



## 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Economics of Grids, Clouds, Systems & Services

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Fast Track for several Journals in Computer Systems and E-Commerce

GECON 2026 builds upon the very successful tradition of the conference previous editions (<http://www.gecon-conference.org>) since 2003. GECON solicits contributions that are interdisciplinary, combining business and economic aspects with engineering and computer science related themes.

### Important Deadlines

Deadlines for full papers and short papers (work-in-progress papers) are:

- **Paper abstract** submission: May 8th, 2026
- **Full / short paper** submission (WiP): May 15th, 2026
- **Poster submission** (abstract + poster): June 12th, 2026
- **Notification of acceptance**: June 12th, 2026
- **Camera ready**: June 26th, 2026
- **Poster submission (for accepted papers)**: June 26th, 2026

Deadlines for special topic session proposals and tutorial proposals are:

- **Special topic session proposal**: May 1st, 2026
- **Tutorial proposal deadline**: May 1st, 2026
- **Notification of acceptance**: May 8th, 2026

## Topics of Interest

As a global market for infrastructures, platforms, and software services emerge, the need to understand and deal with its implications and interdisciplinary challenges is quickly growing. To address this, GECON encourages the submission of papers that combine at least one economic/legal area and one technologic area, including (but not limited to):

### Economics

- Trustworthiness of services
- Ecosystem economics
- Switching costs
- Incentive design, strategic behaviour & game theory
- Market mechanisms, auctions models, and bidding languages
- Economic efficiency
- Techno-economic analysis and modelling
- Pricing schemes, revenue models, egress fees
- Preemptible computing
- Metering, accounting, and billing
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Automated trading and bidding support tools
- Trust, reputation, security, and risk management
- Performance monitoring, optimization, and prediction
- Economics of Open Data
- Trustworthiness and Assurances for Quality of Data
- Economic impact of distributed storage solutions
- Energy efficiency
- Sustainability
- Business models and strategies
- Decision support
- Network effects

### Law and Legal Aspects

- Standardisation, interoperability, and legal aspects
- Service level Agreements (SLAs)
- Negotiation, monitoring, and enforcement
- Governance of ecosystems
- Privacy
- Data sovereignty

### Clouds, Grids, Systems and Services

- IaaS, SaaS, PaaS and Federation of resources
- Vertical scaling, burstable computing, vertical elasticity
- Resource management: allocation, sharing, and scheduling
- Capacity planning
- Virtualization and containers

- Service science, management and engineering (SSME)
- Software engineering
- Security

### **Applications and Technologies Transforming the Economy**

- Generative AI and its economic impact
- Generative AI and Trust
- AI-enabled computing continuum from Cloud to Edge
- AI and power demand
- Smart grids, smart cities, and smart buildings
- Energy-aware infrastructures and services
- Fog, edge, cloud computing
- Micro-services, serverless computing
- Internet-of-Things
- Blockchains
- Community networks
- Social networks
- Social computing
- Shared public infrastructures for knowledge exchange:
- (e.g. IPFS, Origin Trail, Decentralised Knowledge Graphs)
- Big data
- Reports on industry test-beds and operational markets
- Data stream ingestion and complex event processing
- Open source
- Modelling, Simulation and Decision-making of Clouds, Systems and Services
- Interoperability and portability

### **Publication and Submission Guidelines for Papers**

Original full papers and short papers (work-in-progress papers), which are not currently under review by another conference, will be considered. Manuscripts will be reviewed based on technical merit, originality, and relevance. Past acceptance rates have been around 30 per cent in recent years.

Full papers and short papers (work-in-progress papers) shall be submitted using the [Springer LNCS format](#). Submitted full papers should not exceed 12 pages and WIP papers should not exceed 8 pages (including references and appendices). For further details, visit the GECON 2026 web page. Paper submissions are managed through EasyChair at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=gecon2026>.

The proceedings will be published by Springer LNCS.

Extended versions of up to 10 accepted papers in the Computer Science field will be invited to publish in a special issue of the Elsevier Journal of **Future Generation Computing Systems**. For papers targeting mainly business and economic aspects, will be considered a special issue

of one of the following:

- **Springer Electronic Markets;**
- **Elsevier Electronic Commerce Research and Applications;**
- **Springer Electronic Commerce Research;**

with up to 15 papers is foreseen.

## **Submission Guidelines for Special Topic Session Proposals**

GECON 2026 looks for proposals for special topic sessions. With the objective of encouraging alternative forms of participation that can increase the opportunity to discuss technical topics and new ideas in a round table atmosphere, we solicit special topic proposals.

The special topic sessions program seeks to provide venues for specialist groups to meet, to generate focused discussion on specific sub-areas within the economics of distributed systems, and to engage in community-building activities. Special sessions should provide a discussion forum for researchers in topics related to topics of the conference, either on specific research themes, or in emerging areas of research. Special topic sessions can be used, for example, for giving the opportunity to all participants to present intermediate/final results of projects, finding partners to establish collaborative research and innovation projects.

Special topic session proposals should describe briefly *objectives or purpose, importance of the topic, and strategies to facilitate participation* in the discussion.

The Special Topic session participants can write a joined paper or submit individual papers for the conference proceedings.

## **Submission Guidelines for Tutorial Proposals**

GECON 2026 looks for tutorial proposals on topics related to the conference topics. The tutorials are supposed to give PhD students an overview about existing concepts, challenges, and future research directions.

Tutorial proposals should provide a *title, an abstract, and a table of content*.

## **Poster Submissions**

Poster presentations provide a unique opportunity for PhD students and young researchers to present their ongoing work and to receive constructive feedback from their peers as well as experts in the field (including academics and practitioners) at the GECON conference.

Authors of accepted full papers and short papers (work-in-progress papers) are also welcome to present their work in poster sessions, giving them a higher visibility, then just giving a talk.