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### Key dates:

2026-Jan-23: Paper submission deadline

2026-Mar-30: Paper acceptance notification

2026-Apr-10: Final papers deadline

The 2026 EuCNC & 6G Summit builds on two successful conferences in the area of telecommunications: EuCNC, in its 35<sup>th</sup> edition, supported by the European Commission, and the 6G Summit, in its 8<sup>th</sup> edition, originated from the 6G Flagship programme in Finland, one of the very first in its area. The conference is sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc), the European Association for Signal Processing (EURASIP) and the European Association on Antennas and Propagation (EurAAP), and is supported by the European Commission. The conference addresses various aspects of Beyond 5G/6G communication systems and networks. It brings together cutting-edge research and world-renown industries and businesses, attracting in the last years close to 1000 delegates from more than 40 countries to present and discuss the latest results, and more than 70 exhibitors to demonstrate the technology developed in the area, with focus on research projects from EU R&I programmes.

#### PHY - Physical Layer and Fundamentals

Beyond 5G & 6G and THz communications  
 Reconfigurable radios and new radio heads  
 Massive, Ultra-Massive, extreme, and fluid MIMO  
 Cell-free and distributed massive MIMO  
 Propagation & channels at cm, mm Waves & THz  
 New air interfaces, waveforms, modulation & coding techniques  
 Next generation multiple access (SDMA, NOMA, RSMA)  
 Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces  
 Integrated sensing and communication

#### WOS – Wireless, Optical and Satellite Networks

Beyond 5G & 6G access, metro and core networks  
 Spectrum management and reutilisation  
 Advances in M2M, WSN, IoT networks  
 Novel architectures and protocols for passive optical networks  
 Control planes for access/metro/wireless (converged) networks  
 Optical wireless communications  
 3D RAN and non-Terrestrial Networking  
 3D Networks management and orchestration  
 Integrated Communication and Sensing in NTN  
 NTN positioning and GNSS free communications  
 VLEO satellite systems and networks  
 Communications for unmanned platforms (UxV)  
 TSN for industrial communications  
 Green wireless/optical/satellite networks  
 Integrated Sensing and Communications (ISAC)  
 Optical performance monitoring  
 Radio over fibre  
 RAN and End-to-end Slicing & QoS  
 Distributed LLM training/inference support by 6G  
 Multiband networking

#### NET – Network Softwareisation

Full-stack automation and orchestration  
 Programmable networking  
 Network and Connectivity as a Service  
 Network digital twin  
 Cloud-Native RAN, OAMs and Edge Computing  
 CI/CD/DevOps methodology for RAN  
 Open RAN and Realtime RAN Control  
 Event-driven network programming  
 Dynamic network slice management  
 Sustainability in networking

Zero-touch management of Beyond 5G/6G services  
 Cloud and Edge networking and infrastructure  
 Open-source virtualized service platforms  
 Blockchain in networking

Monitoring and analytics in softwareised networks  
**AIU – Applications, IoT, Use cases**

Environmental sensing in rural and extreme environments  
 IoT architectures and management techniques  
 Critical communications and public safety  
 Digital health and wellbeing  
 Emerging Trends in IoT Applications  
 Augmented and mixed reality  
 Autonomous driving and V2X solutions  
 Factory automation and industrial IoT solutions

#### OPE – Operational & Experimental Insights

Beyond 5G and 6G trials and experiments  
 Open implementations, testbeds and experiments  
 Evaluation and analysis of experimental data  
 Deployment and integration insights from verticals  
 Plug-and-play deployments and experiments  
 Network forensics & network instrumentation

#### AI4C – AI/ML Solutions for Communications

AI/ML in the PHY and MAC Layer  
 AI/ML for wireless/optical/satellite networks  
 Federated learning and distributed ML for communications  
 AI/ML-native communications  
 AI/ML-based resource and network optimization  
 Semantic communications  
 LLMs for wireless networks  
 GANs in networking  
 Network digital twins for AI/ML  
 Edge learning in wireless networks  
 RAN intelligence and data-driven networking  
 Observability and business intelligence in RAN  
 Datasets and frameworks enabling AI/ML in networks

#### SAQ – Security Aspects and Quantum Communications

Information theoretic security  
 Physical layer security  
 Network security and cybersecurity trends  
 Cross-layer and zero-touch security  
 Security threats for AI/ML  
 Post-Quantum security  
 Quantum communications & networks  
 Quantum error correction and mitigation

#### CMP – Components, Microelectronics & Photonics

Antenna & RIS system, design, packaging & integration  
 RF front-end and mm Wave/THz techniques  
 Low power silicon RF, including wake-up  
 Next generations DSP, incl. RISC V & ASIP  
 Edge AI component technologies  
 Optoelectronic integration and fibre/wireless interfaces  
 Digital HW architecture for ultra-high speed & latency PHY  
 New component technologies, including photonics  
 MIMO, OTA and 6G antenna testing  
 Circuits, techniques and architectures for full-duplex  
 Transceivers and architectures for ICAS or full-duplex  
 Hardware design for sustainability and energy-efficiency  
 Modelling and Mitigation of RF Hardware Impairments

#### NVS – Next-generation Visions and Sustainability

Vision, use cases, associated requirements, and emerging technology trends for 6G  
 6G value indicators, performance indicators, interlock metrics  
 6G business studies and/or regulatory perspectives  
 6G ecosystem sustainability including relevant vertical aspect:  
 6G coverage and resilience enhancing mechanisms and aspects