

Unapproved Minutes of the 124th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting Saturday – Sunday, 5-6 April 2025 InterContinental Hotel, Budapest, Hungary

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Meeting Agenda

Day 1: Saturday, 5 April 2025, 9:00-17:00h CEST

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to order and welcome (Hinchey) 2. Housekeeping (Karadzinov) 3. Roll call (Karadzinov) 4. Approval of the agenda (Hinchey) 5. Approval of the consent agenda (Hinchey) 6. IEEE President address (Kramer) 7. IEEE Vice President for Member and Geographic Activities (Luque) 8. IEEE Vice President for Technical Activities (Novak) 9. IEEE-USA President (Lee) 10. IEEE Region 4 Director address (Kelly) 11. IEEE Region 6 Director address (Wei) 12. IEEE Region 9 Director address (Castillo) 13. IEEE Division VIII Director address (Metra) 14. Coffee Break 10:30-11:00 15. IEEE Foundation: Opportunities for Actions (Delimar) 16. Director's report (Hinchey) 17. Director-Elect's report (Boskovic) 18. Treasurer report & motions (Jastrzebski) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. R8 Section vitality and development (Romanovs) 20. R8 Publications and communications (Wainwright) 21. Recognitions (Piuri) 22. Group photo (Karadzinov) 23. Lunch 13:00-14:00 24. Vice Chair Technical Activities report & motions (Tambosso) 25. Coffee Break 15:30-16:00 26. IEEE CS President (Washizaki) 27. IEEE HKN (Ostin) 28. IEEE EAB pre-university activities (Dragoumanos) 29. IEEE Rising Stars (Tamashiro) 30. Strategic planning for Technical Activities (Tambosso) 31. Strategic planning for Members Activities (Kammoun) 32. Strategic planning for Students Activities (Chatzinikolaou) 33. Adjourn of the Day 1 (Hinchey) |
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Attendance

R8 Committee voting members present:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Algeria Section Chair Kouzou Abdallah 2. Austria Section Chair Werner Drexel 3. Bahrain Section Chair Ali Zolait 4. Benelux Section YP Vice-Chair Feriel Saied 5. Bosnia & Herzegovina Section Chair Branko Blanusa 6. Bulgaria Section Chair Todor Ganchev 7. Croatia Section Chair Vinko Lesic 8. Cyprus Section Chair Aikaterini Papanikolaou 9. Czechoslovakia Section Chair Kristian Hengster-Movric 10. Egypt Section Chair Ahmed Madian | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Estonia Section Chair Andrii Chub 12. Finland Section Chair Mahdi Pourakbari 13. France Section Chair Rene Garelo 14. Germany Section Chair Christoph Baer 15. Greece Section Treasurer Georgios Sirakoulis 16. Hungary Section Chair Daniel Drexler 17. Israel Section Chair Shmuel Auster 18. Italy Section Chair Giambattista Gruosso 19. Jordan Section Chair Mousa AL-Akhras 20. Kenya Section Chair Kithinji Muriungi 21. Kuwait Section Chair Abdullah Alqallaf |
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| 22. Latvia Section Vice-Chair Leonids Ribickis | 37. Switzerland Section Chair Almedin Kavaz |
| 23. Lebanon Section Vice Chair Jacques Demerjian | 38. Tunisia Section Chair Hassene Mnif |
| 24. Lithuania Section Chair Borisas Levitas | 39. Turkey Section Chair Nizamettin Aydin |
| 25. Malta Section Chair Conrad Attard | 40. Ukraine Section Treasurer Sergii Grybniak |
| 26. Morocco Section Secretary/Treasurer Hadnan Sour | 41. UAE Section Vice-Chair Hussam Al Hamadi |
| 27. North Macedonia Section Chair Anastas Mishev | 42. UK & Ireland Section Chair Paul Cunningham |
| 28. Oman Section Chair Ahmed Al Maashri | 43. R8 Director-Elect Dusanka Boskovic |
| 29. Poland Section Chair Marek Jasinski | 44. R8 Past Director Vincenzo Piuri |
| 30. Portugal Section Chair Rodolfo Oliveira | 45. R8 Zone Representative Abdullateef Aliyu |
| 31. Romania Section Chair Lucian Toma | 46. R8 Secretary Ljupco Karadinov |
| 32. Serbia & Montenegro Section Chair Mladen Koprivica | 47. R8 Treasurer Adam Jastrzebski |
| 33. Slovenia Section Chair Joze Guna | 48. R8 Vice-Chair Member Activities Habib Kammoun |
| 34. South Africa Section Chair Udochukwu Akuru | 49. R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities Theodoros Chatzinikolaou |
| 35. Spain Section Chair Edgardo Castronuovo | 50. R8 Vice-Chair Technical Activities Tiziana Tambosso |
| 36. Sweden Section Chair Qinghua Wang | |

R8 Committee voting members absent:

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| 51. Belarus Section Chair VACANT | 61. Russia (Northwest) Section Chair Victor Sheludko |
| 52. Denmark Section Chair Amjad Anvari-Moghaddam | 62. Russia (Siberia) Section Chair Roman Gorbunov |
| 53. Ghana Section Chair Mensah Sitti | 63. Russia Section Chair Sergey Banko4 |
| 54. Iceland Section Chair VACANT | 64. Saudi Arabia (East) Section Chair VACANT |
| 55. Iran Section Chair Hossein Askarian Abyaneh | 65. Uganda Section Chair VACANT |
| 56. Iraq Section Chair Abbas Sadkhan | 66. Western Saudi Arabia Section Chair Abdullah BinLadin |
| 57. Mauritius Section Chair Robert Ah King | 67. Zambia Section Chair Ariel Phiri |
| 58. Nigeria Section Chair Ifeyinwa Achumba | 68. R8 Director Mike Hinchey |
| 59. Norway Section Chair Kiran Raja | |
| 60. Qatar Section Chair VACANT | |

Committees of R8 members present:

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| 1. Marios Antoniou | Member | Strategic Planning Committee |
| 2. Jan Haase | Member | Strategic Planning Committee |
| 3. Omer Melih Gul | Member | Strategic Planning Committee |
| 4. Pawel Prajzendanc | Member | Strategic Planning Committee |
| 5. Andreas Koltes | Member | Finance Committee, VCF Coordinator |
| 6. Pascal Lorenz | Member | Finance Committee |
| 7. Andrejs Romanovs | Chair | Section Vitality & Development Committee |
| 8. Stamatis Dragoumanos | Member | Section Vitality & Development Committee |
| 9. Nick Wainwright | Chair | Publications & Communications (P&C) Committee |
| 10. Maja Matijasevic | Member | P&C Committee, R8 News Past Editor-in-Chief |
| 11. Mohab Mangoud | Chair | Membership Development Committee |
| 12. Mohamed Mahmoud Sief | Member | Membership Development Committee |
| 13. Peter Nagy | Member | Membership Development Committee |
| 14. Nadine Abbas | Member | Membership Development Committee |
| 15. Mohamed Saeed Darweesh | Chair | Young Professionals Committee |
| 16. Ines Inacio | Member | Young Professionals Committee |
| 17. Ali Alfayly | Member | Young Professionals Committee |
| 18. Ahsan Qamer Sheikh | Member | Young Professionals Committee |
| 19. Cybele Ghanem | Member | Young Professionals Committee |
| 20. Georgia Saridaki | Member | Young Professionals Committee |
| 21. Emna Amri | Chair | Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee |
| 22. Wafa Ben-Hmida | Member | Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee |
| 23. Jani Dugonik | Member | Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee |
| 24. Ana Margarida Trigo | Member | Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee |
| 25. Larissa Abi Nakhle | Member | Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee |
| 26. Mistura Muibi-TijaniView | Member | Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee |
| 27. Magdalena Salazar Palma | Chair | Life Members (LM) Committee |

28. Rawane El-jamal	Chair	Entrepreneurship Committee
29. Seif El Hajjem	Member	Entrepreneurship Committee
30. Mohamad Zidan	Member	Entrepreneurship Committee
31. Samart Deo	Chair	Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee
32. George Papadimitriou	Member	Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee
33. Lucija Brezočnik	Member	Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee
34. Omar Salameh	Member	Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee
35. Nour Sbaoulji	Member	Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee
36. Martin Bastiaans	Chair	History Activities (HA) Committee
37. Ilhem Kallel	Member	Conference Coordination Committee
38. Lee Crudgington	Chair	Chapter Coordination Committee
39. Anna Litvinenko	Member	Chapter Coordination Committee
40. Catarina Silva	Member	Chapter Coordination Committee
41. Mohammad Albarham	Member	Chapter Coordination Committee
42. Dalius Navakas	Chair	Professional and Educational Activities Committee
43. Natalia Piaseczna	Member	Professional and Educational Activities Committee
44. Dora Fourou	Member	Professional and Educational Activities Committee
45. Nihel ben Youssef	Chair	Action for Industry (Afi) Committee
46. Toni Mattila	Member	Action for Industry (Afi) Committee
47. Mohammad Galal	Member	Action for Industry (Afi) Committee
48. Costas Stasopoulos	Member	Action for Industry (Afi) Committee
49. Mona Ghassemian	Chair	Standards Coordination
50. Abdalrahman Mohammed Shadeed		Region Student Representative
51. Khaldoun Taktak	Member	SAC, Student Awards and Contests Ad-hoc Chair
52. Ala Chalhaf	Member	SAC, Student Branch Leadership Support Ad-hoc Chair
53. Martyna Borak	Member	SAC, Student Experience Portfolio Initiatives Ad-hoc Chair
54. Vera Markovic	Member	SAC, Student Paper Contest Coordinator
55. Iraqi Ali	Member	SAC, Student Hardware Contest Coordinator
56. Oussema Fitouri	Member	SAC, Student Branch Counselors Coordinator
57. Krishna Ajith Kumar	Member	SAC, Student Branch Chapters Coordinator
58. Vildana Hrnjić	Member	SAC, Humanitarian Technologies and Entrepreneurship Coordinator
59. Mohamed Ali Zormati	Member	SAC, Professional and Educational Activities Coordinator
60. Fay Majid Elhassan	Member	SAC, Communications and Publicity Coordinator
61. George Michael	Chair	Electronic Communications Team
62. Maria Efthymiou	Member	Electronic Communications Team
63. Aniko Szakal	Assistant Secretary	

R8 volunteers/officers present:

64. Isaac Adekanye	Africa Council Chair
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IEEE guests and meeting presenters:

65. Kathleen Kramer	IEEE President & CEO
66. Antonio Luque	IEEE Vice President MGA
67. Dalma Novak	IEEE Vice President, Technical Activities
68. Timothy Lee	IEEE USA 2025 President
69. Constance Kelly	Region 4 Director
70. Joseph Wei	Region 6 Director
71. Ignacio Castillo	Region 9 Director Elect
72. Cecilia Metra	Division VIII Director
73. Hironori Washizaki	IEEE CS 2025 President
74. Eric Berkowitz	IEEE CS Membership Director
75. Marko Delimar	IEEE Foundation President
76. Nancy Ostin	IEEE HKN Director
77. Scott Tamashiro	IEEE Rising Stars

Others IEEE guests present:

78. Vera Lee Sharoff	IEEE MGA Information Management Director
79. Clara Neppel	IEEE Senior Director European Business Operations

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| 80. Marc Beebe | IEEE Senior Director, Industry Engagement Committee Staff Lead |
| 81. Joshua Horowitz | International Area Manager for Central & Northern Europe and Israel |
| 82. Kathleen Weeks | IEEE Senior Corporate Development Manager, IEEE Africa Council support staff |
| 83. Kelly Smith | IEEE Conferences, Events & Experiences (CEE) |
| 84. Maciej Borówka | IEEE MGA SAC Counselor and Advisor Committee Chair |
| 85. Peter Magyar | IEEE LMC Member |
| 86. Achref Selmi | IAS SYP Representative |

IEEE Hungary Section Guests:

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| 87. Péter Kádár | Hungary Section Past Chair |
| 88. Levente Kovács | Hungary Section Past Chair |
| 89. Tamás Haidegger | Hungary Section Past Chair |
| 90. Imre J. Rudas | Hungary Section Past Chair |

Others IEEE R8 volunteers present:

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| 91. Thomas Kopfstedt | Germany Section Vice Chair |
| 92. Catarina Reis | Portugal Section Vice-Chair |
| 93. Davide Morgado | Portuguese Section Vice-Chair |
| 94. Tuncer Baykas | Türkiye Section Vice-Chair |
| 95. Mourad Loulou | Tunisia Section Past Chair |
| 96. Tomislav Jaguš | Croatian Section Vice-Chair |
| 97. Mirna Gržanić Antić | Croatian Section Treasurer |
| 98. Grigore Stamatescu | Romania Section Secretary |
| 99. Moataz Alaa Hassan | Egypt Section, R8 YP Committee Corresponding Member |
| 100. Yahay Al Balushi | Oman Section SAC |
| 101. Moira Patterson | IEEE Standards Association Staff |
| 102. Ramesh Ramadoss | IEEE Blockchain Technical Community |
| 103. Cosmas Mutugi Kiruki | Kenya Section Treasurer |

Local organizing team:

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| 104. Borbála Gergics | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 105. Melánia Puskás | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 106. Johanna Sári | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 107. Miklós Mezei | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 108. Tamás Nógrádi | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 109. Gábor Molnár | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 110. Noémi Kallós | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 111. Fanni Martina | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 112. Viktória Molnár | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 113. Anita Ureczki | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 114. Zsófia Balogh | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |
| 115. Sarolta Nagy | IEEE Hungary Section volunteer |

Meeting minutes

Day 1: Saturday, 5 April 2025

1. Procedural – Call to order and welcome (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Past Director, calls the Committee to order at 09:03 h CEST and opens the 124th IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting. According to IEEE R8 Bylaws (R8-3.3.1), Piuri is chairing the meeting in the absence of the Director.

2. Procedural – Housekeeping (Karadzinov)

Ljupco Karadzinov, Region 8 Secretary, presents the housekeeping rules, the meeting schedule and the social events.

3. Procedural – Roll call (Karadzinov)

Ljupco Karadzinov, Region 8 Secretary, takes a roll call of R8 Committee voting members and confirms there is a quorum of majority of the Section Chairs (42 out of 59) and also a total majority of all voting members (50 out of 68).

4. Motion – Approval of the agenda (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Past Director, presents the proposed agenda. The agenda is approved unanimously.

5. Motion – Approval of the consent agenda (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Past Director, presents the items in the consent agenda. The full texts of the motions are given as attachments at the end of these minutes.

Motion 1: **Approval of the Minutes of the 123rd IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting** with appendices

Approval of the IEEE Region 8 Action for Industry awards:

Motion 2.1 Outstanding Section Achievement Award in Industry Activities

Motion 2.2 Outstanding Section Industry Ambassador Award

R8 Conferences Coordination Committee motions: Approval of the IEEE Region 8 flagship/portfolio conferences

Motion 3.1: Approval of EUROCON 2027, 9-11 June 2027

Motion 3.2: Approval of RTSI 2027, 6-8 September, 2027

Motion 3.3: Approval of AFRICON 2027, 23-25 September 2027

Motion 3.4: Approval of IHTC 2027, 17-20 November, 2027

The consent agenda is **approved**.

6. Discussion – IEEE President address (Kramer)

Kathleen Kramer, IEEE President & CEO, presents leveraging the power of “One IEEE” through coordinated activities to increase the impact of our global mission to advance technology, advancing the IEEE public imperative activities, 2025 Ad Hoc Committees, creating a conduct severity-level framework and the 2025-2030 IEEE Strategic Plan.

7. Discussion – IEEE Vice President for Member and Geographic Activities (Luque)

Antonio Luque, IEEE Vice President MGA, presents the MGA mission and activities in 2025, IEEE member’s needs, motivation and engagement, MGA in the “One IEEE”, public imperative activities, the Call for 2026 IEEE MGA Nominations and the selection process.

Luque announces the dates for the online Road to Sections Congress 2026, 6-7 December 2025, and the in-person Sections Congress 2026, 21-23 August 2026.

8. Discussion – IEEE Vice President for Technical Activities (Novak)

Dalma Novak, IEEE Vice President Technical Activities, presents the structure and activities of the IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB), including the “One IEEE/One TA” and the strategic programs & priorities for 2025.

9. Discussion – IEEE-USA President (Lee)

Timothy Lee, IEEE-USA President, presents the IEEE-USA mission & vision, the 2025 policy priorities, including the career & member’s services, the IEEE-Professional Home Campaign, industry engagement and the case study on semiconductors.

10. Discussion – IEEE Region 4 Director address (Kelly)

Constance Kelly, IEEE Region 4 Director-Elect, presents the Region 4 activities and members recruitment best practices, including the request to all Chairs to have Vice Chairs from YP to have volunteer’s pipeline, a major initiative in education and teachers’ education, as well as an initiative for academia-industry cooperation in the air force field.

11. Discussion – IEEE Region 6 Director address (Wei)

Joseph Wei, Region 6 Director, presents the IEEE Region 6 structure & statistics, the 2025 goals and the R6 conferences.

12. Discussion – IEEE Region 9 Director address (Castillo)

Ignacio Castillo, IEEE Region 9 Director-Elect, presents the R9 structure & statistics and the R9 weakness & opportunities.

13. Discussion – IEEE Division VIII Director address (Metra)

Cecilia Metra, IEEE Division VIII Director and 2019 IEEE Computer Society President, presents the IEEE Computer Society membership statistics, its technical communities activities and publications, and the IEEE Metaverse Initiative.

14. Coffee Break 10:55-11:25

15. Discussion – IEEE Foundation: Opportunities for Actions (Delimar)

Marko Delimar, IEEE Foundation President, presents the guiding principles, the vision & mission and the core values of the IEEE Foundation, the program pillars, the 2024 accomplishments and the program impacts, the funds as of 31 Dec 2024, how to ask for support and supporting the IEEE Foundation.

16. Discussion – Director's report (Hinchey)

Mike Hinchey, IEEE Region 8 Director, is absent.

17. Discussion – Director-Elect's report (Boskovic)

Dusanka Boskovic, IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect, reports on her activities supporting the R8 Director as needed, participation in the R8 OpCom and IEEE BoD business and meetings, as well the oversight of the R8 SVD and P&C committees.

18. Motion – Treasurer report & motions (Jastrzebski)

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, presents the Treasurer's and Financial Report including the financial challenges in R8 regarding the OFAC (USA) restrictions, the new IEEE NextGen Banking Central System improvements and coding system, the 2024 IEEE R8 Budget Report (revenue, grants and expenses summary), as well as the R8 financial position as of 31 December 2024 and the R8 Budget 2025 v.1b.

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, presents a motion for approval of the 2025 R8 Budget. Full texts of the R8 Budget 2025 and the motion are given in the appendixes.

Motion: Approval of the 2025 Region 8 budget

PROPOSED ACTION: RESOLVED that the 2025 Region 8 Budget v.1 as presented shall be approved. This budget includes:

- A 2025 balanced budget without material surplus or loss.
- 2025 budget expenses of \$ 1,179,800.
- 2024 budget income of \$ 1,179,800 consisting of: actual annual income, existing grants and savings of \$680,320, accrual expenses of \$127,740, \$371,740 transfer from actual 2024 operational surplus and COVID accumulated reserves.

The motion is **approved** unanimously.

19. Discussion – R8 Section vitality and development (Romanovs)

Andrejs Romanovs, R8 Section Vitality and Development Committee Chair, presents the committee scope and goals, the Sections reporting, the key changes and the timeline of the updated MGA geographic unit election process, as well as the initiative for formation of the Rwanda Subsection formation.

20. Discussion – R8 Publications and communications (Wainwright)

Nick Wainwright, R8 Publications and Communications Committee Chair, presents the committee objective structure and the team, the 2025 priorities. Wainwright invites the R8 volunteers to provide content for the R8 publications and R8 social media.

21. Discussion – Recognitions (Piuri)

Antonio Luque, IEEE Vice President MGA, presents the MGA 2024 Achievement Awards to: Rawane El-jamal, Peter Magyar, Mohamed Saeed Darweesh and Cybele Ghanem.

Vincenzo Piuri, R8 Awards & Recognitions Committee Chair, presents the recognitions to volunteers who have been active in the R8 Acceleration Program and in the R8 Local Language Program.

Vincenzo Piuri and Conrad Attard, IEEE R8 Robot Championships 2024 Chair, present the recognitions to the R8 volunteers who have been actively involved in its organization.

22. Procedural – Group photo (Karadzinov)

The group photo is taken on the stairs in front of the hotel meeting rooms at 13:05 h CEST.



23. Lunch 13:15-14:25**24. Motion – Vice Chair Technical Activities report & motions (Tambosso)**

Tiziana Tambosso, R8 VC Technical Activities, presents the R8 technical activities goals and KPIs, the activities highlights and the 2025 plans. Then she invites the Chairs of the Committees of R8 under her portfolio to present their respective activities:

1. Rene Garelo, Conference Coordination Committee Chair
2. Lee Crudgington, Chapter Coordination Committee Chair
3. Dalius Navakas, Professional and Educational Activities Committee Chair
4. Nihel Ben Youssef, Action for Industry Committee Chair

Tambosso also invites the Chairs of the three AdHoc Committees under her portfolio to present the recent activities:

1. Marios Antoniou, Cooperation with IEEE S/TCs and National Associations AdHoc Committee Chair
2. René Garelo and Bruno Meyer, Climate Change AdHoc Committee Co-Chairs
3. Mona Ghassemian, Standards Coordination AdHoc Committee Chair

25. Coffee Break 15:35-16:00**26. Discussion – IEEE CS President (Washizaki)**

Hironori Washizaki, IEEE CS 2025 President, presents the IEEE Computer Society 2025 key strategies, goals and themes: engaging more students, early career professionals, industry individuals and organizations, as well as lead the way in the new technical areas.

27. Discussion – IEEE HKN (Ostin)

Nancy Ostin, IEEE HKN Director, presents the Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) as the official IEEE Honor Society with membership by invitation based on achievements, the HKN numbers, the HKN University Chapters in R8, as well as the 2025 HKN TechX virtual conference.

28. Discussion – IEEE EAB pre-university activities (Dragoumanos)

Stamatis Dragoumanos, Pre-University Education Coordinating Committee Chair, presents the TRY Engineering on Campus, the mission and core values, as well as the hands-on engineering experiences examples with the school-aged children.

29. Discussion – IEEE Rising stars (Tamashiro)

Scott Tamashiro, Region 6 Director-Elect presents the IEEE Rising Stars Conference held in Las Vegas in January every year, right before the Consumer Electronics Show.

30. Discussion – Strategic planning for Technical Activities (Tambosso)

Tiziana Tambosso, R8 Vice-Chair Technical Activities, presents the main focus areas of the R8 Technical Activities Strategies.

31. Discussion – Strategic planning for Members Activities (Kammoun)

Habib Kammoun, R8 Vice-Chair Member Activities, presents the IEEE Membership statistics 2021-2024, the points of concern, the challenges in the R8 and the R8 Members Activities goals.

32. Discussion – Strategic planning for Students Activities (Chatzinikolaou)

Theodoros Chatzinikolaou, R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities, presents the IEEE MGA SAC strategic initiatives, the focus areas and the projects for 2025.

33. Procedural – Adjourn of the Day 1

The meeting recesses at 17:05 h (CEST).

Day 2: Sunday, 6 Apr 2025, 9:00-13:00h CEST

34. Procedural – Call to order (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Director, calls the Committee to order at 09:14 h CET.

35. Motion – Vice Chair Students Activities report & motions (Chatzinikolaou)

Theodoros Chatzinikolaou, R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities, presents the Student Activities Committee (SAC) team, goals, and the SAC structure. Chatzinikolaou also invites to the stage other SAC members to present the 2025 R8 student membership and the OUs statistics, the status of the annual reporting and the dissolved student branches in 2024, the organized trainings in 2024 and the planned ones in 2025, the funding programs, the student awards and other activities:

- Abdalrahman Mohammed Shadeed, R8 Region Student Representative
- Abdullateef Aliyu, Past R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities
- Ala Chalhaf, Student Branch Leadership Support Ad-hoc Chair
- Khaldoun Taktak, Student Awards and Contests Ad-hoc Chair
- Martyna Borak, Student Experience Portfolio Initiatives Ad-hoc Chair

36. Coffee Break 10:40-11:10

37. Motion – Vice Chair Members Activities report & motions (Kammoun)

Habib Kammoun, R8 Vice-Chair Member Activities, presents the Membership Activities team and the R8 membership summary. Then he invites the Chairs of the Committees of R8 under his portfolio to present their respective activities:

1. Mohab Mangoud, Membership Development Committee
2. Mohamed Saeed Darweesh, Young Professionals Committee Chair
3. Emna Amri, Women in Engineering Committee Chair
4. Samart Deo, Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee Chair
5. Rawane El Jamal, Entrepreneurship Committee Chair
6. Martin Bastiaans, History Activities Committee Chair
7. Magdalena Salazar Palma, Life Members Committee Chair

38. Discussion – Call for Awards (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Awards & Recognition Committee Chair, informs that the Call for Nominations for R8 Awards will be sent as soon as possible.

39. Discussion – Call for Nominations (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Nominations & Appointments Committee Chair, informs that at the October R8 Committee meeting we will select the candidates for the R8 Director-Elect and the Call for Nominations will be sent soon.

40. Discussion – Strategic Planning Committee report (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Past Director, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, presents the three lines of action for 2025: Communication Strategy toward a more effective web site, Strategy for Reaching Out and Embracing New Audiences and Strategy for Building a Volunteer Pipeline.

41. Procedural – Next meeting (Piuri)

Ljupco Karadzinov, Region 8 Secretary, and Vinko Lesic, Croatia Section Chair, announce that the next 125th R8 Committee meeting will be held in the Hotel Rixos Premium, Dubrovnik, Croatia, on Saturday-Sunday, 18-19 October 2025.

Ljupco Karadzinov, Region 8 Secretary, announces that for the first time the venues for the next 2 years R8 Committee meetings, not only the next one, are decided by the R8 Directors Mike Hinchey and Dusanka Boskovic, in cooperation with respective Section Chairs.

1. Fall 2025, **Dubrovnik, Croatia** 18-19 Oct 2025; host Vinko Lesic, Croatia Section Chair
2. Spring 2026, **Helsinki, Finland**, April 2026; host Mahdi Pourakbari, Finland Section Chair
3. Fall 2026, **Glasgow, UK**, 20-21 August 2026 (2 days); in conjunction with the Sections Congress 2026, 21-23 August
4. Spring 2027, **Naples, Italy**, April 2027; host Giambattista Gruosso, Italy Section Chair
5. Fall 2027, **Seville, Spain**, October 2027; host Edgardo Castronuovo, Spain Section Chair

42. Procedural – Old business (Piuri)

No issues reported under this agenda point.

43. Procedural – New business (Piuri)

Vincenzo Piuri, Region 8 Past Director, informs that the Rwanda petition to form an IEEE Subsection has received the sufficient number of signatures yesterday, as well as that the R8 OpCom previously approved the Rwanda business plan as credible and sustainable. Then Piuri proposes the following motion:

Motion: Approval of IEEE Rwanda Subsection

PROPOSED ACTION: RESOLVED that the Region 8 Committee approves the formation of Rwanda Subsection with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of the country of Rwanda.

The motion is **approved** unanimously and will be sent to the IEEE MGA for final approval.

Tiziana Tambosso, R8 VC Technical Activities, presents the R8 flagship and portfolio conferences 2027 that have been approved in the consent agenda: EUROCON 2027, RTSI 2027, AFRICON 2027 and IHTC 2027.

44. Procedural – Adjourn (Piuri)

The meeting adjourns at 13:13 h (CEST).

45. Info – Lunch 13:00-14:00

Respectfully submitted,
Ljupco Karadzinov, IEEE R8 Secretary

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IEEE Region 8 - *Outstanding Section Achievement Award in Industry Activities*

1. BACKGROUND

IEEE Region 8 has an active industry activities program titled 'Action for Industry'. This program has been successful in encouraging grassroot Section-level industry activities across the Region.

An award is being proposed to recognise Section-level industry activities, engagements and initiatives within the Region.

This award will serve as a vehicle to encourage Sections to continuously improve their industry activities, enhance membership value, increase membership engagement and improve collaboration between IEEE Sections and external organisations.

2. DESCRIPTION

(Award title, sponsor, award frequency. Title should reflect award's purpose)

Award title - Outstanding Section Achievement Award in Industry Activities

Sponsor - IEEE Region 8

Award Frequency - Annual

3. ADMINISTRATION

(Who will be responsible for administering award, if third party is involved, reference agreement if applicable)

Award will be administered by the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY

(Specify the parameters/criteria required by the applicant, e.g., member grade, level of accomplishment, etc.)

All Sections and Sub-Sections in IEEE Region 8 are eligible to be nominated. Self-nominations are allowed with an endorsement letter from the Section Chair or Secretary and at least two reference letters from industry partners.

Activities will be judged on the basis of innovation, impact of activities, and effect on membership value generated by the industry activities. Nominations will be expected to highlight significant tangible achievements as an outcome of their program(s). Evidence will be required to evaluate any claims.

5. PRIZE ITEMS

(Specify if cash, certificate, plaque, featured publication, etc.; prize should be appropriate for the purpose of the award; if multiple awards, provide manner of prize sharing)

Cash Prize - USD 500 and plaque.

6. FUNDS

(Provide source of award funds, continuity of funding, who will manage funds)

The award will be funded on an annual basis via the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee budget.

7. NOMINEE SOLICITATION

(Specify the nomination method to be used for soliciting applicants/nominees, e.g., nomination portal)

Nominations will be solicited via e-notices and Region 8 portals as part of the annual Region 8 awards cycle and promotion processes. All nominations will be submitted on the IEEE OpenWater Platform (<https://ieee.secure-platform.com/a>).

8. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

(Identify the committee's membership, term of service, responsibilities, evaluation process, if other bodies are involved)

IEEE Region 8 Action for Industry Sub-Committee will form an Awards Working Group consisting of at least 04 members which will be responsible for evaluating applications, responding to any queries by nominees or potential applicants, and providing the evaluated results to the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee before the agreed-upon evaluation deadline. The lead of the Working Group will also be a liaison to the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee.

The Working Group will have a two year term of service which will align with the term of Action for Industry Sub-Committee.

9. SELECTION PROCESS

(Specify the process to select applicants/nominees such as scoring, voting and factors considered for the selection)

Weighted scoring will be given, as a minimum, in the following categories for each application

- Thoroughness/Completeness of the provided information (is the information provided sufficient to judge the nomination?)
- Consistency of activities over the last 12 months (was the Section consistently organising activities or establishing/strengthening industry relations over this time period?)
- Impact of activities (impact against MGA goals - <https://mga.ieee.org/board-committees/mga-strategic-plan>)
- Evidence of accomplishments (are they tangible and verifiable?)
- Innovation
- Structure, presentation and clarity of the nomination pack

10. SCHEDULE

(Enter the timeline from submission of applications to the selection and notification to award recipients)

- **1 March** - Nomination open and awards promotion cycle begin in collaboration with the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee
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- **Fall Region 8 Meeting** - Winners announced and plaques given during gala dinner
- **Immediately following Fall Region 8 Meeting - Award funds transferred to the Section account.**

11. PRESENTATION

(Specify preferred method of presenting award by recipient, including location and schedule)

Award will be presented to the Section Chair or Representative attending the Fall Region 8 meeting during the annual Region 8 Awards Ceremony organised during the gala dinner.

12. PUBLICITY

(Publicise as appropriate for the award)

The award will be publicised via e-notices, announcements during Region 8 meetings, information on the Region 8 website, Region 8 publications, Region 8 social media handles, and direct messages to Section Industry Ambassadors.

IEEE Region 8 - Outstanding Section Industry Ambassador Award

1. BACKGROUND

IEEE Region 8 has an active industry activities program titled 'Action for Industry'. This program has been successful in encouraging grassroots Section-level industry activities across the Region.

An award is being proposed to recognise Section Industry Ambassadors (SIA) who have been actively engaged in improving industry engagement within their Section.

This award will serve as a vehicle to encourage Sections to appoint Industry Ambassadors, motivate existing SIAs, enhance membership value, increase membership engagement and improve collaboration between IEEE Sections and external organisations.

2. DESCRIPTION

(Award title, sponsor, award frequency. Title should reflect award's purpose)

Award title - Outstanding Section Industry Ambassador Award

Sponsor - IEEE Region 8

Award Frequency - Annual

3. ADMINISTRATION

(Who will be responsible for administering award, if third party is involved, reference agreement if applicable)

Award will be administered by the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY

(Specify the parameters/criteria required by the applicant, e.g., member grade, level of accomplishment, etc.)

- All IEEE Region 8 Sections and Sub-Sections Industry Ambassadors, who are IEEE members of any membership grade, are eligible to be nominated.
- Self-nominations are **not** allowed. Nominations can be submitted by the Section with an endorsement letter from the Section Chair or Secretary and at least two endorsement letters from industry partners.
- The candidate's volunteer work is, or has been, on behalf of a Section. The candidate must have been active in the SIA position for at least 01 year and is not currently the Section Chair.
- The candidate receives no remuneration for his work for the Section except possibly expenses.
- Current members of the Region 8 Awards and Recognition Subcommittee, Region 8 Operations Committee, and the Region 8 Action for Industry Sub-Committee are ineligible for the Award.

5. PRIZE ITEMS

(Specify if cash, certificate, plaque, featured publication, etc.; prize should be appropriate for the purpose of the award; if multiple awards, provide manner of prize sharing)

Cash Prize - USD 250 and plaque.

6. FUNDS

(Provide source of award funds, continuity of funding, who will manage funds)

The award will be funded on an annual basis via the IEEE Region 8 Awards and Recognition Committee budget.

7. NOMINEE SOLICITATION

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- Consistency of activities (was the SIA consistently organising impactful activities and/or establishing/strengthening industry relations)
- Impact of activities (impact against MGA goals - <https://mga.ieee.org/board-committees/mga-strategic-plan>)
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11. PRESENTATION *(Specify preferred method of presenting award by recipient, including location and schedule)*

Award will be presented to the Section Chair or Representative attending the Fall Region 8 meeting during the annual Region 8 Awards Ceremony organised during the gala dinner. Sections will be encouraged to transfer the plaque to the SIA in a ceremonial manner at a local Section-level event.

12. PUBLICITY

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 5-6 April 2025

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair Technical Activities
René Garelo, Chair Conference Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of EUROCON 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EUROCON is an IEEE Region 8 flagship bi-annual conference on the European continent. Topics cover the full area of IEEE, e.g., Communications, Networks, Electronics, Energy, Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Software, Engineering, Nanotechnology, and E-learning.

Previous editions:

The first edition of EUROCON was held in Lausanne, Switzerland in October 1971. Since 2001 it has been held every 2 years in odd years.

- 2025: Poland (in progress)
- 2023: Italy (20th edition)
- 2021: Ukraine
- 2019: Serbia
- 2017: Macedonia (now North Macedonia)
- 2015: Spain
- 2013: Croatia
- 2011: Portugal
- 2009: Russia
- 2007: Poland
- 2005: Serbia
- 2003: Slovenia
- 2001: Slovakia (9th edition)

The Conference Coordination Committee (CoCC) sent to the R8 Section Chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2027 R8 flagship conferences.

Final bid documents to organize 2027 EUROCON were received from Bosnia & Herzegovina within the extended DL of January 15, 2025.

The proposal of **Bosnia & Herzegovina Section to organize EUROCON 2027** fits with the requirements, objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2027 EUROCON conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina was approved by the R8 OPCOM of March 11th, 2025

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2027 EUROCON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE EUROCON 2027

Dates: 9-11 June 2027

Venue: Hotel Holiday – Sarajevo

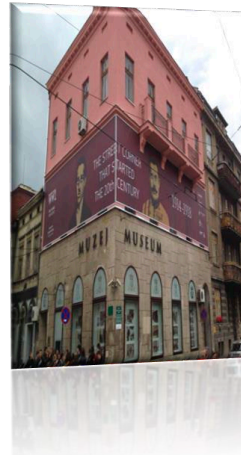
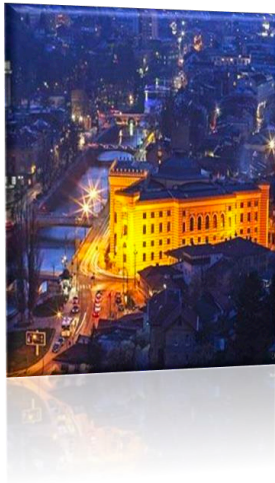
General chairs: Adnan Mujezinović, University of Sarajevo
Izudin Džafić, University of Sarajevo

Number of participants: 150 – 225 (expected – best case)

Registration fee: US\$ 285-475 (reduced-regular)

Budget: US\$ 92,910 incomes, US\$ 72,875 expenses, US\$ 20,034 (27%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% of the surplus (US\$ 6,010)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

B&H proposal shows:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure and travel facilities
- Back up venue
- Section and chapters involved
- Potential Industry financial Patrons and supporting associations
- Expected Impact and benefits for R8/Section/Chapters
- Three Budgets were presented (expected case, best case and worst case)
- Ready for Hybrid or virtual conversion in case of unexpected events

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 5-6 April 2025

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair Technical Activities
René Garelo, Chair Conference Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of RTSI 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RTSI (Research and Technology for Society and Industry) is an annual meeting of researchers and industry professionals in the field of electrical, electronic, and information science and engineering. Specifically, the main purposes of the event are:

- to promote and strengthen partnerships and cooperation between Academia and Industry;
- to increase understanding and awareness of how engineering and technology can positively affect quality of life;
- to promote discussion between the research community and government bodies about effective and successful research policies;
- to disseminate recent advancements, discoveries and applications;
- to discuss ideas and promote cooperation between researchers working in different research areas.

The conference originally created by the Italy Section and held in Italy for its previous 6th editions was included among the R8 portfolio conferences according to an agreement between R8 and Italy Section (every three years the conference will be organized in Italy).

Previous editions:

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| • 2026: Finland (in progress) | • 2018: Italy-Palermo |
| • 2025: Tunisia (in progress) | • 2017: Italy-Modena |
| • 2024: Italy | • 2016: Italy-Bologna |
| • 2022: France-Paris | • 2015: Italy-Torino |
| • 2021: Italy-(Virtual) | |
| • 2019: Italy-Firenze | |

The Conference Coordination Committee (CoCC) sent to the R8 Section Chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2027 R8 flagship conferences.

Final bid documents to organize 2027 RTSI were received from Italy within the extended DL of January 15, 2025.

The proposal of **Italy Section to organize RTSI 2027** fits with the requirements, objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2027 RTSI conference in Catania, Italy was approved by the R8 OPCOM of March 11th, 2025

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2027 RTSI is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE RTSI 2027

Dates: 6-8 September, 2027

Venue: Monastero dei Benedettini, University of Catania, Catania, Italy

General co-chairs:

Maide Bucolo – University of Catania - CAS C&S Italy Chapter Chair

Andrea Di Matteo - STMicroelectronics, Italy

Number of participants: 150-200 (expected – best case)

Registration fee: US\$ 425-500 (reduced-regular)

Budget: US\$93,125 incomes, US\$76,923 expenses, US\$ 16,200 (21%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% of the surplus (US\$4,860)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Italy proposal shows:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure
- Section, many chapters and IEEE societies involved
- Many potential Industrial financial Patrons
- Detailed program of side events (student and industrial competitions)
- Expected Impact on Section and Chapter Vitality
- Three budgets (worst, expected, best)

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 5-6 April 2025

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair Technical Activities
René Garelo, Chair Conference Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of AFRICON 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFRICON is an IEEE Region 8 flagship bi-annual conference on the African continent. Topics cover the full area of IEEE, e.g., Communications, Networks, Electronics, Energy, Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Software, Engineering, Nanotechnology, and E-learning.

Previous editions of the last years:

- 2025: South Africa
- 2023: Kenya
- 2021: Tanzania
- 2019: Ghana
- 2017: South Africa
- 2015: Ethiopia
- 2013: Mauritius
- 2011: Zambia
- 2009: Kenya
- 2007: Namibia
- 2004: Botswana

The Conference Coordination Committee (CoCC) sent to the R8 Section Chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2027 R8 flagship conferences.

Final bid documents to organize 2027 AFRICON were received from Ghana within the extended DL of January 15, 2025.

The proposal of **Ghana Section to organize AFRICON 2027** fits with the requirements, objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2027 AFRICON conference in Kumasi, Ghana was approved by the R8 OPCOM of March 11th, 2025

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2027 AFRICON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: 2027 IEEE AFRICON

Dates: 23-25 September 2027

Venue: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST),
Kumasi, Ghana

General chair:

George Eduful (Electricity Company of Ghana, IEEE Senior member)

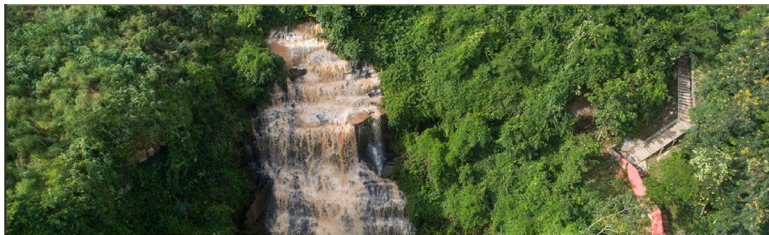
Program Chair: Mensah Sitti (IEEE Ghana Section chair)

Number of participants: 150

Registration fee: USD 150-250 (reduced-regular)

Budget: US\$ 101,280 incomes, US\$ 72,750 expenses, US\$ 28,530 (39% surplus)

Region 8 share: 30% (US\$ 8,559)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ghana proposal shows:

- Involvement of Ghana Section and its chapters in the organization
- Low Registration fee
- Good involvement of industry as financial supporters
- Kumasi International Airport, 7 k from the venue
- Reliable local transport and conference shuttles
- Good venue infrastructures
- In-person and Virtual participation options
- Expected Impact and benefits for IEEE OUs
- Three Budgets were presented (expected case, best case and worst case)

ACTION

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 5-6 April 2025

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair Technical Activities
René Garelo, Chair Conference Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of IHTC 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The IEEE International Humanitarian Technology Conference (IHTC) is a Multi-Regional Conference Series rotating between R7 (Canada), R8 (Africa, Europe and Middle East), and R9 (Latin America and Caribbean).

This inter-disciplinary conference series focuses on showcasing challenges, success stories, lessons learnt, case studies and technological innovation related to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ICT4D and the application of Humanitarian Technologies (including Disaster Relief and Disaster Recovery) and facilitating engagement stakeholders from the public, private, education and research and societal sectors around the world. We place a particular emphasis on facilitating participation by key stakeholder groups from low and lower middle-income countries as well as low resource communities.

IHTC was established in R7 and since 2021 it has become a multi-regional conference.

Previous editions:

- 2025: R7 Canada – Edmonton (in progress)
- 2024: R8 Italy (Hybrid)
- 2023: R9 Colombia (Hybrid)
- 2022: Canada (virtual)
- 2021: R8 (virtual)
- 2017: Canada – Toronto
- 2015: Canada - Ottawa
- 2014: Canada - Montreal

The Conference Coordination Committee (CoCC) sent to the R8 Section Chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2027 R8 flagship conferences.

Final bid documents to organize 2027 IHTC were received from Croatia within the extended DL of January 15, 2025.

The proposal of **Croatia Section to organize IHTC 2027** fits with the requirements, objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2027 IHTC conference in Zagreb, Croatia was approved by the R8 OPCOM of March 11th, 2025

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2027 IHTC is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE IHTC 2027
Dates: 17-20 November, 2027
Venue: University of Zagreb
Faculty of electrical engineering and computing (UNIZG-FER)
General chair: Tomislav Jagušt (IEEE Croatia Section Vice-Chair 2025)
Number of participants: 100-150-250 (pessimistic, expected, optimistic)
Registration fee: US\$350-500 (reduced-regular)
Budget: US\$ 84,850 incomes, US\$ 69,192 expenses, US\$ 15,657 (22.6%) surplus
Region 8 share: 55% of the surplus (US\$ 8,612)
Croatia Section share: 5% of the surplus
Region 7 share: 20% of the surplus
Region 9 share: 20% of the surplus

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bid from Croatia does shows:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure and travel facilities
- Back up venues
- Section and chapters involved
- Many potential Industrial financial Patrons
- Expected Impact and benefits for R8/Section/Chapters
- Three budgets presented (expected, best, worse)

ACTION

M- 1 of 2

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, April 2025

FROM: Adam Jastrzebski, Region 8 Treasurer

SUBJECT: Approval of the 2025 Region 8 budget v.1b

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the time of the R8C meeting in Bordeaux in October 2024, the R8 Committee approved provisional budget plan v.0 which assumed the same figures for 2025 Budget as in Budget 2024.

At the OpCom meeting in Morocco in November 2024, it was decided not to update v.0 as there was not enough information.

Due to the late amendments to some of the 2024 expense details and delays in financial closing of substantial external grants we had in 2024, actual spending in 2024 could only be reconciled in March 2025. As the result, the proposal for the Budget v.1 was sent for comments to OpCom only recently. These comments have been included in the proposed here Budget v.1b.

The budget predicts a similar actual annual regular income as in 2024, with additional amount of \$44,060 from the continuing and newly awarded grants. Therefore, the planned Budget v.1 is \$35,385 larger than v.0, but not by a full amount of the grants. The Budget assumes that the transfer of the surplus, accruals and savings from 2024 and from the accumulated during the COVID period reserves will be \$463,800 it total, i.e. \$2,570 less than in the previous year.

PROPOSED ACTION

RESOLVED that the 2025 Region 8 Budget v.1 as presented shall be approved. This budget includes:

- A 2025 balanced budget without material surplus or loss.
- 2025 budget expenses of \$ 1,197,800.
- 2024 budget income of \$ 1,197,800 consisting of: actual annual income, existing grants and savings of \$680,320, accrual expenses of \$127,740, \$389,740 transfer from actual 2024 operational surplus and COVID accumulated reserves.

IEEE Region 8 Budget 2025 (USD) - recommended by OpCom April 2024

BUDGET PROPOSAL 2025 INCOME SUMMARY V.1	\$
Existing Activities Including Grants and Savings	680,320
New Initiatives (from Surplus and Reserves)	389,740
Accrual Expenses from 2024	127,740
TOTAL AVAILABLE	1,197,800

BUDGET PROPOSAL 2025 EXPENSES V.1				
R8 Nominal Code	BUDGET 2025 v.1	BUDGET 2024	Variance	%
Committee general Total	(\$750,200)	(\$730,100)	\$2,100	0.3%
Region 8 Director Total	(\$31,000)	(\$31,000)	-	0.0%
Region 8 Director-Elect Total	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)	-	0.0%
Region 8 Past-Director Total	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)	-	0.0%
Vice Chair for Technical Activities Total	(\$86,687)	(\$77,000)	\$9,687	12.6%
Vice Chair for Member Activities Total	(\$84,687)	(\$75,000)	\$9,687	12.9%
Vice Chair for Student Activities Total	(\$82,687)	(\$58,000)	\$24,687	42.6%
Region 8 Secretary Total	(\$5,800)	(\$5,800)	-	0.0%
Region 8 Treasurer Total	(\$15,000)	(\$13,437)	\$1,563	11.6%
Expenses from previous year budget Total	(\$127,740)	(\$158,077)	(\$30,337)	-19.2%
Budget Expenses Total	(\$1,197,800)	(1,162,414)	\$17,386	1.5%

REGION 8 BUDGET 2025 v.1b (\$)

Treasurer
Adam Jastrzebski



Code	Budget	BUDGET v.1 2025	Budget v.0 2025
	Income: Balance/savings carried forward from previous year	\$463,800	\$466,370
1.10.1	Income: Voluntary Contributions: Member Donations	\$9,000	\$13,429
1.20.1	Income: Support from Organisations		-
2.50.1	Income: FCS Conference Revenue	\$15,000	\$13,081
2.80.0	Income: Student Activities (Sponsorships)	\$15,000	-
2.80.1	Income: Receipts for Student Activities (Registrations)	-	\$20,000
2.90.1	Income: Support for Projects	-	-
3.10.0	Income: Rebate: MGA Allocation for Management of the Region	\$176,000	\$176,778
3.12.0	Income: Regional Assessment: Membership Dues Element	\$475,000	\$431,699
3.15.1	Income: Support for Members outside of Sections	-	-
3.40.0	Income: Interest received: CB Bank Account	\$40,000	\$36,649
3.45.0	Income: Interest received: Other Bank Accounts	-	-
3.70.3	Income: Other Receipts	-	-
3.70.5	Income: R8 as Intermediary	-	-
3.75.0	Income: Loan Repayment	\$4,000	\$4,409
	Budget Income Total	\$1,197,800	\$1,162,415
9.00.0	R8 Other	-	-
9.00.1	R8 Committee Meeting Spring: Accommodation & Social	(200,000)	(250,000)
9.00.2	R8 Committee Meeting Spring: Travel	(90,000)	(100,000)
9.00.3	R8 Committee Meeting Fall: Accommodation & Social	(130,000)	(130,000)
9.00.4	R8 Committee Meeting Fall: Travel	(80,000)	(100,000)
9.00.5	R8 OpCom Meetings	(40,000)	(40,000)
9.00.6	Reserve & Strategic Projects Fund	-	-
9.00.7	Student & Young Professional Congress: R8 Support	(40,000)	(40,000)
9.00.8	VCF Travel Award Expenses	(9,000)	(9,000)
9.00.9	Support Members outside Sections	-	-
9.00.10	External Projects Outgoings	-	-

9.00.11	Sections Congress (incl savings towards)	(30,000)	(30,000)
9.00.12	Payment: R8 as Intermediary	-	-
9.00.13	R8 Support for Grants	(50,000)	-
9.00.14	R8 Series Mtg and VLT	(30,000)	-
9.01.0	R8 News: Mailing and Production	(30,000)	(30,000)
9.02.0	Banking and card charges	(1,200)	(1,100)
9.03.0	FCS Conference Expenses	-	-
9.03.1	FCS Conference Seed Funds (Loan)	(10,000)	-
9.04.0	Loan Disbursement	-	-
9.05.0	Region 8 Awards	(10,000)	-
9.0x	Committee general Total	(\$750,200)	(\$730,100)
9.10.0	Director Other	-	-
9.10.1	Representing Region 8	(12,000)	(12,000)
9.10.2	Vitality Project R8	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.10.3	Ad-hoc committees, appointments and incentives	(9,000)	(9,000)
9.10.4	Discretionary fund for activities and section support	(9,000)	(9,000)
9.1x	Region 8 Director Total	(\$31,000)	(31,000)
9.20.0	Director-Elect Other	-	-
9.20.1	Representing R8 at Section, Chapter & Conference activity	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.20.2	Representing R8 in IEEE Meetings (Board of Directors)	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.20.3	Strategic Planning Process	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.2x	Region 8 Director-Elect Total	(\$7,000)	(7,000)
9.30.0	Past-Director Other	-	-
9.30.1	Nomination & Appointments Committee	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.30.2	Award & Recognition Committee	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.30.3	Section Development	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.3x	Region 8 Past-Director Total	(\$7,000)	(7,000)
9.40.0	Vice Chair TA Other	(7,000)	(5,000)
9.40.1	Technical Activity Sub-Committees Coordination	(11,000)	(16,500)
9.40.2	Conference Committee: R8	(15,000)	(14,500)
9.40.3	Chapters Coordination	(8,000)	(5,500)
9.40.4	Professional & Educational Activities	(16,000)	(15,000)
9.40.5	Standards Coordinator	(5,000)	

9.40.6	Action for Industry	(15,000)	(15,500)
9.40.7	Projects and Initiatives	(9,687)	
9.41.0	FCS Conference Seed Funds (Loan)	-	(5,000)
9.42.0	Technical Activities Awards	-	
9.4x	Vice Chair for Technical Activities Total	(\$86,687)	(77,000)
9.50.0	Vice Chair MA Other	-	-
9.50.1	Member Activities	(5,000)	(4,900)
9.50.2	Women in Engineering	(11,000)	(8,500)
9.50.3	Life Members	(5,000)	(5,800)
9.50.4	History Activities	(5,000)	(5,800)
9.50.5	Young Professionals	(11,000)	(10,500)
9.50.6	Humanitarian Technology	(16,000)	(20,000)
9.50.7	Entrepreneurship	(11,000)	(11,000)
9.50.8	Membership Development	(11,000)	(8,500)
9.50.9	MA Projects and New Initiatives	(9,687)	-
9.51.0	Member Activities Awards	-	-
9.5x	Vice Chair for Member Activities Total	(\$84,687)	(75,000)
9.60.0	Vice Chair SA Other	(8,000)	(5,000)
9.60.1	Student Activities Coordination (SAC)	(17,000)	(39,600)
9.60.2	Student Paper Contest Expenses	(7,000)	(8,000)
9.60.3	Student Branch Support Coordination (SAC)	(22,750)	-
9.60.4	Regional Student Representative (RSR)	(2,500)	(3,000)
9.60.5	SA Projects and Initiatives	(24,687)	-
9.61.0	Student Activities Awards	(750)	(2,400)
9.6x	Vice Chair for Student Activities Total	(\$82,687)	(58,000)
9.70.0	Secretary Other	-	-
9.70.1	Administrative Support to R8	(800)	(800)
9.70.2	Secretarial (Committee Registration and Agenda Books)	(2,000)	(2,000)
9.70.3	Electronic Communications Coordination / Information mgmnt	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.7x	Region 8 Secretary Total	(\$5,800)	(5,800)
9.80.0	Treasurer Other	-	-
9.80.1	Audit & Accounting	-	-
9.80.2	Office & Software Charges	(4,000)	(3,937)

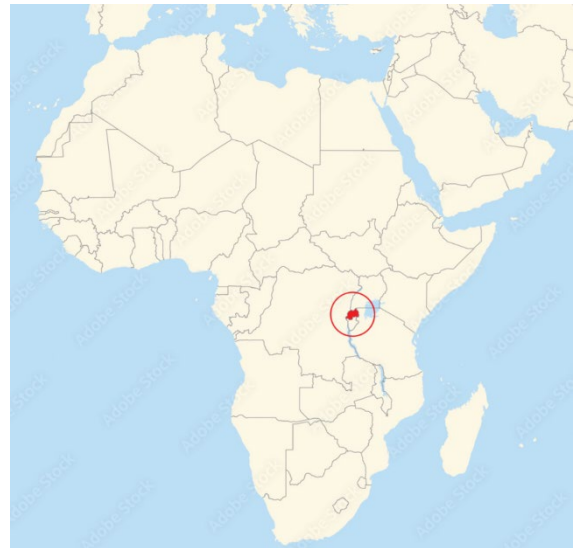
9.80.3	VCF Coordination	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.80.4	Treasurer support to Region 8	(10,000)	(8,500)
9.8x	Region 8 Treasurer Total	(\$15,000)	(13,437)
9.90.0	Prev Yr: R8 Committee General	(37,740)	(40,077)
9.90.1	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Spring Accom/Social	-	-
9.90.2	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Spring travel	(15,000)	-
9.90.3	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Fall Accom/Social	-	(20,000)
9.90.4	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Fall Travel	(15,000)	-
9.90.5	Prev Yr: R8 Opcom meetings	-	-
9.90.6	Prev Yr: R8 Stud&YP Congress	-	-
9.90.7	Prev Yr: R8 VCF Awards	-	-
9.90.8	Prev Yr: R8 Support Members Outside Sections	-	-
9.90.9	Prev Yr: R8 Sections Congress	(30,000)	-
9.90.10	Prev Yr: R8 Intermediary transactions	-	-
9.90.11	Prev Yr: R8 Director	-	-
9.90.12	Prev Yr: R8 Director-Elect	-	-
9.90.13	Prev Yr: R8 Past-Director	-	-
9.90.14	Prev Yr: R8 Technical Activities	-	(25,000)
9.90.15	Prev Yr: R8 Member Activities	-	(25,000)
9.90.16	Prev Yr: R8 Student Activities	-	(18,000)
9.90.17	Prev Yr: R8 Secretary	-	-
9.90.18	Prev Yr: R8 Treasurer	-	-
9.91.0	Prev Yr: R8 R8 News Mailing and Production	(30,000)	(30,000)
9.92.0	Prev Yr: R8 Awards	-	-
9.9x	9100 Expenses from previous year budget Total	(\$127,740)	(158,077)
	Budget Expenses Total	(1,197,800)	(1,162,414)
	Balance: Income-Expenses	(\$0)	\$1

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, April 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of IEEE Rwanda Subsection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition was submitted by Region 8 Vitality Coordinator Andrejs Romanovs (#92772530), requesting the formation of the IEEE Rwanda Subsection in Region 8. The boundaries of the Subsection correspond to the boundaries of the country of Rwanda (see map), surrounded by four countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, and Burundi. The Rwanda Subsection will be a part of Region 8. Currently, 79 IEEE members live in Rwanda: 14 professional members, 39 graduate students, and 26 undergraduate students. The request has been evaluated based on activities and the Region 8 Section Vitality and Development Committee guidelines. As per Region 8 Operations Manual section R8-8.1 the Region 8 Committee needs to approve the formation of a new Subsection and is requested to do so.



PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the Region 8 Committee approves the formation of Rwanda Subsection with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of the country of Rwanda.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

- The formation of the Subsection will help in the goal of creating dynamic communities that help individuals around the world to share, collaborate, network, and engage with one another.

Financial Implications

- The Region will be obliged to forward the rebate received for the Subsection according to the IEEE regulations, if it fulfills the meeting activity and complies with financial and officer reporting requirements (R8 Operations Manual, R8-8.1)

Pros and/or Cons

- PROS: Better serving the members in the country.
- CONS: None.

Implementation

- After approval by the Region the petition needs to be finally approved by the MGA Board action in June 2025.

Background Information

IEEE Members and two active IEEE student branches in Rwanda have been very active in organizing and executing numerous successful IEEE events last years, e.g., Africa Students and Young Professionals Congresses (2017 and 2019), 6th IEEE Southern Power Electronics Conference (SPEC2021), IEEE PES/AIS Power Africa Conference 2022, 2022 IEEE PES PowerAfrica Conference.

The business plan of prospective Rwanda Subsection has been evaluated by Region 8 Section Vitality and Development Committee and Region 8 OpCom as credible and sustainable (see document posted in the meeting website).