

These General Terms and Conditions are valid for each attendee registered for ECSS 2026. The summit is co-hosted by Informatics Europe (hereafter referred to as “IE”) and the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (hereafter referred to as “FEUP”) and organised as an in-person Summit in Porto (Portugal) between 26-28 October 2026. Any registered person is considered an attendee.

Registration

The registration deadlines, fees and registration link for ECSS 2026 are as presented on the Summit [website](#). The registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment in full.

Data Protection and Sharing of Contact Details

- The collection and processing of personal data will comply with the current EU regulation “GDPR”. When entering your data into the online registration form, we collect this data from you to process your registration for ECSS 2026. The data is secured from unauthorised access. In accordance with GDPR, you have the right to request access to, rectification, or deletion of your personal data at any time.
- When you register for ECSS 2026, you agree that IE will use your submitted data for the preparation and execution of ECSS 2026, including communicating with attendees and collecting feedback. In doing so, we may share contact details of attendees with employees of IE and FEUP, with CPL Events & Consultancy (ECSS 2026 payment managing partner), the ECSS 2026 Committees and, when consent has been provided during registration, with other participants. IE will not sell or disclose your personal information to other third parties without your consent.

In case of data protection inquiries, please contact us by [email](#).

Registration Fees and Payment

- ECSS 2026 registration fees, which include VAT, are as advertised on the website and can be paid by credit card or bank transfer in Euro (EUR).
- For **credit/debit card payments**, once the full payment is completed, a payment confirmation will be sent to the attendee’s registered email address in due course. An official invoice marked as paid will be provided by CPL Events & Consultancy within a few working days.
- For **bank transfer payments**, within three working days of the registration request submitted via the ECSS webpage, CPL Events & Consultancy will send the attendee an official quotation for the paying institution to issue a purchase order. The attendee will receive registration confirmation by email once CPL Events & Consultancy issues the related invoice.

- Registration fees must be paid within the period communicated in the registration system/invoice. Any bank charges incurred during the payment process are the responsibility of the attendee. Payment must be made in full for the registration to be confirmed. Otherwise, IE reserves the right to cancel the registration.

Letter of Invitation

- Attendees requiring an official Letter of Invitation can request one during registration or later by contacting marisabs@fe.up.pt, mentioning “ECSS” in the subject line. The Letter of Invitation imposes no financial commitment or liability on IE or FEUP in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the ECSS 2026 attendance are the sole responsibility of the attendee.

Visa Requirements

- It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to take care of their visa requirements. Attendees who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications.
- A letter of invitation for visa application purposes can be provided to registered attendees by the designated ECSS contact (see the above section). The ECSS General Organising Committee does not liaise with embassies or consulates, and visa applicants are solely responsible for their own visa application process.

Certificate of Attendance

- A Certificate of Participation will be issued by IE to all attendees who participated in ECSS 2026.
- Each attendee will receive a soft copy of the Certificate via email around 10 working days after ECSS 2026. Only soft copies will be issued.

Cancellation by the Participant

- The paid ECSS registration fee minus an administration fee of EUR 30 will be refunded if cancellations are notified to the local logistics team of the ECSS General Organising Committee (sara@cplevents.pt and marisabs@fe.up.pt) before the end of the early bird registration period. The refund will be issued by the original method of payment.
- No refund request will be considered after the end of the early bird registration period. However, a request can be made to transfer a registration to another participant, who will take over the booked arrangements in full. Please send your request to the local logistics team of the ECSS General Organising Committee (sara@cplevents.pt and marisabs@fe.up.pt) using the email address

provided for your ECSS 2026 registration, including the full name and email address of the nominated substitute. A EUR 30 administration fee will be charged for any name change request.

- Refunds will not be given for unattended events or early termination of attendance. In cases of cancellations due to personal matters after the cancellation deadline, please consult your personal insurance.

Modification of ECSS 2026 Programme

IE and FEUP reserve the right to modify the programme, which is published as an indication only. No refunds will be granted in the event of programme changes, including changes to speakers or topics.

Cancellation by Informatics Europe

- IE and FEUP reserve the right to cancel or postpone ECSS 2026 due to events beyond the control of ECSS 2026 Committees. The cancellation will be communicated to participants on the website and by email without delay.
- In that case, IE and FEUP reserve the right to reimburse the attendees after deducting costs already incurred for the organisation of ECSS 2026, which could not be recovered from third parties. The refund will be made to the attendees by the original method of payment.

Insurance and Other Costs

- Attendees of ECSS 2026 are responsible for purchasing the appropriate insurance (including but not limited to civil liability, accident and health insurance) for the entire ECSS 2026 period.
- Attendees shall assume all the costs associated with their participation in ECSS 2026 (including but not limited to accommodation, travel, and living expenses). We strongly recommend that all attendees get full travel insurance coverage.
- IE or FEUP cannot be held liable by attendees for any damages, costs or financial losses incurred, such as transportation costs, accommodation costs and so on. Attendees are recommended to book refundable or changeable options to mitigate potential issues.

Intellectual Property Rights

IE, FEUP, the ECSS 2026 speakers and/or presenters retain the copyright and intellectual property rights on their information, documents, files, presentations, and other content shared during ECSS 2026 and on the ECSS 2026 website.

Liability

- To the extent permitted by applicable law, IE and FEUP, as well as their respective governing bodies, committees, employees and representatives, shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential damages of any kind, including loss of profits and/or data, arising from or in connection with participation in ECSS 2026. Nothing in this clause shall exclude or limit liability where this is not permitted under applicable law. Participation in ECSS 2026 is voluntary and at the attendee's own risk.
- Oral agreements are not binding unless confirmed in writing by IE.
- IE or FEUP do not warrant the adequacy, accuracy and/or completeness of the information presented during ECSS 2026 and published thereafter on the ECSS 2026 website.
- Attendees are responsible for their own safety and belongings during ECSS 2026. By registering for ECSS 2026, you waive any claims against the organisers arising from participation.

Acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions

- These General Terms and Conditions shall govern your attendance at ECSS 2026 and will be applied fully and affect your ECSS 2026 attendance.
- IE and FEUP reserve the right to amend these General Terms and Conditions at any time. Registered attendees will be notified of such amendments. Attendees who do not accept these General Terms and Conditions shall inform the IE Office by [email](#) within 14 days after the notification of the amended General Terms and Conditions. IE and FEUP may exclude attendees who do not accept the amended General Terms and Conditions of ECSS 2026.
- These regulations entered into force on **8 June 2026**.