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## CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS

The Picture Coding Symposium (PCS) is an international forum devoted to advances in visual data coding. Established in 1969, it has the longest history of any conference in this area. The 39th event in the series, **PCS 2027**, will convene in Mexico City. **CLIC 2027, the 8th Challenge on Learned Image Compression**, will be held in conjunction with PCS 2027.

The PCS 2027 technical program will include a series of Special Sessions that complement the regular sessions by focusing on important emerging research topics. Hence, each Special Session should be a focused effort on a specific research topic.

**Prospective organizers of Special Sessions are invited to submit proposals with the following information:**

- A title for the Special Session and the names of the organizers.
- A brief description of the session (max 250 words), indicating the novelty and the importance of the topic.
- Short biographies of the Special Session organizer(s) and their contact information.
- List of five (5) invited papers (including titles, authors, contact information of the corresponding author, and a short abstract). Note: individual organizers should not be named on more than one paper.

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- Proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness of the topic as well as the track record of the organizers and the anticipated quality of papers in the proposed session.
- The papers in each accepted Special Session should be submitted in the same format as regular papers.
- All contributed papers will undergo a review process, similar to that for regular papers.
- In cases where insufficient invited papers are accepted, there is the option of making Special Sessions open to papers from the open call. Special Sessions will be scheduled as oral sessions.

Special session proposals should be sent to the Special Sessions Chairs:

- Prof. Joan Serra-Sagristà: **joan.serra@uab.cat**
- Prof. Giuseppe Valenzise: **giuseppe.valenzise@l2s.centralesupelec.fr**

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| **Submissions of Special Session Proposals:** | **Extended to: 15 November 2026** |
| **Special Session Acceptance Notification:** | **30 November 2026** |
| Paper Submission: | 26 January 2027 |
| Notification of Paper Acceptance: | 9 March 2027 |
| Submission of Camera-Ready Papers: | 23 March 2027 |

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