



17th International Conference on Cyber Conflict: The Next Step



CyCon – the International Conference on Cyber Conflict – is organized annually by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE). The 17th iteration of CyCon will take place from 27 to 30 May 2025 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The theme of CyCon 2025 is 'The Next Step'.

The world around us is changing at a faster pace every year. Everything we do and how we act changes the world around us and constantly forces us to adapt. We need to look ahead.

It is now well-recognized that cyberspace is neither a place of peace nor war but rather a place that is contested at all times and on all levels. Cyberspace has become a theatre for activities below the threshold of armed conflict, where the lines between defensive and offensive cyber operations and between peacetime, crisis, and conflict are blurred. The range of actors is more diverse than ever before, and their intentions differ greatly. Our adversaries are active 24/7, and so must we be. How do politicians and decision-makers, industry, lawyers, and technological pioneers adapt when the rules of the game are constantly evolving?

CyCon 2025 is pleased to announce an open call for original research papers that offer technical, legal, strategic, policy, and operational insights on future cyber-related developments.

Procedure

The conference has three tracks: legal, strategy and policy, and technology. When submitting, authors must specify the track their paper is intended for. If you are unsure about which track would best suit your paper, please contact the CyCon 2025 Programme Committee in advance.

Authors should submit an abstract of 200 to 300 words describing the paper's topic and setting out the main points and conclusions. It is crucial to include the expected conclusions so that the Programme Committee can best judge from the abstracts which papers are the most promising. Abstracts that describe only the problems that the paper addresses will not be accepted.

After a preliminary review, the authors whose abstracts have been accepted will be invited to submit full papers. Only original research papers that have not been previously published will be admitted for review.

The full submissions should be between 4,000 and 6,000 words, including abstract, footnotes, captions, and references. Papers exceeding this word count by more than 10% will be considered only with CCDCOE's prior

consent. Authors are encouraged to develop their argumentation and discussion as well as the presentation of their data. Submissions will be subject to a double-blind review in accordance with IEEE procedures.

Accepted papers accepted for publication will be subject to proofreading and typesetting. Authors will be given the opportunity to review and comment and accept papers, both after proofreading and after typesetting. Authors acknowledge that a statement of copyright transfer has to be signed by all authors in order for the papers to be published in CyCon 2025 conference proceedings.

Authors acknowledge that one author from each paper accepted for publication in the CyCon 2025 conference proceedings will be required to give a corresponding presentation at the CyCon 2025 conference. This author will benefit from the Speaker Support Package, which includes CyCon 2025 registration, accommodation, and economy-class travel. Please note that all presentations will be recorded in audio-only or audio/video formats. Presentations will also be photographed for promotional and archival purposes, and the recordings and photos may be published on our website, printed, posted on social media, or included in press releases. Recording consent must be given as part of CyCon 2025 registration.

Important dates

Abstract submission: 08 October 2024

Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection: 31 October 2024

Full paper submission: 08 January 2025

Notification of paper acceptance/rejection: 14 February 2025

Final paper submission: 10 March 2025

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