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EPoSS Start-Up Award

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About EPoSS

European Association on Smart Systems Integration

EPoSS is the **European Association** leading the development and integration of intelligent and green **Smart Systems technologies** and solutions for a sustainable society.

- Connects major industrial companies, SMEs, research organisations and universities from the **Smart Systems community** to **foster cooperation**.
- Contributes to **the definition of R&D and innovation needs** as well as **policy requirements and roadmaps** related to Smart Systems Integration and **integrated micro- and nanosystems**.
- More than **140 members** from all over Europe with a particular link to local innovation and technology hubs and Clusters.



Working Groups

EPoSS Start-up Award



2023 Villach, Austria



2024 Cork, Ireland



2022 Turin, Italy



2025 Neuchâtel, Switzerland

- Initiated in 2019.
- It is our mission to **link young enterprises with the established Smart Systems community**.
- We invite finalists to the **EPoSS Annual Forum** to compete in front of a senior professional jury.

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Benefits for finalists

Receive **two tickets for the EPoSS Annual Forum** with **free entrance**.

Visibility and **networking** within the Smart Systems community.

- Network on site.
- Present your innovation to senior experts in a dedicated session.
- Represent your start-up with a booth.
- Enjoy visibility through the EPoSS communication channels.
- Become immediately a member of the EPoSS community.

Feedback

- Receive valuable advice on how to improve concepts and businesses.

All finalists will receive a **certificate**. The **winner** is granted a full **EPoSS membership for one year** and receives two tickets for the upcoming EPoSS Annual Forum for free.

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About the EPoSS Annual Forum

- The **EPoSS Annual Forum** is the flagship event of **EPoSS – the European Association on Smart Systems Integration**. It is held once a year hosted by an EPoSS member, thus linking the association and its members to local Smart Systems industry players.
- In 2026, EPoSS will hold its Annual Forum on **June 17-18 in Braga, Portugal hosted by EPoSS member INL**. We expect about 150 participants from industry, research and politics from all over Europe.
- The event represents an opportunity to keep abreast of **major trends in Smart Systems Integration** and to get in touch with key players such as AVL, BOSCH, CEA, CONTINENTAL, CSEM, FRAUNHOFER, INFINEON, NXP, ST MICROELECTRONICS, SIEMENS, TYNDALL and VTT.

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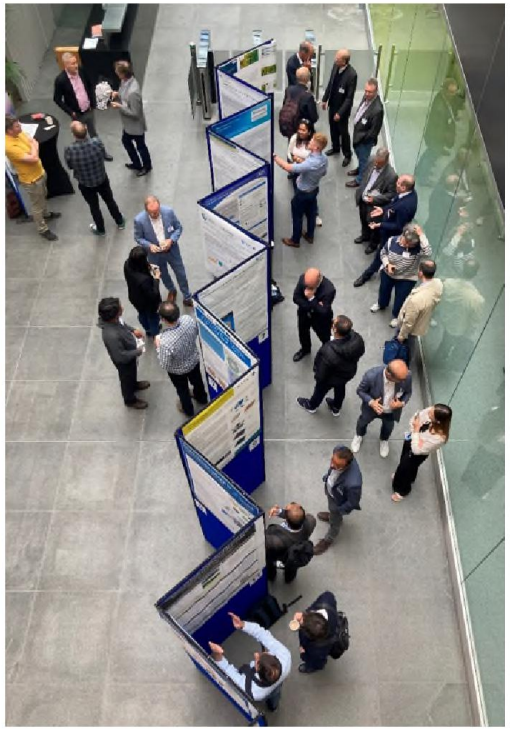
Annual Forum Impressions





















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Topics and Purpose of the EPoSS Annual Forum

- Main **topics** will be
  - Smart Systems Integration (SSI)
  - Electronic Components & Systems (ECS)
  - Integrated Micro and Nanosystems

- The event is a **meeting place for the European Smart Systems community** for
  - Insights and updates
  - Networking
  - Site visits to companies
  - Start-ups involvement

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WHO qualifies?

- European start-up companies founded after **January 1, 2022** with innovative business idea, product or service and high growth potential
- **Early** or **mature stages** of development, concepts, ideas or business cases
- Related to **Smart Systems technologies** for different application areas, such as manufacturing technologies, energy, mobility, flexible electronics, wearables, food, agriculture or medical technology



2023 Villach, Austria

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HOW does it work?

- Apply following the guidelines here https://www.smart-systems-integration.org/event/eposs-annual-forum-2026.
- Applications must be submitted to EPoSS via contact@smart-systems-integration.org.
- If you are invited: **Pitch for the Award!**
- Pitch with a maximum **ten-slide PowerPoint** presentation and showcase your product **in front of a jury** consisting of EPoSS senior experts.
- The jury will assume the role of a potential business partner interviewing you and selecting the most innovative and promising ideas.
- The award will be handed over during the EPoSS evening dinner.

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