PerCom 2026 – Call for Workshop Proposals

IEEE PerCom is the premier annual scholarly venue in pervasive computing and communications. Pervasive computing has been and is still a very active research area, finding its way into many commercial and consumer systems and applications due to tremendous advances in a broad spectrum of technologies and topics such as wireless networking, mobile, and distributed computing, sensor and actuator systems, ambient intelligence, and smart mobile and embedded devices. Due to the pervasiveness of such systems, users become central in the development and realization of innovative pervasive systems. Advances in all these fields have led to innovative platforms, protocols, systems, and applications but still, a lot can be done to improve their quality, sustainability, and acceptance and new solutions can be further proposed.

In 2026, PerCom will be held in Pisa, Italy, as an entirely in-person event.

The PerCom 2026 Organizing Committee invites proposals for workshops to be held prior to or immediately after the main conference. The purpose of the workshops is to stimulate discussions on state-of-the-art, emerging, visionary, and also controversial topics. Workshops should be organized to promote lively interaction and discussion and a plan to achieve this must be clearly explained in the written workshop proposals.

The organizers of accepted workshops are required to publicize the workshop by disseminating the call for papers, soliciting submissions, conducting the reviewing process, and deciding upon the final workshop program. At least **two organizers** should plan to be physically present at the workshop to ensure highly interactive participation and discussions.

Workshop proposals are solicited in all areas and topics pertaining to research and applications in pervasive computing and communications. Workshops addressing new emerging research directions in pervasive computing and communication are especially welcome. Further, workshops with novel formats, e.g., focused on a specific topic in a tutorial-style fashion, are strongly encouraged. Workshop papers will be included and indexed in the IEEE digital library (Xplore). The page limit for accepted regular workshop papers is 6 pages, including all figures, tables, and references. Each paper should be presented in person at the workshop.

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Workshop Proposal Submission Instructions

Workshop proposals should be submitted (in PDF format) no later than **June 9, 2025,** by e-mail to percom2026workshops@fbk.eu

Each workshop proposal must include:

1. The workshop title and acronym.

2. The name, address, and a short bio of up to 200 words for each of the workshop organizers; workshops may have up to three organizers. It is strongly recommended that organizers belong to at least two different institutions considering also geographical distribution.

3. A brief description (up to 2 pages) of:

- the technical issues that the workshop will address,
- the reasons the workshop is of interest to the PerCom community,
- a description of the communities/groups the workshop aims to attract,
- a short discussion of related workshops and conferences and an outline of why the proposed workshop is unique (especially with respect to the previous year PerCom workshops).

4. The planned format of the workshop (e.g., keynotes, paper presentations, posters, demos, panel). You must also provide a well-defined strategy to facilitate lively and interactive discussions. In your plan, please also consider how you could support an engaging workshop.

5. A description of past editions of the workshop (if the workshop had already been held before), including the number of submitted and accepted papers and number of attendees. Please also address any differences between the proposed edition of the workshop and the previous edition(s). OR, if the workshop is new, an estimate of the expected number of submitted and accepted papers, and of the expected number of attendees.

6. A description of the publicity plan.

7. The names of potential program committee members and the organizing committee. Clarify whether the PC committee members are already committed or are going to be committed to sending submissions.

8. The workshop website address.

We are dedicated to support gender equality, hence we would like you to strive for a gender balance in the TPC and invited speakers, providing also a good geographical distribution, and to take into account possible impact of gender diversity/neutrality on the specific research area.

Tentative dates for workshop paper submission and notification (*not* to be confused with the earlier dates for submitting workshop proposals!):

- Paper submission deadline: November 17th, 2025
- Paper notification: January 5th, 2026
- Camera Ready Deadline: February 2nd, 2026

Important Dates

- Workshop proposal submission deadline: **June 9, 2025**
- Notification: **June 16, 2025**