

R8 Life Members Committee

Magdalena Salazar Palma, Chair

Composition of the 2025 Committee

Chair, Magdalena Salazar Palma, Life Fellow, Spain Section

Members (all corresponding):

- Péter Magyar, Germany Section, Past Chair
- Bernadette Bouchon Meunier, France Section, Chair of the France Section LMAG
- Luc J. Claesen, Benelux Section, Chair of the Benelux Section LMAG
- Margaretha Eriksson, Sweden Section, Chair of the Sweden Section LMAG, R8 Past Director (2017-2018)
- Irina Naidonova, Lithuania Section, Chair of the Joint Baltic LMAG
- Michael Omoigui Osaretin, Nigeria Section, Chair of the Africa Council LMAG
- Grigoris Papagiannis, Greece Section, Chair of the Greece Section LMAG
- Antonio Savini, Italy Section, Chair of the Italy Section LM AG

The R8 LMC met for the first time on April 1, 2025, with the attendance of 7 members out of 9.

Status of R8 LM and LMAGs:

R8 LM: 3416 (this number includes Life members, Life Senior members, Life Fellow members) out of a total of 8951 LMs all over IEEE (38.16%).

R8 LMAGs: 33 (including 3 multisections)

Individual Section LMAGs			Baltic LMAG	Gulf LMAG	Africa Council LMAG
Austria: 44	Hungary: 28	Romania: 44	Estonia: 4	Bahrain: 3	10 Sections (except Egypt): 45
Benelux: 255	Iran: 11	Russia (North West): 12	Latvia: 5	Oman	7 Subsections: 2
Bulgaria: 8	Israel: 167	Russia: 16	Lithuania: 3	Qatar: 4	
Croatia: 21	Italy: 274	Serbia & Montenegro: 22			
Cyprus: 8	Jordan: 6	Slovenia: 18			
Czechoslovakia: 28	Lebanon: 8	Spain: 151			
Egypt: 49	North Macedonia: 9	Sweden: 145			
France: 180	Norway: 61	Switzerland: 300			
Germany: 432	Poland: 64	Turkiye: 33			
Greece: 74	Portugal: 63	UK & Ireland: 606			

There are two Sections with potential to start a LMAG: Denmark (49 LMs), Finland (61 LMs).

Besides 5 LMs in countries outside R8 Sections, there are 9 more Sections with no LMAG because there are very few (or none) LMs or for other reasons: Bosnia Herzegovina: 3 LMs; Iceland: 6 LMs, Malta: 4 LMs, Russia (Siberia): 1 LM, Ukraine (17 LMs), Saudi Arabia (8 LMs), Western Saudi Arabia (5 LMs), Belarus, Iraq.

Goals for 2025

- Help to form the LMAGs of Denmark and Finland, with the help of the Sweden and Norway LMAGs Chairs. Once these LMAGS are formed nearly 99% of all R8 LMs will be associated to a R8 LMAG.
- Monitor the vitality of the Africa Council LMAG, the Baltic LMAG and the Gulf LMAG, because of the reduced numbers of members and the dispersion in the relatively large geographic area they cover.
- There are several initiatives for 2025:
 - Run events focusing in Monitoring in conjunction with the IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting, the hosting Section, the local LMAG, other local AGs (YP, WIE) and students from the local Universities, and with Technical Societies.
 - Started as a pilot event in Budapest, Hungary, April 4, 2025, with Hungary Section, Obuda University and the Industry Applications Society. Feedback is expected.
 - Next mentoring event will be with SPS
 - Similar events will be proposed in conjunction with other R8 Conferences and events.
 - Organize a meeting of R8 LMAGs Chairs in conjunction with HISTELCON, in Bonn, Germany, 30 September-2 October 2025. The scope is to bring as many Chairs as possible (16?) and provide training on how to run the LMAG including the organization of activities.

Progress against goals since last report

By 31 December 2024, 32 LMAGs were formed thanks to the efforts of the R8 LMC Past Chair and the 2023-2024 R8 LMC. Thanks are due to them

Respectfully submitted, **Magdalena Salazar Palma, Chair**