



CLOUD NATIVE DAYS ITALY 2026

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

Cloud Native Days

Italy 2026 brought the community together for **two full days** of cloud native innovation, collaboration, and inspiration.

We're proud to have built on the momentum of past editions: expanding the conversation, the topics, and the connections that make our ecosystem thrive.



TWO DAYS.

18-19 MAY 2026

ONE COMMUNITY.

WHO WE ARE

CND ITALY



Non-profit, volunteer-run event organized by the Italian Cloud Native & Kubernetes Community



A **safe, vendor-neutral** space where practitioners share real stories, hard lessons, and practical knowledge, from professionals and newcomers alike



Dedicated to the **ever-growing Italian community** that believes in open source and Cloud Native innovation



Strongly **connected to the CNCF ecosystem**, with CNCF Ambassadors and active contributors to CNCF, LF, and European cloud-native communities

WHY WE DO IT

I've been part of the organizing team for Cloud Native Days Italy for 5 years now, and every time I realize how this event keeps **getting bigger, more structured,** and **more vital** for all of us.



MICHEL MURABITO

*Tech Evangelist +
CNCf Ambassador +
Cloud Native Days Core
Organizer*

*Product Marketing Manager
+ CNCf Ambassador +
Cloud Native Days
Core Organizer*



SARA TRAPPETTI

At Cloud Native Days Italy every year, I'm reminded that in Italy and across Europe, we have **incredible minds and hearts**, and Cloud Native Days events are the places where these people come together to talk and innovate.

There's something special about the CND atmosphere: **constant conversations, shared experiences, lessons learned, challenges discussed openly**, and people genuinely excited to build, learn, and grow together. It never really feels like "networking". It feels like **community**.



ANDREA GIARDINI

*Cloud Native Consultant +
CNCf Ambassador +
Cloud Native Days CFP
committee*



SUMMARY

ALL THE DATA

285 +27%
ATTENDEES

117
COMPANIES REPRESENTED

228 +68%
CFP SUBMISSIONS

60%
FIRST-TIMERS

15 +36%
SPONSORS

49 +44%
SPEAKERS

18
COUNTRIES

29 +100%
COMMUNITIES

18 +80%
ORGANIZERS

7000€



Value of **2026 Discounts** shared

with Community members, Education and other Organizations

SOCIAL REACH

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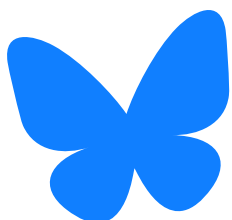
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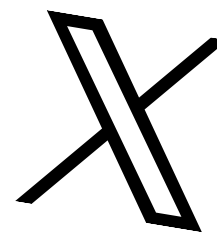
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IMPRESSION



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Everyone is welcome at Cloud Native Days, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status.

ATTENDEES

14%
SHE/HER

77%
HE/HIM

0,3%
THEY/THEM

SPEAKERS

18%
SHE/HER

65%
HE/HIM

0%
THEY/THEM

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SESSIONS

OVERALL SATISFACTION SCORE: 4.70

Highest scored
talks by attendees



1st 

Scraping logs on legacy microservices: an adventure in the land of YAML descriptors



Giorgia Rondinini

Platform Engineer at Imola Informatica

2nd 

The hidden cognitive cost of cloud-native sprawl: making (and surviving) hundreds of choices a day



Vladi Stevanovic

Director of Community at Multiplayer

3rd 

Beyond tool sprawl: accelerating operations in the multi-cloud world



Eleni Grosdouli

DevOps Consulting Engineer at Cisco Solutions GmbH

4th 

Open source at CERN



Giacomo Tenaglia

Chair Open Source Program Office at CERN

SPEAKERS

OVERALL SATISFACTION SCORE: 4.71



*Highest scored speakers
by attendees*

O11Y

From cloud native to
agentic applications:
workflows &
observability



**Mauricio
Salatino**

OSS Ecosystem Engineer at
Dash0

OSS

Freelens: un progetto
open source italiano,
aperto, meritocratico e
costruito dai suoi
utilizzatori



**Roberto
Bandini**

Freelens founder at
Freelensapp

OSS

What image-based
systems taught us about
Linux distributions:
lessons from Kairos and
why we built Hadron



**Mauro
Morales**

Staff Engineer at Spectro
Cloud

K8S

Federated Identity su
Kubernetes per
l'accesso ai servizi
cloud senza credenziali

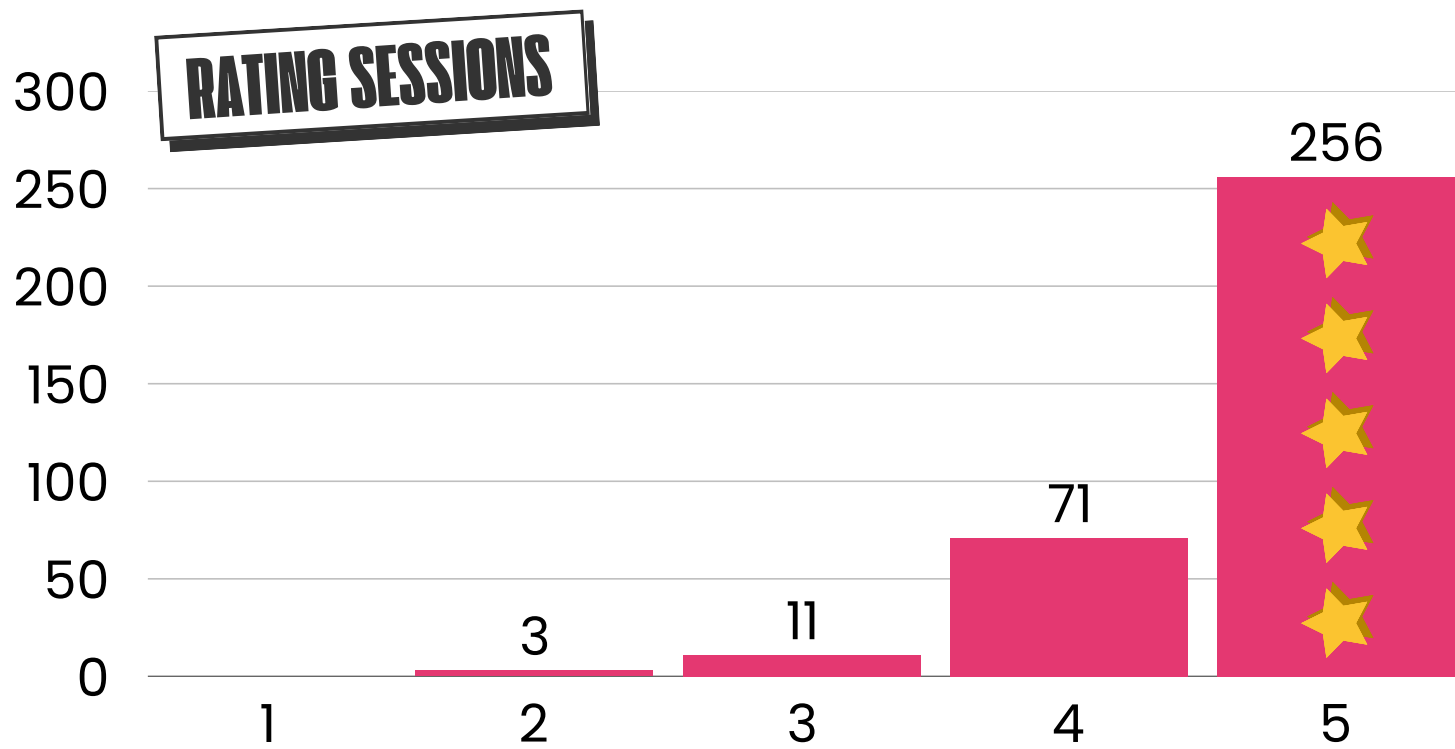


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Soave**

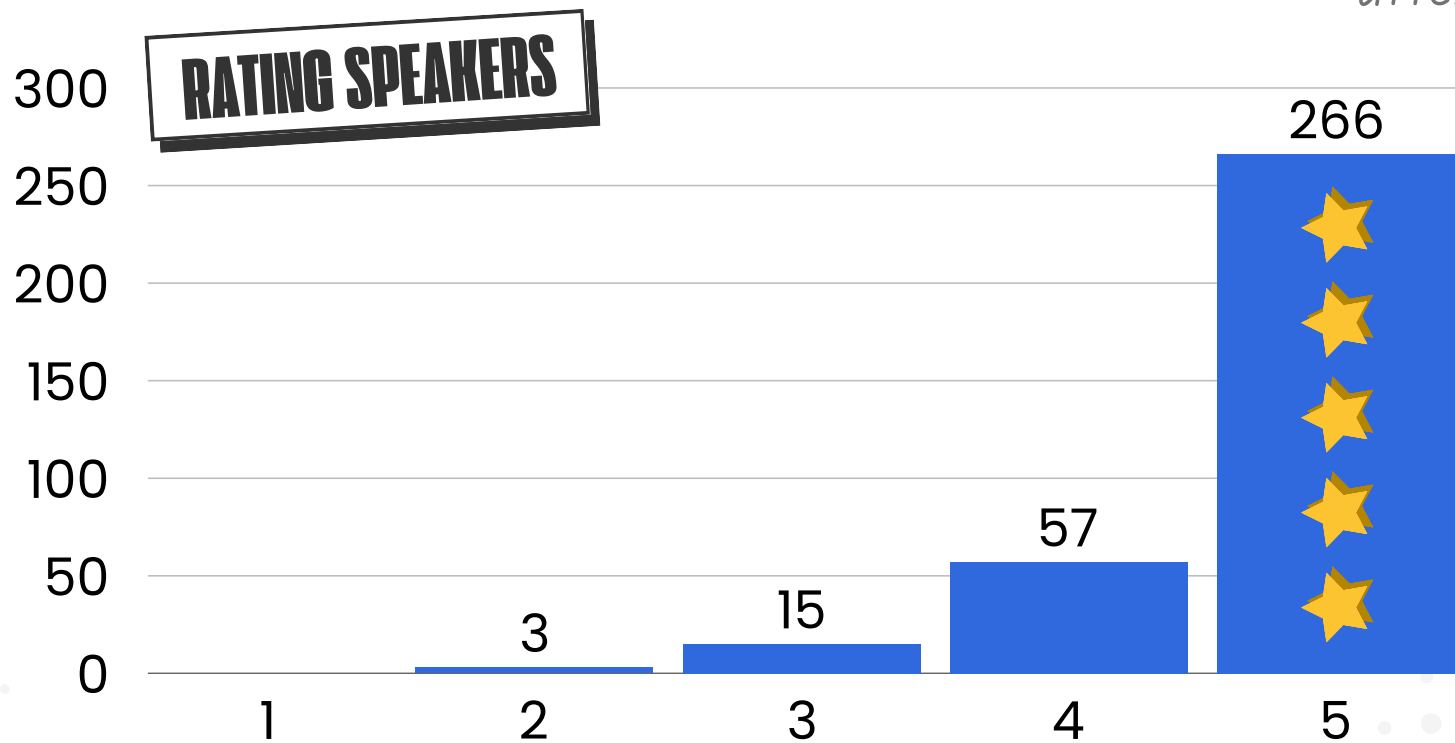
Head of Infrastructure /
Senior SRE at Onetag

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IN PERSPECTIVE...

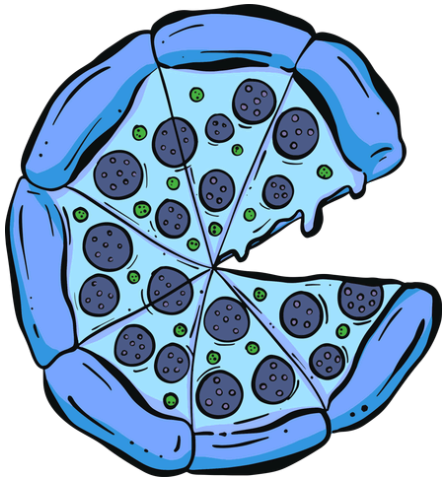


Happy attendees 😊



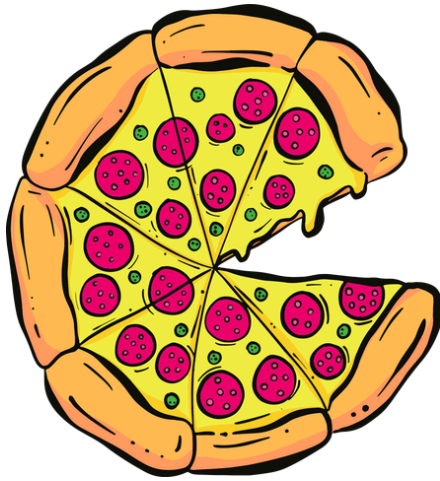
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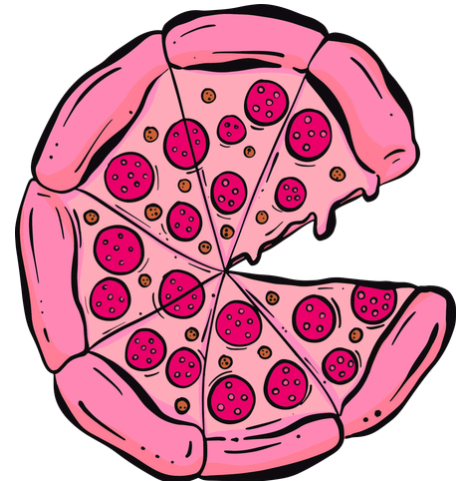
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SPEAKERS



60

PARTICIPANTS



4

WORKSHOPS

OVERALL SATISFACTION SCORE: 4.75



HIGHLIGHTS

QUOTES

Mauro Morales · 1st
Software Developer | Speaker | Open-Source Enthusiast
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After some deserved sleep 😊 It's my turn to celebrate **Cloud-Native Days Italy**

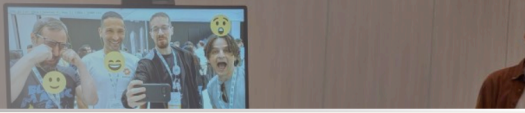
...that a wonderful event, thanks **Michel Murabito** 🙌 **Sara Trappetti** **Andrea**
Mini Graziano Casto and the rest of the organizers.

some great conversations

...the audience, I'm quite humbled by the high scores you gave 📈

...this was the first time the **Kairos** maintainers were all in the same location, and
...ve managed to have some great conversations about the project and lots of
...fun! **Ettore Di Giacinto** **Dimitris Karakasilis** **Itxaka Serrano** **William Rizzo**

And as always this wouldn't have been possible without the support
from **Spectro Cloud** and our colleagues **Anthony Hodson** and **Sergio Lozano**



Luca Vassallo · 1st
Technical Leader @ EssilorLuxottica

It was a real pleasure to participate as a speaker at Cloud Native Days Italy. A sincere thank you to my company and my manager **Paolo Zilioli** for giving me this opportunity, and to **Akamas** — especially **Graziano Casto**, **Cristian S. B. Fompowou**, **Stefano Doni**, **Mauro Pessina**, and **Davide Giuseppe Siciliano** — for

It was a real pleasure to participate

...outstanding work they do every year to make this event possible and to foster such a strong and growing community.

It was also great to attend several insightful and inspiring sessions:
- **Artem Lajko** and **Gianluca Mardente** explored the challenges of GitOps at scale, highlighting how traditional hub-and-spoke architectures can introduce significant security risks — especially due to centralized credentials and increased blast radius — and how agent-based, pull-driven models can provide a more secure and scalable approach.
- **Mauricio (Salaboy) Salatino** demonstrated the evolution from cloud-native to agentic applications, discussing emerging architectural patterns and the challenges of observability, as well as how tools like Dapr Workflows and OpenTelemetry help in building resilient and scalable distributed systems.
- **Jacopo Bufalino** addressed the complexity of SBOMs, explaining why current tools often produce inconsistent results when analyzing complex container images and why improving transparency and standardization is key for a secure and compliant software supply chain.

Pietro Libro, PhD · 2nd
Solution Architect @ Swisscom | CTO @ MGME Neurotech | PhD in Bioinf...
1w · 🌐

On May 19th I had the pleasure of attending **Cloud-Native Days Italy 2026** in Bologna: an intense, energizing day! The event ran over two days, but I could only make it for the first day. **great talks, great people,**

The day kicked off with the keynote "Open Source at CERN" by **Giacomo Tenaglia** a fascinating look at how one of the world's most complex scientific environments embraces open source. Then came "Agentic AI in Platforms" by **William Rizzo**... because yes, AI is absolutely everywhere these days 🤖

Before diving into the others sessions, for the first time in person, me and **Artem Lajko** held a book signing of our book "Implementing GitOps with Kubernetes" (<https://lnkd.in/ePNKzg3X>): 25 copies gone in minutes, lots of great questions, and a really warm crowd. Super!

Right after, **Artem Lajko** and **Gianluca Mardente** delivered a sharp talk on "GitOps at Scale", very relevant for anyone operating complex multi-cluster environments. I also really enjoyed **Chiara Corrado**'s session on the open source philosophy adopted by Aruba Cloud, and wrapped up my day with **Mauro Morales**' thought-provoking "What Should a Cloud-Native OS Look Like?" and a deep dive into East-West mTLS without sidecars, using zTunnel on Cilium 1.19.

Partecipare a eventi come il **Cloud-Native Days Italy** di Bologna non è solo "formazione", è investimento reale nelle competenze, nella visione e nella qualità del lavoro tecnico.

In pochi giorni si ha accesso a contenuti di altissimo livello, confronto diretto con professionisti del settore e una panoramica concreta su strumenti, pratiche e trend che difficilmente emergono con la sola operatività quotidiana. È uno di quei contesti in cui torni a casa con idee applicabili da subito.

investimento reale nelle competenze,

Quest'anno ho avuto il piacere di partecipare da "privato". Una scelta che rifarei senza esitazioni. Perché al di là del contesto lavorativo, restare aggiornati è una responsabilità personale, oltre che professionale.

Eventi così non sono un benefit.

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Chiara Corrado · 2nd
Senior Software Engineer @ Aruba Software | Advocate for Gen...

I wanted to thank your whole staff **Cloud-Native Days Italy** for the opportunity and support throughout this experience.

conference was truly wonderful.

...the space between sessions, and the opportunity to network in a natural way. You did an incredible amount of work, and you should really be proud of it.

I also want to thank **ArubaCloud** for their support in believing in me and giving me the opportunity to...

See you next time 🙌
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Thank you to **Cloud-Native Days Italy** for making this happen 🙌 Great people, great conversations, great community. Proud to have been part of it.

See you at the next edit **great community.**

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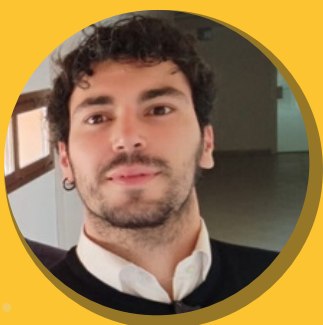


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20 MAY 2027!**



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