

About the Open Identity Summit

The **Open Identity Summit 2026** (https://openidentity.eu/) aims to connect diverse perspectives from academia, industry, and public administration to advance the state of digital identity, privacy, and trust. Identity Management (IDM) forms a cornerstone of secure, trustworthy digital infrastructures, thereby laying the foundation for trustworthy digital interactions.

Open standards, interoperable interfaces, and open-source technologies continue to define the IDM landscape. They are key enablers of secure and user-centric solutions in domains such as digital payments, e-health, e-government, manufacturing, AI data governance, and IoT ecosystems. While today's solutions already ensure authenticity, integrity, and confidentiality, emerging challenges demand new approaches to transparency, accountability, user control, and privacy protection.

The Summit welcomes interdisciplinary contributions that combine technical innovation with sociotechnical insight, usability research, and empirical studies. We particularly encourage submissions addressing real-world deployments, governance frameworks, and open collaboration models in digital identity.

Researchers, practitioners, and policymakers are invited to submit papers presenting novel concepts, practical experiences, and theoretical foundations. Contributions may be:

- Full papers (up to 12 pages, excluding references)
- Short papers (up to 8 pages)

All submissions will be peer-reviewed (double-blind) and, upon acceptance, published in the **GI-Edition** "Lecture Notes in Informatics (LNI)", indexed in *Scopus*. Please use the LNI template for your submissions, which can be found at https://gi.de/service/publikationen/lni/.

Topics of Interest

The topics of the workshop include, but are not limited to:

Technological Foundations and Security of Digital Identity

- Authentication protocols; federated, decentralized, and self-sovereign identity (SSI) systems
- Verifiable credentials, digital wallets (e.g., EU Digital Identity Wallet, EU Business Wallet)
- Trust infrastructures and machine-readable governance
- Cybersecurity of digital identity systems: resilience, risk, and counterintelligence
- Standards and interoperability for IDM and trust services
- Quantum-safe and post-quantum identity management

Governance, Privacy, and Trust Frameworks

- Privacy, unlinkability, and auditability in IDM systems
- Transparency, accountability, and user intervenability
- Zero Trust architectures and secure access management
- Certification, accreditation, and compliance of trust services
- Long-term preservation and evidential value of electronic data
- Legal and international aspects of digital identity governance
- Role of AI in identity management (e.g., fraud detection, deep fakes)

Applications and Domain-Specific Use Cases

- Secure, interoperable credential systems and electronic attestations
- Identity and access management for IoT, OT, Industry 4.0, and critical infrastructure
- Digital identity in healthcare and clinical settings
- Identity and trust management in e-government and cross-border services
- Integration of identity systems in AI governance and data-driven services

Human and Societal Dimensions of Digital Identities and IDM

- Usability, accessibility, and human factors in identity and trust systems
- Social engineering, identity fraud, and human-centered security
- Acceptance, adoption, and digital literacy in identity ecosystems
- Socio-economic and regulatory implications of digital identity frameworks

Open Source and Collaborative Innovation

- Open-source components and frameworks for identity, trust, and security
- Governance, interoperability, and assurance of open-source IDM projects
- Business models for open source in regulated environments (e.g., EUDI Wallets)
- Experiences and case studies from open-source communities and initiatives

Organization and Committees

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Important Dates

• Paper Submission Deadline: 31st January 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 31st March 2026

• Submission of Camera-Ready Copies: 20th April 2026