforms. This was closely linked to the continued rise of platform engineering, which is evolving to serve as the control layer for these new AI capabilities, alongside a critical focus on cloud native security, highlighted by the end-of-life announcement for Ingress NGINX and the graduation of the major security project Kyverno.

KEY STATS

113

**MEDIA + ANALYST
ATTENDEES**

450

**PRESS AND ANALYST
COVERAGE***

21

**PROJECT
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8

**CNCF
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6

**LINUX FOUNDATION
PRESS RELEASES**

76

**SPONSOR-
CONTRIBUTED
BYLINES**

**The coverage number shown is based on the data available at the time of this report's publication and is expected to increase in the months following the event.*



35 MEMBERS AND SPONSORS CONTRIBUTED 36 ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIAMOND AND PLATINUM SPONSORS



SPONSOR AND MEMBERS



MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Coverage from outlets such as **Forbes**, **SiliconANGLE**, and **The New Stack** framed KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026 as a pivotal moment for AI-driven cloud native infrastructure. Journalists emphasized the CNCF's continued leadership in operationalizing AI and highlighted themes including the dominance of cloud native AI workloads, the maturity of platform engineering as the control layer for these new capabilities, and critical advancements in cloud native security (like the Ingress NGINX end-of-life) and observability. The articles described the event as showing how the CNCF and its community are rapidly influencing the future of modern infrastructure by integrating AI, security, and next-generation platforms.

ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS

- “KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026 in Amsterdam made one thing clear. Kubernetes is no longer just an infrastructure platform. It is becoming the operating system for AI inference.” — **Janakiram MSV**, [Forbes](#)
- “Inference was the theme of the event’s first day. The CNCF expect it to make up two thirds of compute demand by the end of 2026, a reversal from three years ago when AI training was making up 66% of demand.” — **Noah Bovenizer**, [The Stack](#)
- “With the EU Cyber Resilience Act obligations poised to take effect in September and AI workloads spreading across a Kubernetes bedrock, the event underscored a clear shift: Cloud-native governance is now the critical control layer for modern enterprise infrastructure, according to Paul Nashawaty principal analyst at theCUBE Research.” — **Emile Louw**, [SiliconANGLE](#)

ANALYST COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- “We just wrapped up our time at KubeCon EU in Amsterdam, and the atmosphere was less about “cloud native” as a buzzword and more about the gritty reality of Day 2 operations. Based on our analysis of the conversations on the ground, the industry is architected to move past the initial excitement of containers and into the complex world of high-performance AI and strict regulatory compliance.” — **Stephen Dickens**, [HyperFRAME Research](#)
- “As with the rest of the technology landscape, artificial intelligence – and in particular, agentic AI – came to dominate the conversations at the Cloud Native Computing Foundation’s recent flagship event, KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2026.” — **Jason Bloomberg**, [Intellyx](#)
- “KubeCon + CloudNativeCon Europe marked a transition in which Kubernetes is no longer the center of gravity, but AI agents are. And open source is now defining the infrastructure layer beneath them.” — **Larry Carvalho**, [RobustCloud](#)
- “KubeCon Europe 2026 opened with a message that was both celebratory and directional: cloud native is still growing, but the center of gravity is shifting toward AI infrastructure, especially inference. The event drew more than 13,500 attendees, up roughly 10% year over year, with participants from 100+ countries, 3,000+ organizations, and nearly 900 sessions. CNCF also said the broader cloud native developer base is now approaching 20 million.” — **Samantha Weston**, [Efficiently Connected](#)

*We hope you enjoyed reflecting on a great event in Amsterdam
- see you in Mumbai in June, or Yokohama in July!*

Check out our [calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

Your comments and feedback are welcome at events@cncf.io





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We worked hard to accurately report all aspects of this great events, but with all great events, things to change - media coverage increases, online views go up etc. so if you'd like to use any date from this report, make sure you reference the publication date of April 2026. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like updated statistics in the coming year. Published by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation.