IPIC 2026 – 12th International Physical Internet Conference

Supply Chain and Logistics Intelligence in the Era of the Physical Internet: Bridging High-Tech and Low-Tech Solutions

MAIN CONFERENCE
JUNE 8th-10th
BORDEAUX (KEDGE BS)

IPIC 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE
JUNE 5th-6th
ALBI (IMT Mines Albi)

CALL FOR PAPERS

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the **12th International Physical Internet Conference (IPIC 2026)**. This landmark edition will be jointly hosted by **KEDGE Business School** and **IMT Mines Albi** (France) in June 2026. The main conference will take place in **Bordeaux from June 8 to 10** at the KEDGE Business School campus, featuring scientific and industrial sessions, inspiring keynotes, dynamic roundtables, exhibitions, company visits, and collaborative workshops designed to foster innovation and shape the future of logistics and supply chain networks. During the pre-conference to be held at **Albi from June 5 to 6**, participants will also have the opportunity to spend a day learning how to effectively present their PhD thesis or entrepreneurial project in a 3-minute pitch and a day dedicated to the use of immersive technologies for Physical Internet trainings. This edition is **in-person only**.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The International Physical Internet Conference (IPIC) is the flagship annual event for the global Physical Internet community. Since its launch in 2014, IPIC has brought together researchers, industry leaders, innovators, and public authorities from around the world to explore how interconnected, open, and intelligent logistics systems can deliver efficiency, resilience, and sustainability at scale. IPIC 2026 represents a unique opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research, witness real-world implementations, and contribute to shaping the future of logistics and supply chain management in the era of the Physical Internet.

CONFERENCE THEME

ABOUT THE PHYSICAL INTERNET

The Physical Internet has opened a paradigm-breaking field encompassing the interconnectivity and interoperability of smart logistics networks, transportation systems, manufacturing systems, and supply chains. It enables seamless open asset sharing and flow consolidation on a massive scale.

The Physical Internet aims for order-of-magnitude worldwide improvements in performance and capabilities, from a multi-criteria perspective including economic, environmental, and societal efficiency, resilience, and sustainability of supply chain and logistics ecosystems.

The Physical Internet is emerging and gaining traction all across the world, with many leading companies and startups testing and leveraging its principles and concepts; with a growing body of researchers and innovators engaged in further developing Physical Internet knowledge, theories, models, methodologies, and technologies.

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Conceptual & vision frameworks, Feasibility & sustainability assessments, Scientific case studies & living labs, Modeling & methodology, Technology development & validation, State-of-the-art reviews, and Roadmapping.

All methods & technologies are welcomed: Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Optimization & Operations Research, Digital Twins, Blockchain & Smart Contracts, Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud/Edge/Fog Computing, Autonomous vehicles & robotics, Big Data analytics, Augmented & Virtual Reality, and Additive Manufacturing...

Interdisciplinary contributions welcome from academia, industry, and public organizations. Other types of contributions such as demos, panels, industrial sessions are also possible and are subject of separate call.

APPLICATION DOMAINS & BUSINESS MODELS

- Hyperconnected supply chain & logistics systems
- Urban and city logistics
- E-commerce and omnichannel fulfillment
- Reverse logistics and circular economy
- Sustainable and green logistics
- Synchromodal and multimodal transportation
- Manufacturing and production integration
- Cross-border and international logistics
- Sharing economy platforms for logistics assets
- Platform business models and marketplaces
- Servitization and Logistics-as-a-Service
- Collaborative logistics and horizontal cooperation
- Transition strategies and implementation roadmaps

SPECIAL ISSUES

Several special issues in top journals in Industrial Engineering, Supply Chain, and Operations Management are planned for selected papers from the conference. Details will be announced soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission	**Feb 15**
Full Paper/Poster	**Apr 1**
Final Submission	**May 1**
Pre-conference (Albi)	**Jun 5-6**
Main Conference	**Jun 8-10**

INFORMATION & SUBMISSION

Website
ipic2026.pi.events
Submission via EasyChair
easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ipic2026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Papers: Max 10 pages, A4, single column, English
Format: Must use IPIC 2026 template
Content: Original, unpublished work
Publication: IPIC 2026 proceedings with DOI
Presentation: In-person required

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