**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

to host the

8th International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies 2026

(**SEST 2026**)

The SEST Steering Committee is welcoming candidacies to host **SEST 2026**. If you are interested in hosting this Conference in **September 2026**, you can submit your proposal by e-mail to the

*SEST Series Steering Committee Chair (2024-2025 term)*

Prof. Gianfranco Chicco, Politecnico di Torino, Italy

gianfranco.chicco@polito.it

**Submit your application** **before** **May 15, 2024 by indicating the subject**

**“SEST2026 – Candidacy”**.

Note: Applications received after the deadline will **NOT** be considered.

**Instructions:**the following pages contain a number of items that should be filled in to provide information on your plans for hosting SEST 2026. Please follow the indicated order and do **not** remove any (sub-)headers. Instead, indicate “N/A” or “to be decided” as appropriate. **Please remove explanatory text** (in *italics*).

Submit your proposal as a **PDF file**.

General information about the SEST Conference Series can be found in the Appendix.

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| **Contact person (name, e-mail):** |  |
| **Organizing institution:** |  |
| **City, Country:** |  |
| **Motivation** |
| *Optional; Please provide a brief motivation (****max 200-250 words****) to support your candidacy (e.g., mention previous experience in organizing conferences and events).* |

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- **Important Dates** for:

* Abstract Submission
* Notification of Abstract Acceptance *(****min 1 month*** *after Abstract Submission)*
* Full Paper Submission *(****min 2 months*** *after Notification of Abstract Acceptance)*
* Notification of Acceptance *(****min 3 months*** *after Full Paper Submission)*
* Final Paper Submission *(****min 2 weeks*** *after Notification of Acceptance)*

- Proposed **Location** and **Venue**:

* Destination *(city, local tourism and attractions, safety & cleanliness, and weather prediction at time of conference)*
* Travel Access *(by air, land and/or sea, including accessibility and expected transportation costs)*
* Venue *(location, meetings space/rooms for welcome reception, keynotes, technical sessions, registration and operation)*
* Accommodation/Hotels *(location and competitive rates)*
* Proposed social program *(welcome reception, gala dinner and technical tours)*

**2. ORGANIZING AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

- Conference General **Chair** *(****max 1****)*

- Conference General **Co-Chair**(s) *(****min 1****; max 2; note: one of them must be the General Chair of SEST 2024)*

- Conference **Honorary Chair**(s) *(optional;* ***max 2****)*

- **LOC**-Local Organizing Committee *(****min 5****; ideally over 5)*

- **Web** Coordinator and **Publications** Chair(s) *(****min 2****; max 3)*

- **Technical** Co-Chairs *(****min 2****; max 3)*

- **TPC**-Technical Program Committee *(****min 100****; ideally well over 100)*

- Proposed **Keynote Speakers** *(typically* ***4 to 6****; consider the scope of envisaged co-sponsoring IEEE entities, diversity of topics, keynote speaker seniority level – e.g., IEEE Senior Members, Fellows)*

- **Special sessions**, **tutorials** and EU and/or national **project** presentations/sessions

- Envisaged number of **PC members** assigned per full paper *(****typically 2****)*

- Envisaged number of **reviews per paper** *(****min 4****; ideally between 5 and 6)*

- Envisaged **acceptance rate** for **SEST 2024** *(****max 50%****, considering all abstracts and full papers submitted, and disregarding full papers not submitted; ideally* ***35-40%****)*

**3. SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORTERS**

• Technical co-Sponsors with **IEEE** *(****min 3****; ideally 4)*

*Note: technical co-sponsors are only IEEE entities (Societies, Sections, Chapters, etc.)*

• Potential **Patrons**/**Supporters**

*e.g. local/regional utilities and or corporations*

• Potential **Exhibitors**

**4. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

• Proposed **Registration Fees** *(typical values available at:* [*https://www.sest2023.org/registration*](https://www.sest2023.org/registration)*)*

• Proposed **Budget** *(Preliminary) Summary*

**5. SUBMITTED BY:**

Date:

Name:

Title:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX: BASIC information on the SEST Conference Series**

**Classical Welcome Address**

*Governments around the world are investing heavily in* ***Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (SEST)*** *to ensure optimum energy use and supply, enable better planning for outage responses and recovery, facilitating the integration of heterogeneous technologies such as renewable energy systems, electrical vehicle networks, and smart homes around the grid. Smart energy systems present enormous engineering challenges in the design and integration of energy and electrical grids with communication and network technologies, along with substantial questions of security and privacy of different components within the grid. The* ***SEST conference*** *aims at providing an opportunity to discuss various engineering challenges of smart energy system design and operation by focusing on advanced methods and practices for designing different components and their integration within the grid. It also provides a forum for researchers from academia and professionals from industry, as well as government regulators, to tackle these challenges and discuss and exchange knowledge and best practices about the design and implementation of smart energy systems.*

**Conference Scope**

Forecasting, Operations and Planning of Energy Systems

Renewable Energy and Distributed Generation

Transmission and Distribution Systems and Technologies

Microgrids, Virtual Power Plants, and Aggregators

Smart Grid Technologies and Infrastructures

Power Systems Dynamics and Stability

Control Centers Technologies

Energy Markets, Economics and Policies

Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Savings

Power Electronics and Energy Conversion

Home Automation and Smart Buildings Technologies

Monitoring and Advanced Metering Infrastructures

Information and Communication Technologies

Power Systems Protection, Security and Reliability

Optimization and Computational Intelligence

Uncertainty and Risk Management Methods

Data Analytics and Industrial Informatics

Industrial Cyber Physical Energy Systems

Energy Storage Systems and Technologies

Flexible Demand and Demand Response

Electric Vehicles and Transportation Electrification

Integrated and Multi-Energy Systems

Power Quality and Electromagnetic Compatibility

Business Models for Smart Grids

Industrial Applications of Smart Energy Systems

**Previous SEST Conferences (Statistics)**

- 1st International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2018**):

Date and Venue: 10-12 September 2018, Seville, Spain

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE IES

Reviews per paper: **3.7**

Acceptance Rate: **64%**

Proceedings available at: <https://doi.org/10.1109/SEST44096.2018>

Final Number of Papers: **105**

- 2nd International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2019**):

Date and Venue: 9-11 September 2019, Porto, Portugal

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE IES and PES

Reviews per paper: **4.2**

Acceptance Rate: **58%**

Proceedings available at: <https://doi.org/10.1109/SEST45671.2019>

Final Number of Papers **167**

- 3rd International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2020**):

Date and Venue: 7-9 September 2020, Istanbul, Turkey (occurred in *Virtual* mode)

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE IES, PES and IAS

Reviews per paper: **5.6**

Acceptance Rate: **44%**

Proceedings available at: <https://doi.org/10.1109/SEST48500.2020>

Final Number of Papers **101**

- 4th International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2021**):

Website: <https://sites.univaasa.fi/sest2021/>

Date and Venue: 6-8 September 2021, Vaasa, Finland (occurred in *Virtual* mode)

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE IES, PES, IAS and PELS

Reviews per paper: **5.7**

Acceptance Rate: **39%**

Proceedings available at: <https://doi.org/10.1109/SEST50973.2021>

Final Number of Papers **124**

- 5th International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2022**):

Website: <https://www.sest2022.org/>

Date and Venue: 5-7 September 2022, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE IES, PES, IAS and PELS

Reviews per paper: **5.4**

Acceptance Rate: **48%**

Final Number of Papers **113**

- 6th International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2023**):

Date and Venue: 4-6 September 2023, Mugla, Turkey

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE IES, PES, IAS and PELS

Reviews per paper: **4.8**

Acceptance Rate: **48%**

Final Number of Papers **78**

- 7th International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and Technologies (**SEST 2024**):

Date and Venue: 10-12 September 2024, Torino, Italy (*forthcoming*)

Technically Co-Sponsored by IEEE PES, IAS, IEEE Italy Section, IEEE Italian Chapters IAS, IES, CTS, PES

Reviews per paper: **5** (expected)

Acceptance Rate: **45%** (expected)

Final Number of Papers **115** (expected)