



AGENDA FOR EUROSonic/NOORDERSLAG



JANUARY 14TH & 15TH 2026

14th January 2026

9.00 Coffee

9.30 Festival Season 2025 Review: What Kept Us Awake at Night?

Moderated by: Alexandra von Samson

Sharing key incidents, trends, and dilemmas from the summer; Mentimeter polling

Instruction to fill in the survey: <https://www.menti.com/aloiij198242>

10.15 YES Group Lab : What Went Wrong, When, and Why?

Moderated by: Pascal Viot

Personal testimony about the resilience and lessons learnt after the Fire at Tomorrowland 2025

Interactive session and group discussions

11.30 Coffee Break

12.00 Bad Weather Management

Moderated by: Sabine Funk

- From Forecast to Action
- Toolkit co-creation + shared protocols from Sabine Funk
- Weather expert Meteorologist from Infoplaza session (45 min)

13.15 Lunch

14.00 Walk in My Shoes: Cross-Role Conversations

Moderated by: Roxana Luca

Panel conversation with Director of production/technical/marketing & communication role about festivals resilience. Debrief blind spots & Everyone is involved in safety.

15.15 Peer-to-Peer Review : Improve our resilience

Each group presents their draft; others give constructive feedback

16.00 Coffee

16.30 EFA SESSION

Presentation of the nominees projects for the Event Safety Award @ the European Festival Awards

17.00 Celebrating the 40th Seminar of the YES Group

17.30 CLOSE

18.30 DINNER at Graansilo restaurant (<https://restaurantgraansilo.nl/>)

3 mins walk from the Oosterpoort



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09.00 Morning Welcome

09.30 Front of Stage Barrier Design: When Layout Becomes Lifesaving

Moderated by: Ruud van Buren

Guest Speaker: Cees Muurling (Dutch Barriers Services)

Managing the access to the front of the main stage

10.45 Coffee

11.15 Coordinating Decision-Making in a Showstop

Moderated by: Morten Therkildsen

Guest Speaker: Mark Hamilton (Crowdsafety.org)

Collaborative workgroup using control-chain mapping and comparative analysis of different festival organisational models & command structures

12.30 Lunch

13.15 Drones & Event Safety: Surveillance, Regulation, Detection

Moderated by: Morten Therkildsen

Guest Speaker: Marvin Schuchert

Examples of use + detection tech + EASA rules

14.00 Building the Future of Crowd Management: Creating a Working Group on Technology & AI

Guest Speaker: G r me Vanherf

14.45 Closing session: What's the next HOT topic for the YES Group ?

Circle reflections + suggestions for 2026-2027

15.00 End of Seminar

16.30 – 17.30 YES Group Panel session at De Oosterpoort