



Ada at FOSDEM 2010 **Call for Interest**

FOSDEM¹, the Free and Open source Software Developers' European Meeting, is a free and non-commercial two-day event organized each February in Brussels, Belgium.

The goal is to provide Free Software and Open Source developers and communities a place to meet with other developers and projects, to be informed about the latest developments in the Free Software and Open Source world, to attend interesting talks and presentations by Free Software and Open Source project leaders and committers on various topics, and to promote the development and the benefits of Free Software and Open Source solutions.

At previous FOSDEM events, Ada-Belgium² has organized some very well attended Ada Developer Rooms, offering a full-day program in 2006³ and a two-day program earlier this year⁴.

Each year the number of applications for DevRooms outnumbers the available space, presenting the organizers with a difficult selection⁵. For 2010, the conditions specify “a preference for requests with a general topic, e.g. from projects with similar goals/domains” and “be involved in Free or Open Source Software (the projects produce and release software under an open source license or otherwise contribute to open source activities and communities)”. Many Ada-related topics and projects fit those conditions very well, so we are considering to submit a proposal for FOSDEM 2010, and thus need to show that this would attract sufficient interest.

To increase our chances to be allocated a DevRoom, we'd like to have a proposal with the full schedule of all presentations ready by the deadline for DevRoom requests.

Therefore, Ada-Belgium calls on you to:

- Inform us at ada-belgium-board@cs.kuleuven.be about specific presentations you would like to hear in an Ada DevRoom.
- For bonus points, subscribe to the Ada-FOSDEM mailing list⁶ to discuss and help organize the details.
- For more bonus points, be a speaker: the Ada-FOSDEM mailing list is the place to be!

We look forward to lots of feedback! Please act ASAP and definitely before November 9.

The FOSDEM Team of Ada-Belgium

1<http://www.fosdem.org>

2<http://www.cs.kuleuven.be/~dirk/ada-belgium>

3<http://www.cs.kuleuven.be/~dirk/ada-belgium/events/06/060226-fosdem.html>

4<http://www.cs.kuleuven.be/~dirk/ada-belgium/events/09/090207-fosdem.html>

5<http://www.fosdem.org/2010/call-developer-rooms>

6<http://listserv.cc.kuleuven.be/archives/adafosdem.html>