



52nd European Conference on Optical Communications

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Welcome to ECOC 2026 – Málaga

The European Conference on Optical Communications (ECOC) is one of the two largest global conferences and Europe's most prestigious event in the field of optical communications. In its 52nd edition, it is set to break records: more than 2,000 conference delegates and over 8,000 exhibition visitors are expected — the largest attendance in ECOC's history. From 20–24 September 2026, Málaga will become the epicentre of global photonics at the Palacio de Ferias y Congresos de Málaga (FYCMA).

A key date on the global photonics decision-making map

For the first time, ECOC will be held consecutively with Optica's Global Photonics Economic Forum (GPEF), bringing together leading scientists, industry innovators, investors, and policymakers to define the future of photonics and its role in the global economy.

Europe's Southern Tech Hub is calling

Málaga is rapidly emerging as a powerhouse for technology and innovation:

- Imec has chosen the city for a strategic R&D investment, including a 300 mm wafer pilot line.
- Vodafone operates its European R&D Center here.
- The Málaga TechParc and University of Málaga are driving deep-tech innovation and developing next-generation talent.
- Initiatives such as the Cátedra PERTE-Chip and the Photonics Economic Forum reinforce Málaga's role as a hub for semiconductors and photonics.

Scientific and technological excellence

ECOC 2026 remains at the forefront of optical communications, offering a unique space to present breakthroughs, discuss challenges, and foster collaboration across academia, industry, and government. Topics will include quantum cryptography for secure networks, energy efficiency in data centers, next-generation transmission systems for 6G, and the role of photonics in AI. The programme will feature keynote talks, technical sessions, workshops, and panels with global experts.

Where innovation meets quality of life

Málaga offers the perfect setting for networking and collaboration: 3,000 years of history, more than 300 days of sunshine per year, Mediterranean gastronomy, and a vibrant cultural life — making it one of Europe's most attractive destinations for living, working, and innovating.

Venue

FYCMA is ideally located between Málaga–Costa del Sol Airport and the historic city centre, with excellent connectivity and world-class facilities.

More information about ECOC 2026

For any further information in relation to the conference, please visit the conference website: **ecoc2026.org**

Regarding the exhibition details, you should also visit **ecocexhibition.com**
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Venue address:

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Important dates:

Submission of contributed papers:

Opens mid-February 2026
Closes mid-April 2026

Submission of demo papers:

During May 2026

Notifications of acceptance:

During June 2026

Early registration deadline:

Mid-July 2026

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