

European Commission Visits euROBIN Week 2024 in Nancy, France Celebrating Robotics Innovation and Cooperation

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European Commission's representatives will attend the prestigious **euROBIN Week**, taking place in Nancy, France. This key event in European robotics brings together leading experts, researchers, and policymakers who will collaborate and advance collaboration in robotics and artificial intelligence.

The day highlights the progress and future of robotics in Europe. One of the most anticipated moments will be the **award ceremony**, where the results of the world's first **coopetition challenge** will be unveiled. This event is part of euROBIN's mission to foster not only innovation but also cooperative competition—bringing teams together to solve pressing robotics challenges.

Further, the EC will examine the latest advancements in Robotics and AI within these categories as well as talking with project leaders.

Announcing the Winners of the Coopetition Challenge

During the award ceremony, the winners of the **coopetition challenge** were announced in three categories, recognizing outstanding contributions to robotics innovation and teamwork. The results are as follows:

1. **Robotic manufacturing for a circular economy League**
HCR Team, Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia – For their groundbreaking work on **compliant manipulation**.
2. **Personal robots for enhanced quality of life and well-being League**
Alter-Ego, University of Pisa, Italy – Awarded for their developments of **hybrid non-line-of-sight teleoperation and autonomy**.
3. **Outdoor robots for sustainable communities League**
IIT, Italy – Recognized for successfully deploying **robotics technology in indoor environments to autonomously pick up and deliver packages while navigating obstacle-filled pathways**.

The winners exemplify the spirit of **coopetition**, showcasing how collaboration and competition can drive forward Europe's leadership in robotics and AI.

Agenda for the Day

- **Welcome (13:30)**
The event will kick off with opening remarks by **Alin Albu-Schäffer** and **Rebecca Schedl-Warup**, setting the tone for the day.

- **Overview** (13:35–13:45)
A brief presentation by **Alin Albu-Schäffer** will provide an update on euROBIN's activities, achievements, and vision.
 - **Key Questions and Discussions** (13:45–14:45)
Divided into three main topics, this session will feature some of Europe's brightest robotics minds:
 - **Coopetition** (13:45–14:05): Led by **Pedro Lima**, joined by **Alin Albu-Schäffer**.
 - **Meeting with Robots** (14:05–14:25): A panel with **Anibal Ollero**, **Alejandro Suarez**, **Serena Ivaldi**, and others discussing the integration of robotics in real-world applications.
 - **EuroCore** (14:25–14:45): Presentations by **Alessandro Saffiotti** and **Uwe Köckemann** on the European robotics ecosystem.
 - **Looking Ahead to the Future** (14:45–15:05)
A visionary talk by **Cecile Huet**, exploring what lies ahead for robotics research and innovation.
 - **Discussion and Closing** (15:05–16:05)
An open discussion featuring all attendees, encouraging collaboration and the exchange of ideas.
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About the Coopetition Challenge

The coopetition challenge stands out as a hallmark of euROBIN Week. It invites teams to compete while fostering collaboration, a novel approach designed to drive innovation through shared knowledge. The results announced during the award ceremony showcase groundbreaking advancements in robotics and their applications across industries.

The European Commission's Involvement

The European Commission's visit underscores its commitment to supporting innovation and research in robotics, a crucial sector for Europe's technological and economic future. The Commission continues to champion initiatives like euROBIN that promote cooperation across borders, advancing Europe's leadership in robotics.

About euROBIN

euROBIN is a pan-European network of excellence dedicated to advancing robotics research through collaboration. By fostering synergy between academic institutions, industry leaders, and policymakers, euROBIN aims to address global challenges with cutting-edge robotics and Artificial Intelligence solutions.

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