

Unapproved Minutes of the 126th IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting Saturday – Sunday, 28-29 March 2026 Clarion Helsinki Hotel, Helsinki, Finland

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Meeting Agenda

Day 1: Saturday, 28 March 2026, 9:00-17:00h EET (UTC+2)

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| 1. Call to order and welcome (Boskovic) | 14. R8 Budget 2026 Update (Jastrzebski) |
| 2. Housekeeping (Karadzinov) | 15. IEEE Rising Stars (Tamashiro) |
| 3. Roll call (Karadzinov) | 16. R8 Vice Chair Students Activities report
(Chatzinikolaou) |
| 4. Approval of the agenda (Boskovic) | 17. R8 SYPC 2026, Krakow, Poland (Zielonka / Tuszy) |
| 5. Approval of the consent agenda (Boskovic) | 18. SIGHT Global Committee – HTB (Ouerfelli) |
| 6. IEEE President-Elect address (Gostin) | 19. Group photo (Karadzinov) |
| 7. IEEE Past Vice President MGA address (Luque) | 20. Lunch 13:00-14:00 |
| 8. IEEE Vice President Elect TAB address (Yener) | 21. R8 Vice Chair Members Activities report (Kammoun) |
| 9. R8 Director report (Boskovic) | 22. Coffee Break 15:00-15:30 |
| 10. R8 Director Elect report (Delimar) | 23. Social program information (Karadzinov) |
| 11. R8 Zone Representative report (Aliyu) | 24. Directors' Forum (Delimar) |
| 12. Coffee Break 10:30-11:00 | 25. Meeting Recess 17:00 (Boskovic) |
| 13. R8 Treasurer report (Jastrzebski) | |

Day 2: Sunday, 29 March 2025, 9:00-13:00h EEST (UTC+3)

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| 26. Call to order (Boskovic) | 33. R8 Section vitality and development (Romanovs) |
| 27. Sunday agenda modification (Boskovic) | 34. R8 Publications and communications (Wainwright) |
| 28. Standards (Zertuche/Ghassemian) | 35. Section Congress 2026 (Nagy/Stasopoulos) |
| 29. R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities report – Part 1
(Tambosso) | 36. SC 2026 R8 Recommendations (Nagy) |
| 30. Coffee Break 10:30-11:00 | 37. Next R8 Committee meeting (Karadzinov) |
| 31. R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities report – part 2
(Tambosso) | 38. Old business (Boskovic) |
| 32. IEEE EAB Presentation (Dalius) | 39. New business (Boskovic) |
| | 40. Adjourn (Boskovic) |

Attendance

R8 Committee voting members present:

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| 1. Algeria Section Chair, Bilal Attallah | 15. Greece Section Treasurer, Georgios Sirakoulis |
| 2. Austria Section Chair, Werner Drexel | 16. Hungary Section Chair, Daniel Drexler |
| 3. Benelux Section Vice-Chair, Francesco Fioranelli | 17. Italy Section Chair, Giambattista Gruosso |
| 4. Bosnia & Herzegovina Section Chair, Branko Blanus | 18. Jordan Section Chair, Mousa AL-Akhras |
| 5. Bulgaria Section Chair, Todor Ganchev | 19. Kazakhstan Section Chair, Didar Yedilkhan |
| 6. Croatia Section Chair, Vinko Lešić | 20. Kenya Section Chair, Stephen Okwiri |
| 7. Cyprus Section Chair, Aikaterini Papanikolaou | 21. Latvia Section Chair, Nadezhda Kunicina |
| 8. Czechoslovakia Section Chair, Kristian Hengster-Movric | 22. Lithuania Section Chair, Borisas Levitas |
| 9. Denmark Section Chair, Amjad Anvari-Moghaddam | 23. Malta Section Chair, Conrad Attard |
| 10. Egypt Section Chair, Ahmed Madian | 24. Mauritius Section Chair, Sayed Zahiruddeen
Sayed Hassen |
| 11. Estonia Section Chair, Andrii Chub | 25. Morocco Section Treasurer, Hadnan Sour |
| 12. Finland Section Chair, Mahdi Pourakbari Kasmaei | 26. North Macedonia Section Chair, Goga Cvetkovski |
| 13. France Section Chair, Florence Sedes | 27. Oman Section Chair, Abdullah Al-Badi |
| 14. Germany Section Chair, Christoph Baer | |

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| 28. Poland Section Chair, Marek Jasinski | 40. Ukraine Section Past Chair, Iryna Ivashenko |
| 29. Portugal Section Chair, Carlos Nunes Ferreira | 41. UK and Ireland Section Chair, Nagham Saeed |
| 30. Romania Section Chair, Grigore Stamatescu | 42. Zambia Section Chair, Mpaisha Phiri |
| 31. Serbia & Montenegro Section Chair, Mladen Koprivica | 43. R8 Director, Dusanka Boskovic |
| 32. Slovenia Section Chair, Marko Meža | 44. R8 Director-Elect, Marko Delimar |
| 33. South Africa Section Chair, Udochukwu Bola Akuru | 45. R8 Treasurer, Adam Jastrzebski |
| 34. Spain Section Chair, Antonio Robles | 46. R8 Secretary, Ljupco Karadinov |
| 35. Sweden Section Chair, Qinghua Wang | 47. R8 VC Member Activities, Habib Kammoun |
| 36. Switzerland Section Chair, Luca Dalessandro | 48. R8 VC Student Activities, Theodoros Chatzinikolaou |
| 37. Tunisia Section Chair, Hassene Mnif | 49. R8 VC Technical Activities, Tiziana Tambosso |
| 38. Turkey Section Chair, Nizamettin Aydin | 50. R8 Zone Representative, Abdullateef Aliyu |
| 39. Uganda Section Chair, Lwanga Kintu Fred | |

R8 Committee voting members absent:

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| 51. Bahrain Section Chair, Ali Zolait | 61. Norway Section Chair, VACANT |
| 52. Belarus Section Chair, VACANT | 62. Qatar Section Chair, Tamer Khattab |
| 53. Ghana Section Chair, Mensah Sitti | 63. Russia (Northwest) Section Chair, Victor Sheludko |
| 54. Iceland Section Chair, VACANT | 64. Russia (Siberia) Section Chair, Grigori Khazankin |
| 55. Iran Section Chair, Nosratollah Granpayeh | 65. Russia Section Chair, Safin Ansar |
| 56. Iraq Section Chair, Saad Mohammad | 66. Saudi Arabia (East) Section Chair, VACANT |
| 57. Israel Section Chair, VACANT | 67. UAE Section Chair, Hussain Al Ahmad |
| 58. Kuwait Section Chair, Abdullah Alqallaf | 68. Western Saudi Arabia Section, VACANT |
| 59. Lebanon Section Vice Chair, Jacques Demerjian | 69. R8 Past Director, Vincenzo Piuri |
| 60. Nigeria Section Chair, VACANT | |

Committees of R8 members present:

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| 1. Andrejs Romanovs | Chair | Section Vitality & Development (SVD) Committee |
| 2. Stamatis Dragoumanos | Member | Section Vitality & Development (SVD) Committee |
| 3. Nick Wainwright | Chair | Publications & Communications (P&C) Committee |
| 4. Bojan Nikolic | Member | P&C Committee, R8 News Editor-in-Chief |
| 5. Maja Matijasevic | Member | P&C Committee, R8 News Past Editor-in-Chief |
| 6. Mohab Mangoud | Chair | Membership Development (MD) Committee |
| 7. Mohamed Mahmoud Sief | Member | Membership Development (MD) Committee |
| 8. Mohamed Saeed Darweesh | Chair | Young Professionals (YP) Committee |
| 9. Emna Amri | Chair | Women in Engineering (WiE) Committee |
| 10. Wafa Ben-Hmida | Member | Women in Engineering (WiE) Committee |
| 11. Jani Dugonik | Member | Women in Engineering (WiE) Committee |
| 12. Mistura Muibi-Tijani | Member | Women in Engineering (WiE) Committee |
| 13. Sevda Abadpour | Member | Women in Engineering (WiE) Committee |
| 14. Peter Magyar | Past Chair | Life Members (LM) Committee, IEEE LMC Member |
| 15. Seif El Hajjem | Member | Entrepreneurship Committee |
| 16. Ayat Amr | Member | Entrepreneurship Committee |
| 17. Rawane El-jamal | Member | Entrepreneurship Committee |
| 18. Samart Deo | Chair | Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee |
| 19. George Papadimitriou | Member | Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee |
| 20. Lucija Brezočnik | Member | Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee |
| 21. Fairouz Fattoum | Member | Humanitarian Technology Activities (HTA) Committee |
| 22. Rene Garelo | Member | Conference Coordination Committee |
| 23. Ahmed Yousef Hasan | Member | Conference Coordination Committee |
| 24. Ilhem Kallel | Member | Conference Coordination Committee |
| 25. Lee Crudgington | Chair | Chapter Coordination Committee |
| 26. Catarina Silva | Member | Chapter Coordination Committee |
| 27. Mohammad Albarham | Member | Chapter Coordination Committee |
| 28. Eduardo Audiche | Member | Chapter Coordination Committee |
| 29. Dalius Navakas | Chair | Professional and Educational Activities Committee |
| 30. Dora Fourou | Member | Professional and Educational Activities Committee |
| 31. Nihel ben Youssef | Chair | Action for Industry (Afi) Committee |
| 32. Toni Mattila | Member | Action for Industry (Afi) Committee |

33. Mohammad Galal	Member	Action for Industry (Afl) Committee
34. Aida El-Sabban	Member	Action for Industry (Afl) Committee
35. Sohaib Qamar Sheikh	Member	Action for Industry (Afl) Committee
36. Khaldoun Taktak	Member	SAC, Student Recognition and Publicity Ad-hoc Chair
37. Ala Chalhaf	Member	SAC, Student Units Coordination Ad-hoc Chair
38. Martyna Borak	Member	SAC, Student Membership Experience Ad-hoc Chair
39. Vera Markovic	Member	SAC, Student Paper Contest Coordinator
40. Alkiviadis Michalitsis	Member	SAC, Student Hardware Contest Coordinator
41. Tawfik Sallemi	Member	SAC, Student Publicity Coordinator
42. Krishna Ajith Kumar	Member	SAC, Student Branch Chapters Coordinator
43. Matteo Bruno Lodi	Member	SAC, Student Branch Counselors Coordinator
44. Oussema Fitouri	Member	SAC, Collaborations and Outreach Coordinator
45. Vildana Hrnjić	Member	SAC, Student Social Impact Coordinator
46. Mohamed Ali Zormati	Member	SAC, Career Development Coordinator
47. Andreas Koltes	Member	Finance Committee, VCF Coordinator
48. Pascal Lorenz	Member	Finance Committee
49. George Michael	Chair	Electronic Communications Team
50. Maria Efthymiou	Member	Electronic Communications Team
51. Mona Ghassemian	Chair	Standards Coordinator
52. Rodolfo Oliveira	Chair	Flagship/Portfolio Conferences Ad Hoc Committee
53. Marios Antoniou	Chair	Cooperation with IEEE S/TCs and National Assoc. Ad Hoc Committee
54. Almedin Kavaz	Chair	Engagement and Collaboration Ad Hoc Committee
55. Peter Nagy	R8 Sections Congress Coordinator, MD Committee Member	

R8 volunteers/officers present:

56. Costas Stasopoulos	IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2015-2016, R8 Afl Committee Member, IEEE SC 2026 Chair
57. Margaretha Erickson	IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2017-2018
58. Magdalena Salazar Palma	IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2019-2020, R8 Local Groups Ad Hoc Committee Chair
59. Antonio Luque	IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2021-2022, IEEE MGA Past VP
60. Abdallah Kouzou	Africa Council Chair
61. Armenia Subsection Chair	Mariam Haroutunian
62. Senegal Subsection Chair	Dame Diongue
63. Jakub Zielonka	R8 SYP Congress Chair
64. Aleksandra Tuszy	R8 SYP Congress Vice-Chair

IEEE guests and meeting presenters:

65. Jill Gostin	IEEE President-Elect 2026
66. Barry Tilton	IEEE-USA President
67. Connie Kelly	IEEE Region 4 Director
68. Scott Tamashiro	IEEE Region 6 Director-Elect, IEEE Rising Stars
69. Cecilia Metra	IEEE Division VIII Director
70. Cristina Olaverri Monreal	IEEE Division IX Director
71. Gerardo Barbosa	IEEE Director and Treasurer
72. Tony Zertuche	IEEE SA Sr. Director Global Market Engagement

Others IEEE guests present:

73. Amira Ouerfelli	SIGHT Global Committee Chair
74. Baya Bouchaala	IEEE WiE Affinity Group Chair
75. Allison Taylor	IEEE Chief of Staff

Others IEEE R8 volunteers present:

76. Iraqi Amer	Egypt Section, R8 SAC Corresponding Member
77. Serge Dos Santos	France Section Vice Chair Technical Activities
78. Adriana Aguilera	France Section Secretary and WiE Secretary
79. Thomas Kopfstedt	Germany Section Vice Chair
80. Karl S. Gudmundsson	Iceland Section Past Chair
81. Ifeyinwa Achumba	Nigeria Section Past Chair
82. Anastas Mishev	North Macedonia Section Past Chair

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| 83. Catarina Reis | Portugal Section Secretary |
| 84. Lucian Toma | Romania Section Past Chair |
| 85. Brahim Mezghanni | Tunisia Section Vice-Chair (Chair-Elect) |
| 86. Tuncer Baykas | Türkiye Section Vice Chair |
| 87. Sreejith Sanal Kumar | UAE Section member |

Local organizing team:

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| 88. Amin Moghimy Fam | IEEE Finland Section local organization team |
| 89. Saeedeh Alizadeh | IEEE Finland Section local organization team |
| 90. Amin Salehi | IEEE Finland Section local organization team |
| 91. Aliya Sharma | IEEE Finland Section local organization team |
| 92. Jorma Kyrrä | IEEE Finland Section local organization team |

Meeting minutes

Day 1: Saturday, 28 March 2026, 9:00-17:00h EET (UTC+2)

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

Dusanka Boskovic, Region 8 Director, calls the Committee to order at 09:01 h EET and opens the 126th IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting.

2. Procedural – Housekeeping (Karadzinov)

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

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 60) and also a total majority of all voting members (50 out of 69).

4. Motion – Approval of the agenda (Boskovic)

Dusanka Boskovic, Region 8 Director, presents the proposed agenda. The agenda is approved unanimously.

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

Dusanka Boskovic, Region 8 Director, presents the items in the consent agenda. The full texts of the motions are given as attachments in the appendixes of these minutes.

Motion 1: **Approval of the Minutes of the 125th IEEE Region 8 Committee meeting** with appendixes

Motion 2: **Approval of changes to IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual:**

Motion 2.1 R8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee

Motion 2.2 R8 Student Activities Committee

Motion 3: **Approval of changes to the IEEE Region 8 Committees' Operations Manuals:**

Motion 3.1 R8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee

Motion 3.2 R8 Student Activities Committee

Motion 3.3 R8 Awards and Recognitions Committee

Motion 4: **Approval of the IEEE Region 8 flagship/portfolio conferences:**

Motion 4.1 Approval of RTSI 2028, 10-12 September 2028

Motion 4.2 Approval of MELECON 2028, 17-19 April 2028

Motion 4.3 Approval of ENERGYCON 2028, 19-22 September 2028

Motion 5: **Approval of MoU between IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Society and Region 8**

The consent agenda is **approved**.

6. Discussion – IEEE President-Elect address (Gostin)

Jill Gostin, IEEE President-Elect, presents the 2026 IEEE President's Vision: Engineering a Stronger Tomorrow, the 2026 IEEE Ad Hoc Committees, the IEEE Impact Challenge and the 2026 IEEE President-Elect: Strategic Goals.

7. Discussion – IEEE Past Vice President MGA address (Luque)

Antonio Luque, Past Vice President MGA, presents the 2026 MGA update, VP Initiatives and Focus Areas continued from 2025 and new for 2026 and the Call for IEEE MGA nominations/positions and awards 2027.

8. Discussion – IEEE Vice President Elect TAB address (Yener)

Aylin Yener, IEEE TAB Vice President-Elect is absent.

9. Discussion – R8 Director's report (Boskovic)

Dusanka Boskovic, IEEE Region 8 Director, at the beginning presents the obituary for Paul Jespers, the first R8 Student Activities Chair (1966–1969) and the 5th R8 Director (1971–1972) who passed away on 5 December 2025 at the age of 96.

Boskovic reports on her activities serving on the IEEE Board of Directors (BoD) and being a voting member of the Member and Geographic Activities Board (MGAB), representing the R8 at events, as well as in the Director- Elect role supporting and overseeing the R8 Publication and Communications and R8 Section Vitality and Development Committees.

10. Discussion – R8 Director Elect report (Delimar)

Marko Delimar, IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect, presents his previous R8 OpCom Background 2005-2014 and his new role in which he was elected on 15 February 2026 by the IEEE Assembly to fill the vacancy in the R8 Director-Elect role for 2026. He also reminds attendees of the deadlines for nominations for IEEE and MGA appointments and awards.

11. Discussion – R8 Zone Representative's report (Aliyu)

Abdullateef Aliyu, R8 Zone Representative, reports on his activities to meet the strategic goals for R8, including strategic partnerships, outreach and awareness of IEEE to underserved communities, as well as the support to the IEEE OUs including local currency membership dues payments.

12. Coffee Break 10:35-11:05

13. Discussion – R8 Treasurer report (Jastrzebski)

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, presents the Treasurer and Finance Committee Report including: the status of current activities, the importance of the early financial management training of the organizing teams of large R8 events (xSYPs, SYP, VLT), the Sections annual reporting status, the IEEE R8 Budget Report 2025 – Revenue & Expenses and the R8 Financial Position 31 Dec 2025 and its recent trends.

14. Motion – R8 Budget 2026 Update (Jastrzebski)

Adam Jastrzebski, R8 Treasurer, presents the Region 8 Budget Plan 2026 v2 – Revenue & Expenses and presents a motion for its approval. Full texts of the R8 Budget 2026 v2 and the motion are given in the appendixes.

Motion: Approval of the Region 8 Budget 2026 v2

PROPOSED ACTION: RESOLVED that the 2026 Region 8 Budget v2 as presented shall be approved. This budget includes:

- A 2026 balanced budget without material surplus or loss.
- 2026 budget expenses of \$ 1,142,467.
- 2026 budget income of \$ 1,142,467 consisting of: actual annual income, anticipated grants and savings of \$736,000, accrual expenses of \$126,667, and \$406,467 transfer from 2025 accumulated reserves.

BUDGET PROPOSAL 2026 INCOME SUMMARY V1b	\$
Existing Activities Including Grants and Savings	736,000
New Initiatives (Reserves)	406,467
Accrual Expenses from 2025	126,667
TOTAL AVAILABLE	1,142,467

R8 Nominal Code	BUDGET 2026 v.2
Committee general Total	(\$691,000)
Region 8 Director Total	(\$31,000)
Region 8 Director-Elect Total	(\$8,000)
Region 8 Past-Director Total	(\$7,000)
Vice Chair for Technical Activities Total	(\$86,000)
Vice Chair for Member Activities Total	(\$90,000)
Vice Chair for Student Activities Total	(\$82,000)
Region 8 Secretary Total	(\$5,800)
Region 8 Treasurer Total	(\$15,000)
Expenses from previous year budget Total	(\$126,667)
Budget Expenses Total	(\$1,142,467)

The motion is **approved** unanimously.

15. Discussion – IEEE Rising stars (Tamashiro)

Scott Tamashiro, Region 6 Director, presents the IEEE Rising Stars Conference held in Las Vegas in January every year, right before the Consumer Electronics Show, including data from the last edition in Luxor, Las Vegas, NV, Jan 2-4, 2027.

16. Discussion – R8 Vice Chair Students Activities report (Chatzinikolaou)

Theodoros Chatzinikolaou, R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities, presents the Student Activities Committee (SAC) team and the SAC Ad Hoc subcommittees; the SAC objective, vision and functions; the five strategic priorities and focus areas; student membership statistics YoY and the achieved 40,000 student members milestone. Chatzinikolaou invites to the stage the other SAC members to present the R8 student events, the student units' coordination, the recognition of the best student branches and volunteers, the publicity and the student membership experience:

- Abdullateef Aliyu, Past R8 Vice-Chair Student Activities
- Ala Chalhaf, Student Units Coordination Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Chair
- Khaldoun Taktak, Student Recognition and Publicity Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Chair
- Martyna Borak, Student Membership Experience Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Chair

17. Discussion – R8 SYP Congress 2026, Krakow, Poland (Zielonka/Tuszy)

Jakub Zielonka, R8 SYP Congress Chair, presents the details about the forthcoming R8 SYP Congress 2026, Krakow, Poland, 20-24 July 2026, and invites the Section Chairs to support the attendance to the SYP of their student and YP volunteers.

18. Discussion – SIGHT Global Committee – HTB (Ouerfelli)

Amira Ouerfelli, IEEE Humanitarian Technologies Board Member & IEEE SIGHT Committee Chair, presents the IEEE's Tech for Social Impact Hub strategic plan, actions focus and impact, SIGHT Groups and membership around the world.

19. Group photo (Karadzinov)

The group photo is taken on the stairs in front of the Makasiini Event Venue at 13:00 h EET (UTC+2).



20. Lunch 13:05-14:05

21. Discussion – R8 Vice Chair Members Activities report (Kammoun)

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

1. Peter Nagy, on behalf of Mohab Mangoud, Membership Development Committee Chair
2. Mohamed Saeed Darweesh, Young Professionals Committee Chair
3. Emna Amri, Women in Engineering Committee Chair
4. Lucija Brezočnik, George Papadimitriou and Fairouz Fattoum, on behalf of Smart Deo, Humanitarian Technology Activities Committee Chair
5. Seif El Hajjem and Vildana Hrnjić, on behalf of Mohamad Zidan, Entrepreneurship Committee Chair
6. Habib Kammoun, on behalf of Martin Bastiaans, History Activities Committee Chair
7. Peter Magyar, Life Members Committee Chair

22. Coffee Break 15:15-15:30

23. Procedural – Social program information (Karadzinov)

Ljupco Karadzinov, Region 8 Secretary, informs about the social program following the recess of the meeting first day, the guided bus sightseeing tour and the gala dinner.

24. Discussion – Directors' Forum (Delimar)

Marko Delimar, IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect, invites the present IEEE Directors to take part in the forum and after the introductory discussions to answer the questions from the audience:

Part ONE (IEEE and MGA):

1. Connie Kelly, IEEE Region 4 Director
2. Gerardo Barbosa, IEEE Director and Treasurer
3. Barry Tilton, IEEE-USA President

Part TWO (TAB):

4. Cecilia Metra, IEEE Division VIII Director
5. Cristina Olaverri Monreal, IEEE Division IX Director

Part THREE (Region 8 Past Directors 2011-2022):

6. Marko Delimar, IEEE Region 8 Director-Elect & IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2011-2012
7. Costas Stasopoulos, IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2015-2016
8. Margaretha Erickson, IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2017-2018
9. Magdalena Salazar Palma, IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2019-2020
10. Antonio Luque, IEEE Region 8 Past Director 2021-2022

25. Meeting Recess - Adjourn of the Day 1 (Boskovic)

The meeting recesses at 16:55 h EET (UTC+2).

Day 2: Sunday, 29 March 2025, 9:00-13:00h EEST (UTC+3)

26. Procedural – Call to order (Boskovic)

Dusanka Boskovic, Region 8 Director, calls the Committee to order at 09:12 h EEST (UTC+3).

27. Motion – Sunday agenda modification (Boskovic)

Dusanka Boskovic, Region 8 Director, proposes a motion to modify the day 2 agenda, as presented in these minutes. The motion is seconded and voted. The motion passes unanimously.

28. Discussion – Standards (Zertuche/Ghassemian)

Tony Zertuche, IEEE Standards Association Senior Director Global Market Engagement, presents the IEEE SA Organization, IEEE standards development process, globally recognized success stories, IEEE SA portfolio of programs and how to get engaged with IEEE SA.

29. Discussion – R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities report – Part 1 (Tambosso)

Tiziana Tambosso, R8 VC Technical Activities, presents the R8 technical activities team, goals and KPIs, the activities highlights and the plans for the 2026. Then Tambosso invites the Chairs of the Committees of R8 under her portfolio to present their respective activities:

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

Tiziana Tambosso, R8 VC Technical Activities, invites Dalius Navakas, Professional and Educational Activities Committee Chair, to jointly present certificates of appreciations for the organization of educational activities in their Sections:

Acceleration Program

Ghada Daghmoura (Tunisia Section)
Khadija El Kotti (Tunisia Section)
Chizaramekpere Osuji (Nigeria Section) (*)
Sandra Chioma Nwokoye (Nigeria Section) (*)

Local Language Program

Antoh Shadrack (Ghana Section)
Mohamed Amine Elyanoubli (Tunisia Section)
Taoheed Abdulraheem (Nigeria Section) (*)
Chukwudum Chibuike Charles-Mary (Nigeria Section) (*)
Onyebuchi Goodnews Somtochukwu (Nigeria Section) (*)

Winners of the RoboSTEMpathy program:

Best Section – Tunisia Section
Best Education Officer – Heba A. Shaban (Egypt Section)
Best Team – IEEE Durban University of Technology Student Branch (South Africa Section)

(*) The certificates for the IEEE volunteers of the Nigeria Section will be sent to the recipients by mail because the Nigeria Section has not a regular elected Section chair.

30. Coffee Break 10:00-10:30

31. Discussion – R8 Vice Chair Technical Activities report – Part 2 (Tambosso)

Tiziana Tambosso, R8 VC Technical Activities, invites the Chairs of the three Ad Hoc Committees under her portfolio to present the recent activities:

1. Mona Ghassemian, Standards Coordination Ad Hoc Committee Chair
2. René Garelo, Climate Change Ad Hoc Committee Chair
3. Marios Antoniou, Corporations with IEEE S/TCs and National Associations Ad Hoc Committee Chair
4. Rodolfo Oliviera, Flagship & Portfolio Conferences Ad Hoc Committee Chair

32. Discussion – IEEE EAP Presentation (Dalius)

Dalius Navakas, IEEE Section Education Outreach Committee, presents the IEEE Educational Activities and its role in the cycle of lifelong learning: IEEE TryEngineering, STEM grants for IEEE volunteers, EPICS in IEEE, IEEE-HKN, IEEE Learning Network and the EAB and IEEE-HKN awards, scholarships and fellowships.

33. Discussion – R8 Section Vitality and Development (Romanovs)

Andrejs Romanovs, R8 Section Vitality and Development Committee Chair, presents the committee activities supporting vital IEEE OUs serving their members; the requirements for Sections to hold elections and reporting according to the MGA Operations Manual 9.13 to comply for the full rebate, as well as that 36 R8 Sections shall organize ExCom elections in 2026.

34. Discussion – R8 Publications and communications (Wainwright)

Nick Wainwright, R8 Publications and Communications Committee Chair, presents the committee's objective, structure and current team, the news portal of the IEEE R8 and the IEEE Region 8 News issue Vol. 25 No. 1 covering years 2024-2025, as well as the publication deadlines of 31 May for the June and of 30 November for the December edition.

35. Discussion – Sections Congress 2026 (Nagy/Stasopoulos)

Costas Stasopoulos, IEEE Sections Congress (SC) 2026 Chair, presents the SC program tracks, the exhibit floor highlights including the pavilions, the booths, the hub and the MGA lounge. Martyna Borak, R8 SC Coordinator Assistant, presents the registration and hotel booking procedure, registration status of the R8 primary delegates to the SC 2026 and the visa application process including companions' invitation letter. Peter Nagy, R8 Section Congress (SC) Coordinator, explains the MGA covered expenses and the maximum reimbursement amounts for the SC 2026 primary delegates.

36. Discussion – Sections Congress 2026 R8 Recommendations (Nagy)

Peter Nagy, R8 Section Congress (SC) Coordinator, informs about the IEEE SC2026 recommendations process, the timeline and the received more than 30 ideas, which are grouped by topics and narrowed to the top 7 below.

1. Open IEEE Knowledge for Global Impact: IEEE should expand global access to its technical knowledge to accelerate innovation and enable engineers worldwide to address societal challenges. (15)
2. **IEEE Leadership in Responsible AI for Society:** IEEE should lead global efforts to ensure that AI technologies are developed and used responsibly to benefit society. (27)
3. **Developing Future Engineers for Societal Impact:** IEEE should strengthen the development of students and young professionals to equip them with the skills needed to solve global societal challenges. (22)
4. **Empowering Sections to Deliver Local Impact through Technology:** IEEE should enable Sections to act as local engines of technological innovation that directly address societal needs. (26)
5. Sustainability as a Core IEEE ~~Mission~~ **Focus:** IEEE should position sustainability and climate action as a central mission, mobilizing technology to address global environmental challenges. (8)
6. Leadership and Skills for Global Impact: IEEE should develop the next generation of engineers and volunteers by providing practical leadership and interdisciplinary skills needed to solve global societal challenges. (3)
7. Interdisciplinary Technical Activities for Global Good: IEEE should promote interdisciplinary collaboration across its technical communities to better address complex global challenges. (15)

The recommendations are voted as each Region should submit its top 3, with votes received shown in brackets. The selected recommendations with most votes are 2, 3 and 4 (shown in bold).

37. Procedural – Next R8 Committee meeting (Karadzinov)

Ljupco Karadzinov, Region 8 Secretary, informs about the provisional meeting and social event schedule, registration procedure, deadlines and expenses reimbursement for the next R8 Committee meeting in Glasgow, UK, 20-21 August 2026 in conjunction with the SC2026, in Glasgow, UK&I, 21-23 Aug 2026; as well as the dates for the following meetings in 2027.

38. Procedural – Old business (Boskovic)

No issues reported under this agenda point.

39. Procedural – New business (Boskovic)

Dusanka Boskovic, IEEE Region 8 Director, invites Section Chairs who want to host one of the 2028 R8 Committee meetings to send a proposal by email.

40. Procedural – Adjourn (Boskovic)

The meeting adjourns at 12:20 h EEST (UTC+3).

Respectfully submitted,
Ljupco Karadzinov, IEEE R8 Secretary

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – March 2026

FROM: Region 8 Operating Committee

SUBJECT: Revision of the Region 8 Operations Manual to discontinue the Region 8 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and establish the Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Standing Committees are presumed to be permanent and continue in existence unless or until dissolved, which requires a corresponding revision to the Region 8 Operations Manual. The current Operations Manual lists the **Region 8 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee** as a Standing Committee.

In light of the transition from DEI to Collaboration & Engagement at the IEEE level, and to align Region 8 structures with the global **IEEE Collaboration and Engagement Committee** purpose and responsibilities (e.g., promoting best practices, advising on strategies and programs, collaborating across OUs, communicating progress, and evaluating effectiveness), it is proposed to **revise the Region 8 Operations Manual** to:

1. Discontinue the Region 8 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and
2. Establish the Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee as a Standing Committee.

Following the precedent used in prior Operations Manual change motions, and in order not to impose an increased financial burden to the Region, the committee may be formed only by corresponding members.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the changes to the Region 8 Operations Manual are approved as presented.

Deletions

R8M-6.1 STANDING COMMITTEES OF REGION 8 (edit list entry)

- Delete: **Region 8 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**

R8M-6.1.17 REGION 8 DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Delete the existing DEI committee section (mission, composition, and statement of authority).

Additions

R8M-6.1 STANDING COMMITTEES OF REGION 8 (edit list entry)

- Add: Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee

R8M-6.1.17 REGION 8 COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (replace section)**R8M-6.1.17.1 MISSION**

To develop, promote, and recommend mechanisms to advance collaboration and engagement across Region 8 and Sections, fostering a culture that welcomes, engages, and rewards all who contribute to the technical profession.

R8M-6.1.17.2 COMPOSITION

The Committee may be formed only by corresponding members. Members are appointed by the Region Director from recommendations by the Region 8 OpCom as well as recommendations by the Region 8 N&A Committee.

R8M-6.1.17.3 STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

The Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee shall:

1. Promote the use of best practices for collaboration and engagement in leadership and communications across Region 8.
2. Advise Region 8 leadership on strategies, activities, and programs focused on advancing collaboration and engagement in the technical profession.
3. Collaborate with Region 8 organizational units to develop and coordinate initiatives, programs (including education), and events aligned with Region 8 goals and objectives.
4. Develop an approach to communicate the Committee's goals, activities, and progress across Region 8 and to appropriate external audiences.
5. Evaluate effectiveness, measure progress toward goals, and report outcomes periodically to the Region 8 Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION**Strategic Goal(s) Supported**

- Make sure everyone is welcome and find relevant services in IEEE.
- Provide a member experience that is valuable during all their professional life.

Financial Implications

- None anticipated, as Region 8 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Standing Committee is to be replaced by Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee.

Pros and/or Cons

- PROS: Aligns Region 8 governance and activities with the IEEE-wide Collaboration and Engagement direction and responsibilities.
- CONS: None.

Implementation

- Immediate after approval (and subsequent appointments by the Region Director as needed).

ACTION (CONSENT)

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – March 2026

FROM: IEEE Region 8 Operating Committee

SUBJECT: Revision of the IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual to update the Region 8 Student Activities Committee Composition

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The updated R8 Operations Manual Section R8M-6.1.8.2 reflects the operational changes to Student Activities Committee and updates its programs to align with the current practices.

The proposed change has been endorsed by the Region OpCom in February 2026.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the changes to the Region 8 Operations Manual are approved as presented.

Deletions

R8M-6.1.8 REGION 8 STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (edit list entry)

- Delete: Composition

R8M-6.1.8.2 COMPOSITION

- Replace the existing SAC composition section.

Additions

R8M-6.1.8 REGION 8 STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (edit list entry)

- Add: Composition

R8M-6.1.8.2 COMPOSITION (replace section)

The Student Activities Committee is chaired by the R8 Vice Chair – Student Activities and includes:

R8 Past Vice Chair – Student Activities (ex-officio)

Region Student Representative

Three (3) Subcommittee Chairs

The Vice Chair - Student Activities shall be responsible for providing a nomination for the Region Student Representative and the 3 Subcommittee Chairs, who are appointed by the Region 8 Director as non-voting members of the R8 Committee (unless concurrently holding a voting position in the R8 Committee). The Region Student Representative shall normally be chosen from Student or Graduate Student Members, and the 3 Subcommittee Chairs from Student or Graduate Student Members or recent graduates at Member grade.

The Region 8 Student Activities Subcommittees are appointed by the Vice Chair - Student Activities from recommendations by the Region 8 OpCom as well as recommendations by the Region 8 N&A Committee. Candidates shall generally be selected from active student activities volunteers at Section or Student Branch level.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

Enhancing and supporting the IEEE Organizational Units and their activities within Region 8.

Financial Implications

None.

Pros and/or Cons

PROS:

- Proposed structure better depicts current practices.

CONS:

- None.

Implementation

Immediate after approval (and subsequent appointments by the Region Director and the Region Vice Chair - Student Activities as needed).

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – March 2026

FROM: Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee (proposed)

SUBJECT: Approval of the Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee Operations Manual

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This motion proposes an **Operations Manual** for the newly established **IEEE Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement (C&E) Committee**. The Operations Manual aligns the committee's mandate and operating model with the IEEE Collaboration and Engagement Committee Charter (IEEE-level), while tailoring programs and reporting to Region 8 needs and governance.

This motion has been endorsed by R8 OpCom.

Proposed Action

Resolved that the IEEE Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee Operations Manual is approved as presented in the following two pages.

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

- Strengthens collaboration and engagement across Region 8 countries/sections, recognizing cultural diversity and improving effectiveness of Region 8 operations.
- Advances a welcoming, engaging culture and supports participation and recognition for contributors across the profession.

Financial Implications

- None (committee activities primarily virtual; any optional in-person meetings subject to budget approval).

Pros and/or Cons

- **PROS:** Aligns Region 8 C&E with the Region's committee governance framework; provides clarity on scope, composition, reporting cadence, and annual planning/budgeting.
- **CONS:** None identified.

Implementation

- Immediate upon approval.

IEEE Region 8 Collaboration and Engagement Committee Operations Manual

Approved by the R8 Committee: ____ March 2026

1. Charter

To advance collaboration and engagement across Region 8 by promoting a culture that welcomes, engages, and rewards all who contribute to the technical profession; to recommend strategies, programs, and practices that strengthen participation, leadership effectiveness, communications, and community building within Region 8 and its Sections. The Committee operates in accordance with R8M-6.1.17 of the IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual.

2. Composition

The composition of the Committee is prescribed in the IEEE Region 8 Operations Manual. The Committee shall consist of:

- Chair
- Past Chair
- Additional members (up to 3)

3. Reporting

The Committee reports to the Region 8 Committee through the Past-Director.

At every Region 8 Committee meeting, the report should include at least:

- A summary of activities completed since the last report (programs, collaborations, communications).
- Progress against the Committee's annual plan (KPIs/metrics appropriate for Region 8 engagement and collaboration).
- Risks, issues, and requests for Region 8 support/decisions.

4. Meetings

The Committee shall conduct business primarily by teleconference / electronic conferencing. When budget allows, face-to-face meetings may be held. The Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per year.

5. Programs

The Committee runs (and may evolve) programs consistent with its chartered responsibilities, including:

1. Best practices in leadership and communications: promote and disseminate practices that improve inclusive engagement, cross-section collaboration, and effective volunteer leadership communications.
2. Strategies, activities, and programs: advise Region 8 leadership on initiatives that advance collaboration and engagement in the technical profession across Region 8.
3. Cross-OU collaboration: collaborate with relevant IEEE organizational units and Region 8 committees/sections to develop initiatives, education, and events aligned with Region 8 priorities.
4. Communication and visibility: develop an approach to communicate C&E goals, activities, and progress across Region 8 and to appropriate external audiences (as approved).

5. Effectiveness and measurement: evaluate program effectiveness, measure progress toward goals/objectives, and incorporate results into regular and annual reporting.
6. Annual plan and budget: develop an annual plan of operations and (when applicable) a budget request, and manage approved resources to achieve defined objectives.

6. Awards

None (at present). The Committee may propose awards/recognitions in the future through the appropriate Region 8 governance process.

7. Contact

The Committee can be contacted at: collaboration.engagement@ieee8.org (*recommended*)

8. Effective Date

This Operations Manual becomes effective upon approval by the Region 8 Committee.

ACTION (CONSENT)

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – March 2026

FROM: IEEE Region 8 Operating Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of the IEEE Region 8 Student Activities Committee Operations Manual

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The new R8 SAC Operations Manual reflects the operational changes to Student Activities Committee and updates its programs to align with the current practices.

The proposed change has been endorsed by the Region OpCom in February 2026.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the Region 8 Student Activities Committee Operations Manual is approved as presented in the following pages replacing the previous one.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

Enhancing and supporting the IEEE Organizational Units and their activities within Region 8.

Financial Implications

None.

Pros and/or Cons

PROS:

- Proposed structure better depicts current practices.
- Updates description of the programs to align them with current practices.

CONS:

- None.

Implementation

Immediate upon approval.

IEEE Region 8 Student Activities Committee

Operations Manual

Approved by the R8 Committee, ____ March 2026

1. Charter

To empower student communities across Europe, Middle East and Africa through an engaging and high-quality IEEE student membership experience that fosters lifelong professional success.

2. Composition

The Committee consists of:

- The R8 Vice Chair – Student Activities as Chair,
- And the following members:
 - R8 Past Vice Chair – Student Activities (ex-officio),
 - Region Student Representative,
 - Three (3) Subcommittee Chairs.

The Region Student Representative (RSR) represents the students of Region 8 and has as primary goals to provide advice in the best interests of the students and to ensure that the Region understands and optimizes the support of student programs.

Each Subcommittee consists of:

- Chair,
- Up to three (3) members,
- Up to six (6) corresponding members.

It is recommended that the immediate Past Chair of each Subcommittee is appointed as corresponding member.

It is expected that the majority of the members of all Subcommittees will be at Student Member or Graduate Student Member grade.

3. Subcommittees

The following Subcommittees operate under the Committee:

- **Student Membership Experience:** To enhance the IEEE student membership experience and to enrich the student benefits portfolio through engaging initiatives and impactful development opportunities.
- **Student Recognition and Publicity:** To encourage and promote outstanding contributions and excellence among student members and units, and to support and coordinate recognition and publicity activities.
- **Student Units Coordination:** To engage with the IEEE student organizational units and to support their operations, management, sustainable growth, and effectiveness.

The Members of the Student Membership Experience Subcommittee shall be distributed the following roles:

- Career Development Coordinator
- Student Social Impact Coordinator
- Collaborations and Outreach Coordinator

The Members of the Student Recognition and Publicity Subcommittee shall be distributed the following roles:

- Student Paper Contest Coordinator
- Student Hardware Contest Coordinator
- Student Publicity Coordinator

Awards and contests judges shall be appointed by the R8 Vice Chair - Student Activities from recommendations by the Student Recognition and Publicity Subcommittee Chair and are not considered members of the Committee or the Subcommittee unless it is stated otherwise.

The Members of the Student Units Coordination Subcommittee shall be distributed the following roles:

- Community Engagement Coordinator
- Student Branch Chapters Coordinator
- Student Branch Counselors Coordinator

Each role depicts the main focus of the Member, while all of them shall contribute to all activities of the Subcommittee.

4. Reporting

Reports to the Region 8 Committee through the Vice Chair - Student Activities.

At every R8 Committee meeting, the report should include:

- current number of Student Branches in the Region and changes since the last report,
- dissolved SBs since the last report,
- statistics about SB reporting and rebates when appropriate,
- status of the different programs managed by SAC,
- progress on the selection, organization, or closing of R8 SYP and xSYPs, as appropriate.

5. Meetings

The Subcommittees shall meet in person immediately before the Spring R8 Committee meeting if budget allows. In total, the Committee and each Subcommittee shall meet at least 4 times per year.

6. Programs

The Committee and its subcommittees:

- Support Section Student Activities to be the most effective point of contact for their students,
- Monitor the student membership and the vitality of Student Branches and their sub-units,
- Support for Student and Young Professional Congresses at cross-sectional and regional levels,
- Promote good communication between students, counselors and sections, and encourage inter-branch and cross-sectional student collaborations,
- Improve the student membership experience by enriching the regional portfolio of opportunities,

- Increase collaboration with YP, WIE, HT, Entrepreneurship and PEA, and enhance student engagement in technical activities,
- Increase awareness of available student programs, events, competitions and resources,
- Recognize excellence with awards, contests and other forms of recognition,
- Nurture the next generation of IEEE volunteers and leaders and empower student units,
- Liaise with MGA Student Activities and voice student concerns and needs.

The Committee operates activities under the following focus areas:

- Coordination with MGA SAC,
- Regional Student Activities Strategy Development,
- Section Student Activities Coordination and Training,
- Student Congresses Coordination and Support,
- Internal Operations Coordination and Collaboration.

The Student Membership Experience Subcommittee operates activities under the following focus areas:

- Student Membership Development,
- Young Professionals and Student Transition,
- Professional and Career Development,
- Collaboration and Engagement,
- Industry Outreach and Entrepreneurship,
- Humanitarian Technology Activities.

The Student Recognition and Publicity Subcommittee operates activities under the following focus areas:

- MGA SAC and Region 8 Student Awards,
- R8 Student Paper Contest,
- R8 Student Hardware Contest,
- Student Awards and Contests Collaborations and Outreach,
- Electronic Communications and Digital Content Creation,
- Website and Social Media Management.

The Student Units Coordination Subcommittee operates activities under the following focus areas:

- Student Units Coordination and Support,
- Student Units Vitality and Tracking,
- Student Units Trainings and Resources,
- Student Counselors and Advisors Coordination,
- Technical Societies, Women in Engineering and SIGHT,
- Educational and STEM Activities.

7. Awards

The Committee participates in R8 Awards through the Student Recognition and Publicity Subcommittee in all student-related awards in cooperation with the R8 A&R and other R8 Committees. In specific, the Committee assigns members to review the applications, completes the procedure, and recognizes the winners. Awards eligibility, evaluation and prizes

are defined in the R8 A&R Committee Operations Manual. Awards criteria are available at the [R8 SAC website](#).

MGA SAC operates its own awards program available at the [IEEE Students website](#). The Committee supports the MGA SAC with suggesting members to review the applications. For the Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award, the Committee is responsible for establishing guidelines for judging, assigning members to review the applications and selecting the winner.

The Committee should encourage student members to apply for Awards in order to raise the visibility of student activities and have their achievements recognized.

8. Contact

The Committee can be contacted via the email alias r8sac@ieee.org.

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – March 2026

FROM: Region 8 Awards & Recognitions Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of changes to Awards & Recognitions Committee Operations Manual

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The hierarchical precedence of R8 Awards was not in accordance with the monetary prizes allocated to each of them. The R8 Awards and Recognitions Committee discussed changing the monetary prizes of the awards during the Spring 2024 meeting in Vienna and agreed on the proposed distribution as presented during the Fall 2024 meeting in Bordeaux.

This motion has been endorsed by R8 OpCom in July 2024 and December 2025.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the changes to the Region 8 Awards & Recognitions Committee Operations Manual are approved as presented in the following pages.

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

- Provides a platform for co-ordination, motivation and interaction among R8 entities
- Promotes the transnational nature of IEEE within the Region and the Institute
- Provides a link between the Region and other IEEE entities

Financial Implications

- Increase in awards budget of \$1800.

Pros and/or Cons

- PROS: More clear understanding of the relative importance of the awards. New monetary prizes are added to awards that previously had none.
- CONS: Some awards will have a smaller prize in order to keep the budget increase within boundaries.

Implementation

- The new prizes will be used in the upcoming awards cycle.

**IEEE Region 8 Awards & Recognitions Committee
Operations Manual**

Approved by the R8 Committee, ____ March 2026

1. Charter

To promote, recognize and reward excellence in the operations of Region 8 and its organizational units: Sections, Subsections, Chapters, Affinity Groups, Student Branches and Student Branch Chapters.

2. Composition

The Awards & Recognitions Committee shall consist of the following:

- Chair, normally the Region Past Director, who shall be at least of Senior Member grade.
- Up to seven (7) members, who ideally should include the Past Chair and representatives from the committees participating in awards: Region Vitality, Chapter Coordination, Young Professionals, Women in Engineering, Humanitarian Activities, Student Activities.
- Up to three (3) corresponding members.

Members of any committee or subcommittee involved in any step of the selection of a particular award cannot be nominated to that award or act as nominator, referee or endorser of that award.

3. Reporting

Reports to the Region 8 Committee through the Past Director.

At every R8 Committee meeting, the report should include:

- statistics on nominations of closed calls
- upcoming calls and deadlines
- other business of interest

4. Meetings

The Committee shall meet whenever necessary to conduct its business on time.

5. Awards

The following awards are defined in Region 8.

5.1 Region 8 Volunteer Award

Eligibility: An IEEE member of any membership grade.

The candidate's volunteer work is, or has been, on behalf of a Section or Region. The

candidate must have been active for at least 2 years in the Section and is not currently the Section Chairman.

The candidate receives no remuneration for his work for the Section except possibly expenses.

The members of the Region 8 Awards and Recognitions Committee and the members of the R8 Operating Committee are ineligible for the Award.

Nomination: The Nomination Form must be completed by a proposer who is familiar with the work of the candidate and who is an IEEE member in good standing.

Nominations must be approved by the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the Section. The Chairman of the Section must sign the Nomination Form. Any member of the Section Executive Committee, including the Chairman, may be the proposer. A Section may put forward only one candidate per year.

Evaluation: A&R Committee or a subcommittee of A&R appointed by the Committee.

Prize: \$400 and a Customized Certificate

5.2 The Clementina Saduwa Award

Eligibility: Nominee must be an active female working in one of the fields of interest of IEEE, and IEEE member whose engineering and career achievements are performed in one of the countries belonging to the IEEE Region 8.

The award can be offered to a candidate one time only.

Nomination: The submitted application must provide a statement (750 words maximum) that describes the candidate's career goals, challenges and obstacles she faced in her career, and explains how she overcame them.

The nominator (who could be a non-IEEE member) has to submit at least two signed endorsement letters from individuals (References) who are qualified to evaluate the candidate's success (colleagues, teachers, and others). Additional optional endorsement letters from public or private establishments can be provided.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Women in Engineering Committee

Prize: \$1000 and a customized certificate – Presented to the awardee at a Region 8 meeting. Region 8 covers the expenses of the awardee to attend the Awards Ceremony.

5.3 Region 8 Outstanding Section Award

There are three categories of this award, depending on the size of the Section as of 31 December of the previous year:

- Large Section = 1,501 or more members (including Students)

- Medium Section = 501–1,500 members (including Students)
- Small Section = 500 or fewer members (including Students)

Eligibility: All Region 8 Sections are eligible and can apply.

The nominated Section must have satisfied all of the IEEE reporting requirements on time.

No Section may receive two Region 8 Outstanding Section Awards within three years.

Evaluation: A&R Committee or a subcommittee of A&R appointed by the Committee.

Prize: \$500 and a customized certificate – Presented to the Section at a Region 8 meeting.

5.4 Region 8 Chapter of the Year Award

There are three categories of this award, depending on the size of the Chapter as of 31 December of the previous year:

- Large Chapter (61 or more members)
- Medium Chapter (25-60 members)
- Small Chapter (24 or fewer members)

Eligibility: All Region 8 Technical Chapters are eligible and can apply.

The nominated Chapter must have satisfied all of the IEEE reporting requirements on time. No Technical Chapter may receive two Region 8 Chapter of the Year Awards within three years.

Nomination: The Nomination Form must be completed by a nominator familiar with the work of the Chapter.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Chapter Coordination Committee.

Prize: \$400 ~~200~~ (to be used for future Chapter activities) and a customized certificate.

5.5 Region 8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award

There are three categories of this award, depending on the size of the SB Chapter as of 31 December of the previous year:

- Large Student Branch Chapter (61 or more members)
- Medium Student Branch Chapter (25-60 members)
- Small Student Branch Chapter (24 or fewer members)

Eligibility: All Region 8 Student Branch Chapters are eligible and can apply.

The nominated Student Branch Chapter must have satisfied all of the IEEE reporting requirements on time.

No Student Branch Chapter may receive two Region 8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year

Awards within three years.

Nomination: The Nomination Form must be completed by a nominator familiar with the work of the Student Branch Chapter.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Chapter Coordination Committee; at least one member should be member of the Student Activities Committee.

Prize: \$200 (to be used for future Chapter activities) and a customized certificate.

5.6 IEEE Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award

Eligibility: The nominated Young Professionals AG must have at least 20 Young Professionals members.

All activities from the past year must be submitted correctly to vTools in the form of event reports by the time of the application.

The nominated Young Professionals AG must not have received another IEEE award in the past year.

The nominated Young Professionals AG must not have received the R8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group award in the past 5 years.

Nominations: Proposals for nominations of a Young Professionals AG for this award will be made by the Section and supported by 1 letter of endorsement by the Section Chair or another member of the Section's Executive Committee. Alternatively, a Young Professionals Chair can also nominate a Young Professionals AG, provided that his/her nomination is endorsed by at least 1 other Young Professionals member and preferably also by a member of the Executive Committee of the Section.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Young Professionals Committee.

Prize: \$400 (to be used for future AG activities) and a customized certificate.

5.7 IEEE Region 8 Young Professional Exceptional Volunteer Award

Eligibility: The candidate must be a Young Professional member of an active Young Professionals Affinity Group in good standing, i.e. with all the required reporting up to date and elections in order.

The candidate must not have received another IEEE award in the previous year.

The candidate's Affinity Group must not have been awarded with the Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award in the previous year.

The candidate cannot belong to a Young Professionals Affinity Group nominated to the Region 8 Outstanding Young Professionals Affinity Group Award in the same year.

Members of the Region 8 Young Professionals Committee are not eligible to be nominated.

Nomination: Self-nominations are not accepted for this award.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Young Professionals Committee.

Prize: \$300 and an award diploma providing the citation for the award approved by the Young Professionals Committee.

5.8 Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Section Volunteer Award

Eligibility: Any Section Affinity Group volunteer of professional member grade in good standing may apply for the award.

Nomination: Any member of the Section may nominate a fellow volunteer.

Applicant must submit a letter written by the Section Chair, highlighting the achievements and contributions of the volunteer in question.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Women in Engineering Committee.

Prize: \$300 ~~250~~ and a customized certificate.

5.9 Region 8 Outstanding Women in Engineering Student Volunteer Award

Eligibility: Any Section Affinity Group student volunteer in good standing may apply for the award.

Nomination: Any member of the Section may nominate a fellow volunteer.

Applicant must submit a letter written by the Section Chair, highlighting the achievements and contributions of the volunteer in question.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Women in Engineering Committee.

Prize: \$200 ~~250~~ and a customized certificate.

5.10 Region 8 Women in Engineering Section Affinity Group of the Year Award

Eligibility: Approved Section WIE Affinity Group (AG) within IEEE Region 8 that has conducted activities and events within the previous year.

Nomination: Must include a report clearly and concisely documenting activities i.e. dates, content, number of attendees, academic or industry partners and impact of the events. The submitted report should be no more than 1000 words, and should include pictures. A report in the form of slides is also accepted.

All members of the AG must be listed on the application.

Both applications and nominations are accepted and any member of the AG can apply for the award, and any member of the Section can nominate the Section's WIE AG.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Women in Engineering Committee.

Prize: \$400 ~~450~~ (to be used for future AG activities) and a customized certificate.

5.11 Region 8 Women in Engineering Student Affinity Group of the Year Award

Eligibility: Approved Student Branch WIE Affinity Group (AG) within IEEE Region 8 that has conducted activities and events within the previous year.

Nomination: Must include a report clearly and concisely documenting activities i.e. dates, content, number of attendees, academic or industry partners and impact of the events. The submitted report should be no more than 1000 words, and should include pictures. A report in the form of slides is also accepted.

All members of the Student AG must be listed on the application.

Both applications and nominations are accepted and any member of the SB AG can apply for the award, and any member of the Section can nominate the WIE SB AG.

Evaluation: team appointed by the Women in Engineering Committee.

Prize: \$200 ~~350~~ (to be used for future AG activities) and a customized certificate.

5.12 Region 8 Outstanding Section SIGHT Group of the Year Award

Eligibility: All active R8 Section SIGHT Groups are eligible, provided that:

- Reported up-to-date officer roster on vTools.
- Reported at least 2 SIGHT activities on vTools in the past year.
- Implemented effective engagement with the local community supporting the uptake of the appropriate technologies and/or a local community project funded by HTB in the last two years with submitted final project report.

Evaluation by: team appointed by the Humanitarian Technology Activities Committee.

Prize: \$300 ~~500~~ and a customized plaque and certificate.

5.13 Region 8 Outstanding Student Branch SIGHT Group of the Year Award

Eligibility: All active R8 Student Branch SIGHT Groups are eligible, provided that:

- Reported up-to-date officer roster on vTools.

- Reported at least 2 SIGHT activities on vTools in the past year.
- Implemented effective engagement with the local community supporting the uptake of the appropriate technologies and/or a local community project funded by HTB in the last two years- with submitted final project report.

Evaluation by: team appointed by the Humanitarian Technology Activities Committee; at least one member of the team should be member of the Region 8 Student Activities Committee.

Prize: \$200 ~~300~~ and a customized plaque and certificate.

5.14 Region 8 Student Paper Contest (SPC)

Eligibility: Only IEEE student members and IEEE graduate student members are permitted to submit papers. Each author has to be a member of a Student Branch in R8. Applicants must not be pursuing PhD studies.

Nomination: A Branch may submit one paper for every 100 branch members or part thereof, with a maximum of three papers.

A paper can be submitted by a student branch if the Student Branch Counselor supports the paper OR if the Branch holds a local Student Paper Contest (SPC) under its own responsibility, with the winners progressing to the regional contest.

The work presented has to be completed before the student receives the engineering degree that entitles him/her to start preparing a doctoral thesis and the submission of the paper to the Region 8 Contest must be completed within 12 months after graduation. A doctoral thesis is not considered.

When entering a paper in the SPC, each SB Counselor will provide a document certifying that those conditions are fulfilled, giving the IEEE membership number(s) of the author(s), and stating during which year(s) after high school the work has been performed.

Five finalists (one author per paper) are normally invited to present their papers at one of IEEE R8 flagship conferences, MELECON or EUROCON. Transportation expenses are covered by IEEE Region 8.

Deadline for nominations is 1 December yearly.

Evaluation by: SPC judges, appointed by the Director by recommendations from SAC and the Student Paper Contest Coordinator, with the consent of the Region 8 Committee. The organization of the contest is managed by SAC Student Paper Contest Subcommittee.

Prizes: 1st Prize: \$800 / 2nd Prize: \$500 / 3rd Prize: \$200. In addition, the Student Branch from where the winner is based receives an additional award of \$250.

5.15 Region 8 Student Branch of the Year Award

Eligibility: All Student Branches in Region 8 in good standing are eligible to participate.

Nomination: A nomination for the MGA Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award must be made in order to be considered for this Award. After that, enrollment is automatic.

Five mandatory Exemplary Student Branch criteria and an additional 12 out of 32 criteria must be met, as detailed on the MGA Student Awards website.

Deadline is 31 March yearly.

Evaluated by: Student Activities Committee

Prizes: three types (Gold, Silver, Bronze) are awarded. Customized plaque and certificate are provided.

5.16 Region 8 Student Branch Website Contest

Eligibility: All Student Branches and Student Branch Chapters in Region 8 in good standing are eligible to participate.

Nomination: Each Student Branch may enter at most one Website, regardless of the number of Student Branch Chapters or Affinity Groups present.

Nomination can be submitted only by a Student Branch officer.

Evaluated by: Student Activities Committee

Prizes: 1st Prize: \$100 ~~300~~ / 2nd Prize: \$100 ~~200~~ / 3rd Prize: \$100.

6. Creation of new awards

Proposals of new awards must include:

- what is being recognized with the award
- eligibility criteria
- nominations conditions and procedure
- evaluation team and procedure for appointing
- prize, if any, and budget line if required

All proposals must be reviewed by OpCom and then submitted to the R8 Committee for approval. After approval by the R8 Committee they must follow the MGA process for establishment of awards. The process must be completed before the award is judged for the first time.

7. Contact

The A&R Committee can be contacted via the Region Past Director.

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 28-29 March 2026

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair, Technical Activities
Rodolfo Oliveira, Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Flagship and Portfolio Conferences

SUBJECT: Approval of RTSI 2028

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 the 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, created by the Italy Section, was included among the R8 portfolio conferences according to an agreement between R8 and the Italy Section (every three years, the conference will be organized in Italy).

Previous editions:

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| • 2027: Italy-Catania (in progress) | • 2021: Italy-(Virtual) |
| • 2026: Finland- Espoo (in progress) | • 2019: Italy-Firenze |
| • 2025: Tunisia | • 2018: Italy-Palermo |
| • 2024: Italy | • 2017: Italy-Modena |
| • 2022: France-Paris | • 2016: Italy-Bologna |
| | • 2015: Italy-Torino |

The Ad hoc Committee on Flagship and Portfolio Conferences (F&PC) sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2028 R8 flagship and portfolio conferences.

Bids to organize 2028 RTSI were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Committee on February 2nd, 2026. After detailed analysis and discussions, the F&PC members made the decision to select the **North Macedonia Section to host the 2028 RTSI in Ohrid** as the best submitted proposal, which fits with the objectives and the strategy of R8.

The R8 F&PC recommendation to organize RTSI 2028 in Ohrid, North Macedonia, was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM on February 6th, 2026.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2028 edition of IEEE RTSI is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE RTSI 2028

Dates: 10-12 September, 2028

Venue: Hotel Metropol, Ohrid, North Macedonia

General Chair: Katarina Trojachanec Dineva, IEEE Senior Member, Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, N.Macedonia

Number of participants: 150 (expected – best case)

Registration fee: US\$ 400-450 (reduced-regular)

Budget: US\$53,690 incomes, US\$41,350 expenses, US\$ 12,340 (23%) surplus

Region 8 share: 35% of the surplus (US\$4,319)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

North Macedonia proposal shows:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure, including a backup venue in Skopje
- Section, many chapters, and IEEE societies involved
- Expected Impact on Section and Chapter Vitality
- Three budgets (worst, expected, best)

Further details in the following documents:

- [R8 Call for bids](#)
- [North Macedonia proposal](#)
- [North Macedonia budget](#)

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 28-29 March 2026

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair, Technical Activities
Rodolfo Oliveira, Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Flagship and Portfolio Conferences

SUBJECT: Approval of MELECON 2028

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MELECON (Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference) is an IEEE Region 8 flagship conference organized every two years (even years) in one of the Mediterranean Sections/Subsections.

Topics cover the full area of IEEE, e.g., Communications, Networks, Electronics, Energy, Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Software, Engineering, Nanotechnology, and E-learning.

The purpose of this conference is to serve as a catalyst for the technical exchange between researchers and practitioners from different technological fields. The technical program includes plenary sessions, regular technical sessions, special sessions, poster sessions, and tutorials.

Previous editions:

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| • 1981: Israel | • 2004: Croatia |
| • 1983: Greece | • 2006: Spain |
| • 1985: Spain | • 2008: France |
| • 1987: Italy | • 2010: Malta |
| • 1989: Portugal | • 2012: Tunisia |
| • 1991: Ljubljana, Yugoslavia | • 2014: Lebanon |
| • 1994: Turkey | • 2016: Cyprus |
| • 1996: Italy | • 2018: Morocco |
| • 1998: Israel | • 2020: (Virtual) |
| • 2000: Cyprus | • 2022: Italy |
| • 2002: Egypt | • 2024: Portugal |
| | • 2026: Egypt |

The Ad hoc Committee on Flagship and Portfolio Conferences (F&PC) sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2028 R8 flagship and portfolio conferences.

Bids to organize 2028 RTSI were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Committee on February 2nd, 2026. After detailed analysis and discussions, the F&PC members made the decision to select the **Malta Section to host the 2028 MELECON in Sliema, Malta**, as the best submitted proposal, which fits with the objectives and the strategy of R8.

The R8 F&PC recommendation to organize MELECON 2028 in Malta was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM on February 6th, 2026.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2028 edition of IEEE MELECON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE MELECON 2028

Dates: 17-19 April, 2028

Venue: Palace Hotel, Sliema, Malta

General co-chair: Conrad Attard, Deputy Dean, Faculty of ICT, University of Malta, IEEE Malta Section Chair

Number of participants: 200

Registration fee: US\$ 450-\$550 (reduced-regular)

Budget: US\$ 95,550 incomes, US\$ 71,600 expenses, US\$ 23,900 (25%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% of the surplus (US\$ 7,170)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Malta's bid does show a complete and detailed 2028 proposal, and shows:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure and travel facilities
- Involvement of the Section
- Potential Industrial Financial Patrons
- Expected Impact on Section and Chapter Vitality
- Three budgets (best, expected, worst)

Further details in the following documents:

- [R8 Call for bids](#)
- [Malta Proposal](#)
- [Malta Budget](#)

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, 28-29 March 2026

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair, Technical Activities
Rodolfo Oliveira, Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Flagship and Portfolio Conferences

SUBJECT: Approval of ENERGYCON 2028

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENERGYCON (Energy Conference) is an IEEE Region 8 flagship conference organized every two years (even years) in one of the Region 8 Sections/Subsections.

ENERGYCON is an international forum for the exchange of ideas and innovative technologies on Sustainable Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Conversion and Utilization of Electrical Energy. It is also the premier IEEE Region 8 forum for the application of Electronics, Instrumentation, Information, and Communication Technology in the Electrical Energy Industry.

The purpose of this conference is to serve as a catalyst for the technical exchange between researchers and practitioners in the energy field. The technical program includes plenary sessions, regular technical sessions, special sessions, poster sessions, and tutorials.

Previous editions:

- 2010: Bahrain
- 2012: Italy
- 2014: Croatia
- 2016: Belgium
- 2018: Cyprus
- 2020: Tunisia
- 2022: Latvia
- 2024: Qatar
- 2026: Paris (in progress)

The Ad hoc Committee on Flagship and Portfolio Conferences (F&PC) sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2028 R8 flagship and portfolio conferences.

Bids to organize 2028 ENERGYCON were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Committee on February 2nd, 2026. After detailed analysis and discussions, the F&PC members made the decision to select the **Italy Section to host the 2028 ENERGYCON in Genoa** as the best submitted proposal, which fits with the objectives and the strategy of R8.

The R8 F&PC recommendation to organize ENERGYCON 2028 in Genoa, Italy, was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM on February 6th, 2026.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2028 edition of IEEE ENERGYCON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: IEEE ENERGYCON 2028

Dates: 19-22 September 2028

Venue: NH Collection Genova Marina, Genoa, Italy

General co-chairs: Andrea Bonfiglio, University of Genoa, IEEE Senior Member, and Gaetano Zizzo, University of Palermo, Vice-Chair of IEEE Italy Section,

Number of participants: 200

Registration fee: € 450-550 (IEEE/non-IEEE member)

Budget: € 130,000 incomes, € 103,098 expenses, € 26,901 (20.7%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% of the surplus (€ 8,071)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Italy's bid does show a complete and detailed 2028 proposal, and shows:

- Very experienced organizing team
- Good venue infrastructure and travel facilities
- Section and many Chapters involved
- Potential Industrial Financial Patrons
- Expected Impact on Section and Chapter Vitality
- Three budgets (best, expected, worst)

Further details in the following documents:

- [R8 Call for bids](#)
- [Italy proposal](#)
- [Italy budget](#)

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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting, 28-29 March 2026

FROM: Tiziana Tambosso, Vice Chair Technical Activities
Marios Antoniou, Chair Cooperation with IEEE S/TCs and National Associations ad hoc Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of MoU between IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Society and Region 8

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Society (IMS) is an IEEE society with strong presence in Region 8. IMS is interested in building mutual support in the organization of conferences, membership activities and history activities. Both IMS and R8 organize annual or biennial conferences involving partially overlapping communities. IMS desires to improve the involvement of members and non-members in its activities, with particular reference to younger members and industry members, to improve the awareness of non-members of its activities. R8 desires to improve the involvement of technical society members in its activities.

Both IMS and R8 desire:

- to promote and strengthen partnerships and cooperation;
- to increase understanding and awareness of how engineering and technology can positively affect quality of life;
- to disseminate recent advancements, discoveries and applications;
- to discuss ideas and promote cooperation among researchers working in instrumentation and measurement research areas

Whereas the IMS and R8 desire that R8 Sections and IMS Chapters within the R8 help in hosting conferences in the geographic area of R8, and the IMS desires to support R8 in the development of new IEEE Milestone proposals on topics of common interest then the IMS and R8 agree to respectfully follow these principles:

1. When the IMS financially sponsors or co-sponsors a conference in a geographic area within R8 where an IMS Chapter is present:
 - the R8 may choose to technically co-sponsor the event, if the Section and the Chapter will be involved as technical co-sponsors;
 - The R8 may propose at least two members, chosen from within the local Section/Chapter, to serve on the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the Conference Steering Committee and the General Chairs of the conference;
 - The R8, only for R8 Financially Co-Sponsored (FCS) conferences, will consider the opportunity to organize, within the availability of its volunteers and according to the

needs of the General Chairs of the conferences, parallel events aimed at particular audiences, such as Student and Young Professionals (in the following "SYP"), start-up companies, industry members or other relevant groups;

- The IMS will provide one-day discounted rates for any IEEE member choosing to attend only the parallel events organized by R8 or its subunits.

2. When the R8 organizes a flagship or portfolio conference in a Section where an IMS Chapter is present and the main topic of the conference is on an IMS Field of Interest:

- the IMS may choose to technically co-sponsor the event, and the local IMS Chapter will be invited to technically co-sponsor it;
- the IMS may propose at least two members, chosen from within the local IMS Chapter, to serve on the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the Conference Steering Committee and the General Chairs;
- the IMS Chapter will consider the opportunity to organize, within the availability of its volunteers, a Special Session or a dedicated Workshop in an IMS Field of Interest;
- the R8 will provide a single-day discounted rates for any IMS members (excluding authors of papers accepted for presentation at the Conference) choosing to attend only the session organized by IMS or its subunits.

3. In any of the conferences organized as specified in 1 and 2, the R8 and the IMS agree to publicize the conferences at no cost to the conference, unless agreed to in the budget through, for example but not limited to:

- advertising through their newsletters, publications and websites
- referencing the Conference periodically at their events, and
- publicizing the Conference in social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, etc.).

4. When dedication of an IEEE Milestone related to an instrumentation and measurement field takes place in an R8 Section, the IMS will be invited to share in the development of the content of the proposal and/or attend, by means of a representative, the Milestone dedication ceremony. In case of a joint development of the Milestone proposal, the IMS will be acknowledged during the dedication ceremony and in all related publicity materials.

5. When a Project Authorization Request for a new Standard sponsored by IMS is approved by the IEEE Standard Association, the R8 will be notified to circulate an invitation among its members to join the Working Group.

6. The R8 will invite the IMS Liaison to R8 or the IMS Chapter Coordinator to the R8 Chapter Coordination Committee meeting to attend in person, during the R8 Spring

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Meeting. The costs of travel and attendance of its representative will be covered by IMS.

The proposed agreement has been endorsed by the Region OpCom in December 2025.

PROPOSED ACTION

The MoU between IMS and Region 8 be approved and signed by Region 8 Director.

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Region-Society joint activity framework

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (the “MoU”), is entered into as of 1st January 2026, between IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Society (in the following “IMS”) and IEEE Region 8 (in the following “R8”) regarding mutual support in the organization of conferences, membership activities and history activities.

Whereas to fulfil their missions both IMS and R8 organize annual or biennial conferences involving partially overlapping communities, and

whereas the IMS desires to improve the involvement of members and non-members in its activities, with particular reference to younger members and industry members, to improve the awareness of non-members of its activities, and

whereas the R8 desires to improve the involvement of technical society members in its activities, and

whereas the IMS and R8 desire:

- to promote and strengthen partnerships and cooperation;
- to increase understanding and awareness of how engineering and technology can positively affect quality of life;
- to disseminate recent advancements, discoveries and applications;
- to discuss ideas and promote cooperation among researchers working in instrumentation and measurement research areas, and

whereas the IMS and R8 desire that R8 Sections and IMS Chapters within the R8 help in hosting conferences in the geographic area of R8, and

whereas the IMS desires to support R8 in the development of new IEEE Milestone proposals on topics of common interest,

then the IMS and R8 agree to respectfully follow these principles:

1. When the IMS financially sponsors or co-sponsors a conference in a geographic area within R8 where an IMS Chapter is present:
 - the R8 may choose to technically co-sponsor the event, if the Section and the Chapter will be involved as technical co-sponsors;
 - The R8 may propose at least two members, chosen from within the local Section/Chapter, to serve on the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the Conference Steering Committee and the General Chairs of the conference;
 - The R8, only for R8 Financially Co-Sponsored (FCS) conferences, will consider the opportunity to organize, within the availability of its volunteers and according to the needs of the General Chairs of the conferences, parallel events aimed at particular audiences, such as Student and Young Professionals (in the following “SYP”), start-up companies, industry members or other relevant groups;
 - The IMS will provide one-day discounted rates for any IEEE member choosing to attend only the parallel events organized by R8 or its subunits.
2. When the R8 organizes a flagship or portfolio conference in a Section where an IMS Chapter is present and the main topic of the conference is on an IMS Field of Interest:
 - the IMS may choose to technically co-sponsor the event, and the local IMS Chapter will be invited to technically co-sponsor it;
 - the IMS may propose at least two members, chosen from within the local IMS Chapter, to serve on the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the Conference Steering Committee and the General Chairs;
 - the IMS Chapter will consider the opportunity to organize, within the availability of its volunteers, a Special Session or a dedicated Workshop in an IMS Field of Interest;
 - the R8 will provide a single-day discounted rates for any IMS members (excluding authors of papers accepted for presentation at the Conference) choosing to attend only the session organized by IMS or its subunits.
3. In any of the conferences organized as specified in 1 and 2, the R8 and the IMS agree to publicize the conferences at no cost to the conference, unless agreed to in the budget through, for example but not limited to:
 - advertising through their newsletters, publications and websites
 - referencing the Conference periodically at their events, and
 - publicizing the Conference in social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, etc.).
4. When dedication of an IEEE Milestone related to an instrumentation and measurement field takes place in an R8 Section, the IMS will be invited to share in the development of the content of the proposal and/or attend, by means of a representative, the Milestone dedication ceremony. In case of a joint development of the Milestone proposal, the IMS will be acknowledged during the dedication ceremony and in all related publicity materials.
5. When a Project Authorization Request for a new Standard sponsored by IMS is approved by the IEEE Standard Association, the R8 will be notified to circulate an invitation among its members to join the Working Group.
6. The R8 will invite the IMS Liaison to R8 or the IMS Chapter Coordinator to the R8 Chapter Coordination Committee meeting to attend in person, during the R8 Spring Meeting. The costs of travel and attendance of its representative will be covered by IMS.
7. Counterpart Signatures. This MoU (and any amendments) may be signed in counterparts

including print copy, facsimile, digital signatures in PDF, or other electronic copies, each of which when taken together, will constitute one instrument.

8. This MoU shall be filed with the R8 and IMS file repositories for record.

MoU Signatures

Signature:

Name: Dušanka Bošković

Title: IEEE Region 8 Director

Date:

Signature:

Name: Shervin Shirmohammadi

Title: IEEE Instrumentation and
Measurement Society President

Date:

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TO: IEEE COMMITTEE, March 2026

FROM: Adam Jastrzebski, Region 8 Treasurer

SUBJECT: Approval of the 2026 Region 8 budget v2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The initial version of R8 Budget 2026 v0 was approved at the 125th R8 Committee meeting in Dubrovnik in October 2025.

As part of the regular update process, R8 OpCom updated the budget at its meeting in February 2026. The approved R8 Budget 2026 v1b included new budget codes, updated budget code names, and updates to some budget lines as requested by the main budget holders, resulting in 8.1% overall budget reduction. However, the accrual expenses from 2025 were not yet fully identified at that time.

The proposed here Budget v2 has accurate estimation of the accrual expenses. It is reduced by 7% in comparison with the Budget 2025.

This is part of the regular budget update process agreed at the 125th R8 Committee meeting.

PROPOSED ACTION

RESOLVED that the 2026 Region 8 Budget v2 as presented shall be approved. This budget includes:

- A 2026 balanced budget without material surplus or loss.
- 2026 budget expenses of \$1,142,467.
- 2026 budget income of \$1,142,467 consisting of: actual annual income, anticipated grants and savings of \$736,000, accrual expenses of \$126,667, and \$406,467 transfer from 2025 accumulated reserves.

IEEE Region 8 Budget 2026 v2 (USD)
Recommended by OpCom March 2026

BUDGET PROPOSAL 2026 INCOME SUMMARY V1b	\$
Existing Activities Including Grants and Savings	736,000
New Initiatives (Reserves)	406,467
Accrual Expenses from 2025	126,667
TOTAL AVAILABLE	1,142,467

R8 Nominal Code	BUDGET v.2 2026
Committee general Total	(\$691,000)
Region 8 Director Total	(\$31,000)
Region 8 Director-Elect Total	(\$8,000)
Region 8 Past-Director Total	(\$7,000)
Vice Chair for Technical Activities Total	(\$86,000)
Vice Chair for Member Activities Total	(\$90,000)
Vice Chair for Student Activities Total	(\$82,000)
Region 8 Secretary Total	(\$5,800)
Region 8 Treasurer Total	(\$15,000)
Expenses from previous year budget Total	(\$126,667)
Budget Expenses Total	(\$1,142,467)

REGION 8 BUDGET 2026 v.2 (\$)

Treasurer
Adam Jastrzebski



Code	Budget	Actual 2025 Year End	BUDGET v.2 2026	Budget v.0 2026
	Income: Balance/savings carried forward from previous year	\$463,800	\$406,467	\$463,800
1.10.1	Income: Voluntary Contributions: Member Donations	\$13,428	\$10,000	\$9,000
1.20.1	Income: Support from Organisations	\$344		
2.50.1	Income: FCS Conference Revenue	\$39,958	\$20,000	\$15,000
2.80.0	Income: Student Activities (Sponsorships)	\$55,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
2.80.1	Income: Receipts for Student Activities (Registrations)	-	-	-
2.90.1	Income: Support for Projects	\$41,500	-	-
3.10.0	Income: Rebate: MGA Allocation for Management of the Region	\$177,634	\$178,000	\$176,000
3.12.0	Income: Regional Assessment: Membership Dues Element	\$477,795	\$478,000	\$475,000
3.15.1	Income: Support for Members outside of Sections	-	-	-
3.40.0	Income: Interest received: CB Bank Account	\$47,538	\$35,000	\$40,000
3.45.0	Income: Interest received: Other Bank Accounts	-	-	-
3.70.3	Income: Other Receipts	\$294	-	-
3.70.5	Income: R8 as Intermediary	\$7,315	-	-
3.75.0	Income: Loan Repayment	-		\$4,000
	Budget Income Total	\$1,324,606	\$1,142,467	\$1,197,800
9.00.0	R8 Other	(\$3,621)	-	-
9.00.1	R8 Committee Meeting Spring: Accommodation & Social	(\$200,174)	(200,000)	(200,000)
9.00.2	R8 Committee Meeting Spring: Travel	(\$69,959)	(90,000)	(90,000)
9.00.3	R8 Committee Meeting Fall: Accommodation & Social	(\$137,662)	(85,000)	(130,000)
9.00.4	R8 Committee Meeting Fall: Travel	(\$72,522)	(30,000)	(80,000)
9.00.5	R8 OpCom Meetings	(\$32,947)	(40,000)	(40,000)
9.00.6	Reserve & Strategic Projects Fund	(\$4,021)	-	-
9.00.7	Student & Young Professional Congress: R8 Support	-	(60,000)	(40,000)
9.00.8	VCF Travel Award Expenses	(\$13,438)	(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)	(\$265)	(50,000)	(30,000)
9.00.12	Payment: R8 as Intermediary	(\$43,166)	-	-
9.00.13	R8 Support for Grants	-	(50,000)	(50,000)
9.00.14	R8 Series Mtg and VLT	(\$10,131)	(30,000)	(30,000)
9.00.15	R8 Zone Representative		(7,000)	
9.01.0	R8 News: Mailing and Production	-	(20,000)	(30,000)
9.02.0	Banking and card charges	-	-	(1,200)
9.03.0	FCS Conference Expenses	(\$5,000)	-	-
9.04.0	Loan Disbursement	-	-	-
9.04.1	FCS Conference Seed Funds (Loan)	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
9.05.0	Region 8 Awards	(\$2,750)	(10,000)	(10,000)
9.0x	Committee general Total	(\$595,656)	(\$691,000)	(\$750,200)
9.10.0	Director Other	(\$10,447)	-	-
9.10.1	Representing Region 8	(\$7,528)	(12,000)	(12,000)
9.10.2	Vitality Project R8	(\$6,671)	(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	(\$24,645)	(\$31,000)	(31,000)
9.20.0	Director-Elect Other	(\$2,138)	-	-
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)	(\$836)	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.20.3	Section Vitality and Development	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.20.4	Publication and Communication		(1,000)	
9.2x	Region 8 Director-Elect Total	(\$2,973)	(\$8,000)	(7,000)

9.30.0	Past-Director Other	(\$768)	-	-
9.30.1	Nomination & Appointments Committee	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.30.2	Award & Recognition Committee	(\$2,360)	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.30.3	Strategic Planning Process	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.3x	Region 8 Past-Director Total	(\$3,128)	(\$7,000)	(7,000)
9.40.0	Vice Chair TA Other	(\$1,605)	(7,000)	(7,000)
9.40.1	Technical Activity Sub-Committees Coordination	(\$4,039)	(11,000)	(11,000)
9.40.2	Conference Committee: R8	(\$3,633)	(15,000)	(15,000)
9.40.3	Chapters Coordination	(\$598)	(8,000)	(8,000)
9.40.4	Professional & Educational Activities	(\$6,326)	(16,000)	(16,000)
9.40.5	Standards Coordinator	(\$2,610)	(2,000)	(5,000)
9.40.6	Action for Industry	(\$13,140)	(18,000)	(15,000)
9.40.8	TA Projects and New Initiatives	(\$4,323)	(9,000)	(9,687)
9.41.0	FCS Conference Seed Funds (Loan)	(\$2,827)	-	-
9.42.0	Technical Activities Awards	-	-	-
9.4x	Vice Chair for Technical Activities Total	(\$39,099)	(\$86,000)	(86,687)
9.50.0	Vice Chair MA Other	(\$301)	(3,000)	-
9.50.1	Member Activities	(\$9,163)	(7,000)	(5,000)
9.50.2	Women in Engineering	(\$13,110)	(11,000)	(11,000)
9.50.3	Life Members	(\$4,232)	(5,000)	(5,000)
9.50.4	History Activities	(\$4,943)	(5,000)	(5,000)
9.50.5	Young Professionals	(\$14,008)	(11,000)	(11,000)
9.50.6	Humanitarian Technology	(\$15,726)	(16,000)	(16,000)
9.50.7	Entrepreneurship	(\$7,678)	(11,000)	(11,000)
9.50.8	Membership Development	(\$4,192)	(11,000)	(11,000)
9.50.10	MA Projects and New Initiatives	(\$10,680)	(10,000)	(9,687)
9.51.0	Member Activities Awards	-	-	-
9.5x	Vice Chair for Member Activities Total	(\$84,032)	(\$90,000)	(84,687)
9.60.0	Vice Chair SA Other	(\$6,974)	(8,750)	(8,000)
9.60.1	Student Activities Coordination (SAC)	(\$8,950)	(27,000)	(17,000)
9.60.2	Student Paper Contest Expenses	(\$7,374)	(8,000)	(7,000)
9.60.3	Student Branch Support Coordination (SAC)	(\$21,333)	(35,000)	(22,750)
9.60.4	Regional Student Representative (RSR)	(\$186)	(2,500)	(2,500)
9.60.6	SA Projects and New Initiatives	(\$9,799)	-	(24,687)
9.61.0	Student Activities Awards	(\$850)	(750)	(750)
9.6x	Vice Chair for Student Activities Total	(\$55,466)	(\$82,000)	(82,687)
9.70.0	Secretary Other	(\$78)	-	-
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	(\$1,179)	(3,000)	(3,000)
9.7x	Region 8 Secretary Total	(\$1,258)	(\$5,800)	(5,800)
9.80.0	Treasurer Other	(\$247)	-	-
9.80.1	Audit & Accounting	-	-	-
9.80.2	Office & Software Charges	(\$4,033)	(4,000)	(4,000)
9.80.3	VCF Coordination	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
9.80.4	Treasurer support to Region 8	(\$8,685)	(10,000)	(10,000)
9.8x	Region 8 Treasurer Total	(\$12,965)	(\$15,000)	(15,000)

9.90.0	Prev Yr: R8 Committee General	(\$328)	(28,080)	(37,740)
9.90.1	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Spring Accom/Social	-	-	-
9.90.2	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Spring travel	(\$1,909)	(5,000)	(15,000)
9.90.3	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Fall Accom/Social	-	(1,445)	-
9.90.4	Prev Yr: R8 Comm mtg: Fall Travel	(\$4,388)	(10,000)	(15,000)
9.90.5	Prev Yr: R8 Opcom meetings	(\$263)	(50)	-
9.90.6	Prev Yr: R8 Stud&YP Congress	-	(20,000)	-
9.90.7	Prev Yr: R8 VCF Awards	(\$2,181)	-	-
9.90.8	Prev Yr: R8 Support Members Outside Sections	-	(3,000)	-
9.90.9	Prev Yr: R8 Sections Congress	-	(40,000)	(60,000)
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	(\$325)	(400)	-
9.90.14	Prev Yr: R8 Technical Activities	(\$1,595)	(7,112)	-
9.90.15	Prev Yr: R8 Member Activities	(\$3,665)	(7,000)	-
9.90.16	Prev Yr: R8 Student Activities	(\$11,522)	(1,980)	-
9.90.17	Prev Yr: R8 Secretary	-	(2,600)	-
9.90.18	Prev Yr: R8 Treasurer	-	-	-
9.91.0	Prev Yr: R8 R8 News Mailing and Production	-	-	(30,000)
9.92.0	Prev Yr: R8 Awards	-	-	-
9.9x	9100 Expenses from previous year budget Total	(\$26,175)	(\$126,667)	(157,740)
	Budget Expenses Total	(\$845,397)	(1,142,467)	(1,227,800)