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## ConTEL Symposium

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## Call for Papers

The ConTEL Symposium is organized as part of the 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Software, Telecommunications and Computer Networks (*SoftCOM 2026*), which continues the tradition of the Conference on Telecommunications (ConTEL) series, established in 1993 and held biannually in Zagreb, Croatia, and Graz, Austria, from 1997 to 2023. By joining forces, the combined event will offer a more diverse content and a broader exchange of ideas and expertise across related fields.

The ConTEL Symposium aims to reflect on advancements in communication networks and technologies driving the evolution of the connected digital society. Focus areas include new services as well as quality and performance, scalability, mobility, and energy efficiency, which are essential for the next generation of networks. Original research papers are solicited that present theoretical, practical and experimental work related to the topics of interest listed below:

- Optical communication networks (fibre and wireless)
- Broadband mobile RF communications
- Satellite and space communications
- Antennas and wave propagation, incl. NFC and RFID
- Internet of things (IoT), sensor networks and smart spaces
- Next-generation networking applications, services and protocols
- Multimedia communications, eXtended reality (XR) and networked games
- Quality of Experience (QoE) and Quality of Service (QoS) assessment
- Digital inclusion and assistive technology in ICT services
- New educational paradigms in telecommunications

Papers submitted to the ConTEL Symposium must not have been published, submitted, or accepted for publication elsewhere. Submissions should follow the IEEE double-column format for conferences and have a maximum of six (6) pages, including figures and references. All submitted papers will undergo a peer review process coordinated by the Symposium Committee.

Accepted and presented papers will be published in the SoftCOM 2026 conference proceedings and submitted to IEEE *Xplore*<sup>®</sup> and other Abstracting and Indexing (A&I) databases. Authors of selected papers will also be invited to submit extended versions for consideration, with the possibility of publication in the [Journal of Communications Software and Systems \(JCOMSS\)](#) and other journals, subject to further review.

Within the ConTEL Symposium, we are also planning two special events: 1) ConTEL-CEEPUS Session: a session on "Modelling, Simulation and Computer-aided Design focusing on Advanced Communications"; and, 2) ConTEL-CoBCom Colloquium: The Colloquium as a new format of the "International Conference on Broadband Communications for Next Generation Networks and Multimedia Applications".

### IMPORTANT DATES *[Extended deadline]*

Paper submission	<b>June 1 June 23, 2026</b>
Notification of acceptance	July 3 July 13, 2026
Camera-ready paper	July 23, 2026

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