

DeepTech Connect 2026

First Call

The First DeepTech Connect International Conference 2026

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April 24, 2026, 11 - 15h CET time

organised as in person event simultaneously at 8 university locations:

- Dublin City University, Ireland
- University of Kragujevac, Serbia (Faculty of Science)
- University of Tours, France
- Mondragon University, Spain
- University of Ioannina, Greece
- University of East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Faculty of Technology Zvornik and Faculty of Mechanical Engineering)
- Gebze Technical University, Turkey
- University of Bergamo, Italy

and online networking between all participants and visitors.

We are pleased to announce the **First Call** for *The First DeepTech Connect International Conference 2026*, **DEEPTeCH CONNECT 2026**, an international scientific conference dedicated to the presentation of the research capacities of universities, motivating students to pursue PhD studies through direct interaction with research groups and industry, and fostering cross-location networking that leads to new collaborations, innovation, and commercialization of research, including startup creation.

DEEPTeCH CONNECT 2026 is dedicated to the presentation of high-quality project results, emerging research outcomes, and early-stage advances across *DeepTech and Innovation*. The conference aims to provide a focused forum for students, researchers, companies and project consortia to disseminate concise, impactful results from ongoing or recently completed research projects.

Conference participants **WILL NOT HAVE ORAL PRESENTATIONS** of submitted papers; instead, they will present exclusively in a fair-style exhibition format, including physical models, prototypes, posters, computer simulations or live demos.

The conference is open to exhibitors, students, companies, and visitors. It brings together students, researchers, and innovators to turn deep-tech science into real-world impact. From the laboratory to the startup, the event showcases cutting-edge research, PhD pathways, and opportunities for scientific networking. By connecting students with leading research groups and emerging technologies, the conference aims to inspire the next generation of PhD researchers. A **BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS** will be published after the Conference and promoted on international platforms. The official language of the conference is English.

Participation at Conference is FREE, funded by the A-SIDE project this year.

Scope and Topics

We invite submissions addressing, but not limited to, the following topics:

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| – advanced materials and manufacturing | – blockchain | – semiconductors (microchips) |
| – aerospace, including drones | – Web 3.0 | – sustainable green energy and clean technologies |
| – artificial intelligence and machine learning | – electronics | – entrepreneurship and innovation |
| – biotechnology and bioengineering | – photonics | |
| | – quantum computing | |
| | – robotics | |

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Both fundamental and applied research contributions are welcome, including interdisciplinary and cross-sector project outcomes.

Submission Types

The conference welcomes the following submission type:

- **Short Scientific Papers (4 pages in total)**, including research articles, bibliographic studies, short reviews, case studies and other forms of scientific papers
- **Presentation of Projects (up to 4 pages in total)**
- **Company presentations (up to 4 pages in total)**

All submissions must be original and not previously published. All submissions will undergo peer review. Accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings. The official templates are available on the conference website: <https://a-side-project.eu/deeptech-connect-conference-2026/>

Registration for the conference and submission of papers is available at:

<https://forms.gle/rSXQRccZb2AnG3Cn8>

Important Dates

- **Paper submission deadline:** *March 20, 2026*
- **Notification of acceptance:** *April 10, 2026*
- **Conference date:** *April 24, 2026, 11 - 15h CET time*

For updates, please visit Conference website <https://a-side-project.eu/deeptech-connect-conference-2026/>

Sincerely,

Conference Organisers

DEEPTeCH CONNECT 2026

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