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The 2026 EuCNC & 6G Summit builds on two successful conferences in the area of telecommunications: EuCNC, in its 35th edition, supported by the European Commission, and the 6G Summit, in its 8th 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.

The EuCNC & 6G Summit Ph.D. Thesis Award aims at Graduates that have developed their work in one of the Tracks:

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The EuCNC & 6G Summit Ph.D. Thesis Award is an opportunity for Graduates to show their ideas and work to the conference audience and beyond (i.e., via the conference communication activities, these ideas will be shown to a wider audience). This is an opportunity for Ph.D. Graduates to showcase their work to the technical community worldwide as well as to industry leaders, increasing the visibility of their work and enabling networking around it, as well as fostering job market opportunities and career progression.

Ph.D. Graduates who have successfully defended their thesis in the last 3 academic years (2022 Sep.1<sup>st</sup> – 2025 Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>) should submit their application via a specific template and according to the instructions available on the website. Proposers should provide copies of the thesis and of the diploma.

A Jury, composed of professors and industry representatives, will select the 5 best applications, which will be invited to the conference and pitch in-person to the Jury as well as to conference attendees, in a dedicated session of the conference.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Relevance
- Novelty
- Methodology
- Quality.

The list of candidates and the winner will be announced at the conference website.

Presenters of the 5 best applications will be offered a complimentary R-3-O – *One Day Conference Registration* for the day of the pitch, but they will have to register to the conference if attending it other days.

### **Key dates:**

27 Mar. 2026 – Ph.D. Theses submission deadline

13 Apr. 2026 – Notification of acceptance