



IEEE-PES ISGT EUROPE 2027 Request for Proposals

Dear Colleagues:

The IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) invites interested not-for-profit organizations and utilities in Europe to submit a proposal to serve as Host/Technical Co-Sponsor of the Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Europe (IEEE PES ISGT Europe) in 2027.

The proposal requirements are described in more detail below. Each proposal should contain suggested conference dates in 2027, descriptions of the proposed venue(s), and information about the proposed Host/Technical Co-Sponsor – including descriptions (150-200 word biography with key positions held) of the individuals proposed to serve as key members of the Conference Local Organizing Committee (e.g., General Chair, Co-Chair, Industry Vice Chair, Technical Program Chair, Finance Chair, Publicity Chair, Conference Secretary, Publications Chair, etc.), and agreements regarding specific ISGT Hosting Requirements.

Submission Deadline: 1 April 2026

ABOUT IEEE PES ISGT EUROPE CONFERENCES

History of PES's Sponsorship of Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conferences

In 2010, the IEEE Power & Energy Society launched a new conference called Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT) with a first meeting in January at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Conference Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA. The unqualified success of the first conference and numerous requests for more inspired PES to establish ISGT as a Conference Series, and to broaden the scope of the conference to include annual offerings in the USA, and international installations, including ISGT Conferences in Europe, Latin America, Europe, Australia and the Middle East.

History of ISGT EUROPE Conferences

The First IEEE PES ISGT Europe Conference was hosted by Chalmers University of Technology on October 11-13, 2010, in Gothenburg, Sweden. The conference gathered over 400 participants from 40 different countries. The technical program for ISGT Europe 2010 provided presentations in plenary sessions, papers and panels in four parallel sessions, and technical tours. Nearly 150 papers from 32 countries were presented.

Since the first edition, there have been several successful ISGT-Europe conferences. The Second IEEE PES ISGT Europe Conference and Exhibition took place on December 5-7, 2011, in Manchester, UK. The Conference had more than 500 delegates from over 40 countries, over 200 organizations involved, and 25 exhibitors. The Conference featured over 360 presentations in a full program with 232 papers, 4 tutorials, 28 panels, 18 keynote speakers, and special student and women in engineering sessions. The Third ISGT Europe Conference took place in Berlin, Germany, October 14-17, 2012). The Conference gathered participants from over 50 countries and more than 400 papers were submitted to the conference. The interest and success continued in the subsequent conferences in 2013 (Lyngby, Denmark, October 6-9, 2013, with 450 participants and 254 papers, and 2014 (Istanbul, Turkey, October 12-15, 2014).

After one year (2015) without ISGT-Europe, the 2016 Conference was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, (October 9-12, 2016, with 255 conference registrants (180 paper submissions) and 83 registered participants for the tutorials. The 2017 Conference took place in Torino, Italy (September 26-29, 2017, with 412 attendees, 254 papers and 6 tutorials. The 2018 Conference took place in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (October 21-25, 2018, and the 2019 Conference took place in Bucharest, Romania (September 29-October 2, 2019). The 2020 Conference was scheduled to be in Delft, The Netherlands (October 26-28, 2020 but was changed to a fully virtual platform because of the pandemics. The 2021 Conference was scheduled to be in Espoo, Finland (October 18-21, 2021, but was also moved to a virtual format. The 2022 Conference was held in-person in Novi Sad, Serbia (October 10-12, 2022, with 331 attendees, and the 2023 Conference was hosted in Grenoble, France (October 23-26, 2023, 2024 was organized by the University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Croatia, on October 14th-17th, 2024 and in 2025 it was hosted by The Foundation for Innovation and Research – Malta (FiR.mt) together with the IEEE Section Malta, on October 20th-23rd, 2025. The organization was also supported by The University of Malta, The Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST), The Government of Malta, Visit Malta and the Malta Group of Professional Engineering Institutions



(MGPEI). The conference was held in The Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valletta, Malta and the theme was “Harnessing Innovation: Powering a Sustainable and Resilient Future”. There were 866 attendees. The 2026 edition will be in Budapest, Hungary from October 19-22, 2026. <https://ieee-isgt-europe.org/> Websites for previous editions can be found there as well.

ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL/REQUIREMENTS

All IEEE PES ISGT conferences aim at attracting IEEE and IEEE PES members as well as non-members (which we view as potential new PES members) who have an interest in Smart Grids. However, with ISGT, Conference Organizers should focus on attracting practicing engineers from manufacturers, utilities and R&D organizations who are involved in designing, building and demonstrating the envisioned Smart Grids.

The following are the minimum requirements that must be met by all proposals:

1. Proposed Host/Technical Co-Sponsor (Hosting Entity)

Name and describe the IEEE-related or non-IEEE-affiliated not-for-profit organization or utility that will host the subject conference in the role of the official Host/Technical Co-Sponsor.

If the proposer is not affiliated with IEEE, please provide:

- Evidence of not-for-profit status or utility
- Description of previous experiences, such as similarly situated conferences (if any)
- Plans (if any) to partner with or establish a local PES Chapter

If the proposer is an IEEE or IEEE PES affiliate group (e.g., Chapter), please provide the following additional information:

- A listing of IEEE-affiliated meetings which the Chapter has previously hosted (if any)
- Status and activity of the group
- Evidence of demonstrated interest in PES Conferences

2. Listing of Members of Proposed Conference Leadership Team

Name and short biographical information (with key achievements and positions held) of those who will be part of the conference leadership effort on behalf of the sponsoring entity. Be sure to include all IEEE/IEEE PES affiliations. The main positions include:

- Conference Chair
- Conference Co-Chair – optional
- Industry Vice-Chair
- Conference Finance Chair
- Conference Secretary
- Technical Program Chair
- Publications Chair

3. Proposed Host Location (Country, City)

Name and describe the proposed city, state --- as applicable, and country, including key features and attractions, weather prediction at time of conference, etc.

4. Proposed Dates for the Conference.

Please provide the proposed opening and closing dates of the conference. It is suggested that



ISGT Europe takes place after August 2027.

The following PES Financially Sponsored Conferences are currently scheduled during the proposed period in 2027: (As of now, no other conferences have firmed up their dates)

5. Proposed Venue Description

In addition to the name and description of the proposed site of the conference including the following items, please reference your experience with virtual platforms, virtual conferences, and hybrid conferences.

- Detailed description of the proposed location, including capacity, number of meeting rooms, prices, and availability (including estimates/documentation from venues).
- Description of how venue and site city will meet pre-determined conference needs in specific categories (e.g., large spaces for plenary sessions, receptions, meeting rooms, hotel rooms, food & beverage needs, move-in and move-out requirements, registration requirements).
- Description of accessibility (from a global perspective) and a sample of transportation costs.
- Description of plans for companion and other non-core activities, such as technical tours and tutorials.
- Description of plans designed to enhance local community support for the conference, including planned initiatives/partnerships with local community entities (e.g., Chamber of Commerce, Tourism bureaus, etc.).

6. Listing of Corporate and Other Patrons/Supporters (e.g., local/regional utilities and/or corporations)

- Include any promised patron/supporters
- Include likely patron/supporters who will be solicited for support

7. Utility Industry Recommendations – to increase Utility participation

- LOC appoints a local Industry Vice-chair.
 - This vice-chair coordinates with the PES Governing Board (VP New Initiative & Outreach and Member at Large-Industry Outreach) to target increased utility participation.
 - The Industry Vice-Chair should be from utilities and industry. The Industry Vice-chair should work closely with the technical Program Chair to ensure that the Program incorporates tracks that focus on industry and utilities.
 - The Keynote speakers should be from utilities and industry. One keynote plenary panel session (to full audience) with utility & industry technology experts.
- Opening session should include a 10 minute 'PES Overview' slide presentation to highlight PES membership and benefits.
 - A PES Governing Board Representative (TBD) will present this.
- Target 3 plenary panel sessions (to full audience) to open each day:
 - Technology Leaders – Recent Smart Grid Advances.
 - Utility Executives – Smart Grid challenges, success stories, best practices.
 - Regulatory & Policy – Regional government perspectives.
- Invite local utility executives to keynote – this encourages local utility members to attend.
- Confirm high-profile utility & regulatory speakers well in advance.



- Post pictures and bios on the ISGT website to aggressively market the conference to utility members; this will also bring in the vendors and potential sponsorships.
- The Conference Organizers are encouraged to include 3 tracks – including one track for paper presentations, two for panel sessions targeting practical applications and experiences of individuals/organizations actively working in the Smart Grid space. The program can include exhibits involving manufacturers, utilities, and developers of Smart Grid.
- Offer 4-hour tutorials on practical Smart Grid topics (no equations, if possible).
 - Consider offering for free – bundled in with the registration fee; this will attract utility members & students from the region.
- If a PES Ex-Com meeting is being held in conjunction with the conference.
 - Consider a PES Leadership plenary panel session with Ex-Com speakers
 - Consider inviting Ex-Com members for technical panel sessions
- An ISGT program can include some IEEE student activities, Young Professionals activities, and Women in Power and Engineering activities, all of which would be actively supported by PES.
- Conference Organizers are encouraged to arrange technical tours to facilities of the local industry that are of significance in the context of the event.

8. Statement of Work with PES Technical Program Committee

The Host/Technical Co-Sponsor will be directly and substantially involved in developing the ISGT EUROPE technical program.

A statement should be included indicating the willingness of the Hosts to work with the PES ISGT Technical Program Steering Committee to develop the conference technical program.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will appoint a Conference Technical Program Chair who will work closely with the PES ISGT Technical Program Steering Committee to help integrate local Smart Grid strengths and areas of interest.

IEEE PES actively promotes diversity in its conferences. As such, organizers are requested to ensure diversity throughout the conference (e.g., in committees, panels, keynotes, etc.).

9. Other Statements related to ISGT Europe Requirements

A statement in writing of the willingness of the Host/Technical Co-Sponsor to agree to the following if the proposal submitted is accepted:

- i. To Ensure PES Involvement. To ensure regional and other PES member involvement in planning and supporting the conference.*
- ii. To Ensure Value to All Members, Including Practitioners.*

Many PES meetings have adopted program plans based on research paper submissions. However, PES is currently trying to ensure conferences have clear value to all members, not just members conducting active research. In this regard, ISGT Europe should be planned to incorporate tracks (activities during each block of the day) that focus on different types of members.

For example, there can be papers presentations that can focus on practice as well as different



presentation sessions that focus on research (both should be included in the Call for Papers). ISGT Europe should be an opportunity for “Practicing Engineers” and “Researchers” to come together in some joint sessions, but also targeted sessions based on their typical interests.

iii. To Agree that IEEE owns IP.

The Host should agree and acknowledge that IEEE is the Owner of all Intellectual Property of the Conference.

iv. To Involve Local Chapter(s).

It is also strongly encouraged that all proposals include information showing support from the local IEEE PES Chapter or IEEE Section. PES prefers to have local IEEE-PES Chapters heavily involved in the organization of PES conferences.

v. To Develop and Provide a Pre-Conference Budget.

It is expected that prior to the final approval of the Host/Technical Co-Sponsorship, a preliminary budget (in US dollars) will be presented and approved by PES.

vi. To Agree to Comply with IEEE and PES Policies and Requirements.

The Host should agree to follow IEEE/PES Policies and Requirements related to IEEE conference organization including:

- That the conference should be planned and conducted according to IEEE Policies Section 10-Meetings, Conferences, Symposia and Expositions; [found here](#)
- All panel session and keynote presentations must be formatted and presented to the IEEE PES Executive Office Resource Center in compliance with PES Policies and Rules as articulated on the PES Website. A signed copyright form is to be provided to IEEE as soon as the conference concludes, but no later than 15 days after, for possible posting on the PES website. <https://ieee-pes.org/publications/authors-kit/guidelines-for-preparing-visuals-for-pes-presentations/>
- That all policies related to conference publications be followed, including those related to Copyright Transfer, Plagiarism, and No Show (i.e., at least one author must attend the conference and present the paper for a paper to qualify for Xplore inclusion).
- That the conference website will be composed and maintained in compliance with PES Policies and Rules.
 - IEEE or PES will host all conference-related websites on an IEEE or PES provided server
 - Domain names will be purchased and managed by IEEE or PES.
- That any conference-related videos will adhere to PES Guidelines, <https://ieee-pes.org/publications/authors-kit/conference-organizer-and-reviewer-guidelines/>

That all contracts will be provided to IEEE Business Services, and that all contracts with a value greater than \$25,000 USD will be sent to IEEE Strategic Sourcing for review and execution.

- That the conference will provide real time access to the registration system to the PES Office. That the conference will comply with PES requirements that copies of the Registration Listings be provided to IEEE PES no later than 30 days after the closure of the conference via a means and using a format which will be delineated by the PES Executive Office.
- That all Conference Publications will be provided in Xplore-compliant format to IEEE for upload to Xplore no later than 30 days after the conference closes.



- That the official language of the conference for presentations and printed material will be English.
- That the conference itself will be closed compliant within 6 months of the conference end date.

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL EVALUATION/SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated based on the above-described components. The ISGT Europe Steering Committee reserves the right to request additional and clarifying information from individuals who submit proposals. The IEEE PES ISGT Europe Steering Committee (list of members below) will make a site selection recommendation to the IEEE PES President and IEEE PES VP-Meetings.

IEEE PES ISGT Europe Steering Committee

- Gianfranco Chicco, ISGT Europe Steering Committee Chair, and 2017 Conference Chair
- Dirk Van Hertem, Past ISGT Europe Steering Committee Chair
- Lina Bertling Tjernberg, ISGT Europe 2010 Chair
- Kai Strunz, ISGT Europe 2012 Chair
- Bertrand Raison, ISGT Europe 2023 Chair
- Igor Kuzle, ISGT Europe 2024 Chair
- Brian Azzopardi, ISGT Europe 2025 Chair
- István Vokony, ISGT Europe 2026 Chair
- Katerina Papanikolaou, Region 8 Chapter Representative
- Babu Chalamali, IEEE PES VP of Meetings

ABOUT THE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please submit proposals with appropriate supporting documentation by **1 April 2026** to Kathy Heilman (Kathy.heilman@ieee.org) of the PES Office Staff, cc Gianfranco Chicco (gianfranco.chicco@polito.it).

In order to ensure that your submission is received, please resend it if you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt via email from Kathy Heilman within two (2) business days.

The final Host/Technical Co-Sponsor selection is to be approved by PES. A meeting to assess and determine the final selection is expected to be held in April 2026, and the successful bidder will be notified soon afterward.

We welcome any questions or comments! Please contact:

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