



Dear Sir/Madam,

The **6<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Congress in Engineering 2025 (DCE25)** will take place at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP) in Porto, Portugal, from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

DCE25 is a premier platform for doctoral students across various engineering disciplines to present their ongoing research to peers, professors, and professionals. It also provides an opportunity for potential industry partners, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations, to engage with a broad audience of engineers poised to drive innovation and tackle real-world challenges.

The DCE25 motto, "**From University to Society: Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders**", holds particular significance for PhD students, who stand at the intersection of advanced academic expertise and the capability to drive transformative innovation.

The transition from university to society for PhD students spans multiple sectors, including industry, communities, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and global networks. This shift is not limited to applying research but involves driving change, shaping policy, and making a tangible impact on communities and industries worldwide. PhD students often bring a rare combination of intellectual rigor, creativity, and persistence, qualities that are highly valued outside academia. However, their success as leaders also depends on mastering collaboration, communication, and strategic thinking, skills that non-academic environments often demand in a more practical and applied context.

The Congress will have dedicated Symposia across a wide range of engineering disciplines, each offering specific awards to recognize excellence:

- Symposium on Biomedical Engineering
- Symposium on Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Symposium on Civil Engineering
- Symposium on Computer Science
- Symposium on Digital Media
- Symposium on Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Symposium on Engineering and Industrial Management
- Symposium on Engineering and Public Policy
- Symposium on Engineering Physics
- Symposium on Environmental Engineering
- Symposium on Informatics Engineering
- Symposium on Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
- Symposium on Mechanical Engineering
- Symposium on Mining and Geo-Resources Engineering
- Symposium on Refining, Petrochemical and Chemical Engineering
- Symposium on Spatial Planning
- Symposium on Sustainable Energy Systems

The DCE program includes:

(i) **Keynote Lectures focused on the Intersection of Doctoral research and Non-Academic Environment as a Symbiotic Relationship where both Parties Benefit. Featuring the participation of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and National**



**Innovation Agency (ANI).** These lectures will highlight how doctoral research drives innovation, delivers critical insights, and advances technology to impact business, public policy, and social challenges. PhD holders bring analytical expertise, problem-solving skills, and innovative thinking to industries, government, NGOs, and startups. This collaboration between academia and non-academic sectors not only addresses societal needs but also influences decision-making and fosters interdisciplinary progress.

(ii) **RoundTable Discussion with “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”** will bring professionals to pitch their perspectives on why **partnering with academia** is crucial to drive innovation and solve societal challenges.

(iii) **Parallel Symposia**, where invited speakers from academia, industry, government, and non-governmental organizations will share the stage with PhD students to exchange insights, discuss innovative ideas, and explore solutions to pressing engineering challenges.

(iv) **Venture Scientists: five-Minute Pitch for PhD Students.** This session offers PhD students the opportunity to present an innovative research proposal in just five minutes. The objective is to showcase a product, process, or service, highlight its innovative aspects, and provide a concise execution plan. Each pitch will be delivered by groups of three PhD students, each representing a different Doctoral Program. The jury, comprised of experts from academia and society, will evaluate the presentations based on creativity, feasibility, and potential impact.

(v) **Plenary Lecture delivered by a Distinguished Expert with Recognized Professional Experience and Leadership in their Field.**

(vi) **Networking Opportunities and Exhibitions in all Fields of Engineering.**

We anticipate over 500 participants, including PhD students, researchers, professors, and professionals from all areas of engineering. The event will have an exhibition space of 200 m<sup>2</sup> for research institutions, collaborative laboratories, technology and innovation centers, spin-offs, companies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and global networks.

The DCE25 is a unique opportunity for all organizations involved in any engineering aspect to enhance their visibility and establish a strong presence within this vibrant and dynamic community.

Sponsoring and exhibition at DCE25 is an impactful and complementary way to engage with a highly targeted audience. The focused theme of the event provides sponsors with a distinctive platform to present their brand, innovations, and contributions to a receptive and specialized audience.

We warmly invite you to take part in this event and support the DCE25 mission. Please select one of the different collaboration options and send your response to us via email at [dce@fe.up.pt](mailto:dce@fe.up.pt).

**FEUP-PRIME partners have a 20% discount on each sponsorship option.**

For further details, please visit our website: <https://fe.up.pt/dce/2025/>

We look forward to hearing news from you.

It will be a great pleasure to welcome you to the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto, Porto, Portugal.

The Organizing Committee

## SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS (summary)

Category and Special Entitlements	QUADRU-POLE DIAMOND	TRIPLE DIAMOND	DOUBLE DIAMOND	DIAMOND	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
<b>Sponsorship value (VAT not included)</b>	<b>10,000 €</b>	<b>7,500 €</b>	<b>5,000 €</b>	<b>2,500 €</b>	<b>2,000 €</b>	<b>1,500 €</b>	<b>1,000 €</b>	<b>500 €</b>
Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book	included	included	included	included	included	included	included	included
Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event	included	included	included	included	included	included	included	included
One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book	included	included	included	included	included	included	included	included
Special announcements during the conference	included	included	included	included	included	included	included	included
<b>Special announcements during the social event (SUNSET)</b>	included							
<b>Special announcements during the social event (Porto de Honra)</b>		included						
<b>Special announcements during the lunches or coffee breaks</b>			included					
Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants	included	included	included	included	included	included	included	included
Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website	included	included	included	included	included	included	included	included
<b>Registrations</b> in the DCE25, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program:	<b>3 included</b>	<b>3 included</b>	<b>3 included</b>	<b>3 included</b>	<b>3 included</b>	<b>2 included</b>	<b>2 included</b>	<b>2 included</b>
<b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m ´ 3 m) <sup>b</sup> with a <b>Stand Package</b> : Floor carpet (2 m ´ 3 m), Power socket, and Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)	included*	included*	included*	included*	included*	included*		
<b>Pitch</b> in the Round Table discussion on “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”, for an <b>audience of ca. 500 engineers</b>	included a <b>10 min Pitch**</b>	included a <b>10 min Pitch**</b>	included a <b>10 min Pitch**</b>	included a <b>10 min Pitch**</b>	included a <b>5 min Pitch**</b>			
<b>Pitch during the Parallel Symposia</b> (choose one) on the afternoon of the 1st day or morning of the 2nd day, for an <b>audience of ca. 50 engineers</b>						included a <b>15 min Pitch</b>	included a <b>10 min Pitch</b>	
<b>EXTRA</b> Additional <b>Pitch of 15 minutes</b> during the Parallel Symposia of the afternoon of the 1st day or morning of the 2nd day, for an <b>audience of ca. 50 engineers</b>	500 €	500 €	500 €	500 €	500 €	500 €		
Additional <b>Pitch of 10 minutes</b> during the Parallel Symposia of the afternoon of the 1st day or morning of the 2nd day, for an <b>audience of ca. 50 engineers</b>							250 €	

\* The maximum number of stands available is 34. Sponsors will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Category and Special Entitlements	OTHER
<b>Sponsorship value (VAT not included)</b>	<b>250 €</b>
Includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book;</li> <li>◆ Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Special announcement during the conference;</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

Item	Category and Special Entitlements	€ Euros*
#1	<p><b>QUADRUPOLE DIAMOND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- <b>Special announcements during the social event (SUNSET)</b></li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>3 registrations</b> in the DCE25, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m × 3 m)<sup>b</sup></li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 10-minute<sup>a</sup> pitch</b> during the Round Table Discussion on “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”, for an <b>audience of 500 Engineers</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stand Package</u>            Floor carpet (2 m × 3 m)            Power socket            Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)</p>	10 000
#2	<p><b>TRIPLE DIAMOND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- <b>Special announcements during the social event (Porto de Honra)</b></li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>3 registrations</b> in the DCE25, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m × 3 m)<sup>b</sup></li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 10-minute<sup>a</sup> pitch</b> during the Round Table Discussion on “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”, for an <b>audience of 500 Engineers</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stand Package</u>            Floor carpet (2 m × 3 m)            Power socket            Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)</p>	7 500

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#3	<p><b>DOUBLE DIAMOND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- <b>Special announcements during the lunches or coffee breaks</b></li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>3 registrations</b> in the DCE25, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m × 3 m)<sup>b</sup></li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 10-minute<sup>a</sup> pitch</b> during the Round Table Discussion on “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”, for an <b>audience of 500 Engineers</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stand Package</u>            Floor carpet (2 m × 3 m)            Power socket            Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)</p>	5 000
#4	<p><b>DIAMOND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>3 registrations</b> in the DCE25, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m × 3 m)<sup>b</sup></li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 10-minute<sup>a</sup> pitch</b> during the Round Table Discussion on “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”, for an <b>audience of 500 Engineers</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stand Package</u>            Floor carpet (2 m × 3 m)            Power socket            Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)</p>	2500

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#5	<p><b>PLATINUM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>3 registrations</b> in the DCE25, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m × 3 m)<sup>b</sup></li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 5-minute<sup>a</sup> pitch</b> during the Round Table Discussion on “CoLABs, CTIs and Industry – Driving Innovation, Shaping the Future”, for an <b>audience of 500 Engineers</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stand Package</u>            Floor carpet (2 m × 3 m)            Power socket            Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)</p>	2000
#6	<p><b>GOLD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>2 registrations in the DCE25</b>, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Exhibition Stand</b> (2 m × 3 m)<sup>b</sup></li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 15-minute pitch</b> <u>during the Parallel Symposia</u> (choose one) on the afternoon of the first day or morning of the second day, for an <b>audience of about 50 engineers</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stand Package</u>            Floor carpet (2 m × 3 m)            Power socket            Furniture (1 Table and 2 chairs)</p>	1500

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#7	<p><b>SILVER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcements during the conference</li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>2 registrations in the DCE25</b>, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> <li>- <b>Opportunity for a 10-minute pitch during the Parallel Symposia</b> (choose one) on the afternoon of the first day or morning of the second day, for an <b>audience of 50 engineers</b></li> </ul>	1000
#8	<p><b>BRONZE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- One full-page advertisement included in the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Special announcement during the conference</li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> <li>- <b>2 registrations in the DCE25</b>, with free access to the lectures, coffee breaks, lunches and social program</li> </ul>	500
#9	<p><b>ADDITIONAL PITCH IN THE PARALLEL SYMPOSIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>QUADRUPOLE DIAMOND, TRIPLE DIAMOND, DOUBLE DIAMOND, DIAMOND, PLATINUM and GOLD: Additional Pitch of 15 minutes</b> during the Parallel Symposia of the afternoon of the first day or morning of the second day, for an <b>audience of 50 engineers</b></li> <li>- <b>SILVER: Additional Pitch of 10 minutes</b> during the Parallel Symposia of the afternoon of the first day or morning of the second day, for an <b>audience of 50 engineers</b></li> </ul>	500  250
#10	<p><b>OTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company name and/or logo to be printed on the cover page of the Abstract Book</li> <li>- Company logo included in the welcome presentation slide and on sign panels during the Event</li> <li>- Special announcement during the conference</li> <li>- Distribution of company flyers and other merchandising provided by the company to the participants</li> <li>- Sponsor certificate and mention on the event website</li> </ul>	250

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