

30th European Conference on Information Systems

New Horizons in Digitally United Societies

18 to 24 June, 2022
Timișoara, ROMANIA

FINAL REPORT

OVERVIEW AND KEY FIGURES

After two years of online events in Europe, ECIS was back in a face-to-face format in Timisoara, Romania! As organizers we can confirm that everyone was so enthusiastic to be back to meeting colleagues and friends in person. Despite the difficult context, all traditional events took place: Doctoral Consortium, Junior Faculty Consortium, workshops, and panels but also a Doctoral Students Corner was in place. Parallel sessions went through two and a half days for not less than 24 thought-provoking tracks.

This section provides an overview of the main events of ECIS 2022 and important figures of the conference.

The Doctoral Consortium took place in Sasca Montana, 130 km south of Timișoara, in the beautiful natural area of the Banat Mountains. The other events took place at the West University of Timisoara (main building, at Parvan Bd. no 4).

Doctoral consortium – June 18-21

Pre-conference workshops – June 20-21

Main conference – June 22-24

- ✓ Keynotes
- ✓ Paper sessions
- ✓ Panels
- ✓ Ancillary meetings

Social highlights

- ✓ Welcome Cocktail (June 21)
- ✓ Romanian Night (June 22)
- ✓ Conference gala dinner (June 23)

Conference Chairs

Roman Beck, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Dana Petcu, West University of Timișoara, Romania
Marin Fotache, Al. I. Cuza University of Iași, Romania

Program Chairs

Sabine Matook, University of Queensland, Australia
Remko Helms - Utrecht University, Netherlands
Martin Wiener, TU Dresden, Germany
Lazăr Rusu, Stockholm University, Sweden
Tuure Tuunanen University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Doctoral Consortium Chairs

Hanna Krasnova, University of Potsdam, Germany
Monideepa Tarafdar, Lancaster University, UK

Panel Committee Chairs

Jan Pries-Heje, Roskilde University, Denmark
Isabel Ramos, University of Minho, Portugal

Workshop Chairs

Claire Ingram Bogusz, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden
Jonas Valbjørn Andersen, ITU Copenhagen, Denmark
Ovidiu Megar, West University of Timișoara, Romania

Junior Faculty Consortium Chairs

Kieran Conboy, Lero Irish Software Research Centre, Ireland
Chrisanthi Avgerou, London School of Economics, UK

Organizing Committee

Luminita Hurbean, West University of Timișoara, Romania
Doina Danaiața, West University of Timișoara, Romania
Mihaela Muntean, West University of Timișoara, Romania
Daniela Zaharie, West University of Timișoara, Romania

Conference Tracks

- ✓ Artificial Intelligence and Digital Work
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence in IS Research and Practice
- ✓ Business Analytics and Big Data
- ✓ Blockchain and FinTech: The development, application and implication of blockchain
- ✓ The Token Economy – Blockchain Applications beyond FinTech
- ✓ Business Models and Digital Transformation
- ✓ Business Process Management in the Digital Age
- ✓ Cognition and Human Behavior in Information Systems
- ✓ Digitization of Education, Private Industries, and Society
- ✓ Design Research and Methods in Information Systems
- ✓ Enterprise Modelling
- ✓ Social and Ethical Implications of ICT Use
- ✓ General Track

- ✓ Health Information Technology and IS for Healthcare
- ✓ IS Development and Project Management
- ✓ IS Innovation, Adoption and Diffusion
- ✓ Knowledge Management and Digitization
- ✓ Openness and IT
- ✓ IS Security and Privacy in Organizations
- ✓ Service Science and Information Systems
- ✓ Social Media and Digital Collaboration
- ✓ IS Sourcing in the Digital Age
- ✓ Digitalization in Sport and Personal Health
- ✓ Rethinking IS Strategy and Governance in the Digital Age
- ✓ Conference Theme Track

Submissions and acceptance rate

ECIS 2022 had 790 submissions in total. This is less than the regular numbers for ECIS but undoubtedly a good number for a 100% face-to-face conference in 2022. These 790 submissions were made by 1381 authors.

Submissions were received in two categories: Completed Research Papers (67.5%) and Research in Progress Papers (32.5%).

The statistics of the countries for submitted papers is very interesting. Check the figures in the table below. Despite our efforts to distribute the call and encourage researchers from the host country, there were only two papers submitted by Romanian researchers.

Country	No. of submissions
Germany	385
Australia	57
Finland	36
Switzerland	34
United States	26
Denmark	22
United Kingdom	22
Sweden	19
Norway	19
Netherlands	17
France	15
Brazil	14
Austria	14
India	12
Canada	11
China	11
Ireland	9
New Zealand	8
Portugal	6
Belgium	5
Poland	5
Greece	4
Liechtenstein	4
Singapore	4
Taiwan	3
South Africa	3
Italy	3
Luxembourg	3
Cyprus	2
Romania	2
Czech Republic	2
Spain	2
Thailand	1
Bangladesh	1
Israel	1
Macedonia	1
Nigeria	1
Philippines	1
United Arab Emirates	1
Qatar	1
Cape Verde	1
Ethiopia	1
Sri Lanka	1
Grand Total	790

In total 236 papers were accepted, resulting in an **acceptance rate of 31%**. More information for each paper category is presented in the table below.

Total Number of	Full Papers	RIP Papers	Total
Submissions	533	257	790
Accepted Papers	172	64	236
Rejected Papers	346	175	521
Desk Rejects	9	11	20
Withdrawn Paper	6	7	13
Acceptance Rate	33 %	27%	31%

An analysis of the origin of the first author of each accepted paper shows that submissions mainly come from North West Europe (Germany is the undisputed leader) and Anglo-Saxon countries.

Country	No. of accepted papers
Germany	132
Switzerland	15
Finland	11
Denmark	10
United Kingdom	10
Sweden	9
Austria	5
Australia	5
Netherlands	5
Spain	3
France	3
Norway	3
New Zealand	3
USA	3
Canada	2
Ireland	2
Italy	2
Lichtenstein	2
Luxemburg	2
Belgium	1
Brazil	1
China	1
Cyprus	1
Hong-Kong	1
India	1
Israel	1
North-Macedonia	1
South Africa	1

PARTICIPATION

In total there were 373 registered participants in ECIS and related events. The following overview shows a breakdown of the 395 actual participants:

- 367 registered ECIS participants
- 28 guests (e.g. University representatives, keynotes, student volunteers)

Roughly 60% of the ECIS participants are PhD students and this may be a premiere for a ECIS conference. See the complete statistics of registered participants in the table below. Note that there is a difference in the total number of participants, given by the fact that some academics registered but did not actually attend (cases of force majeure).

Category	No of participants
Student	217
Academic	146
Professional	4
Grand Total	367

FINANCIAL REPORT

This section provides the financial data, i.e. income and costs.

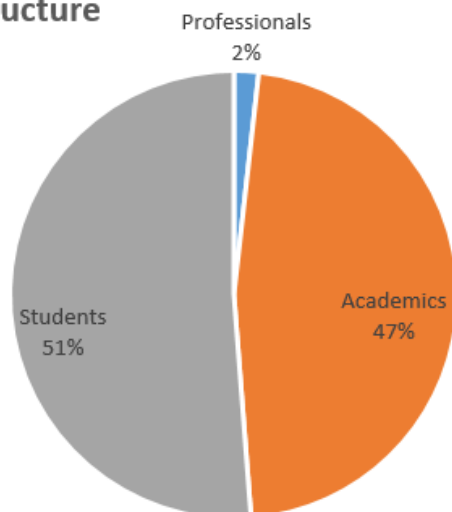
ECIS 2022 INCOME

The planned budget for conference income was based on a much higher number of academics and a minimum of 300 participants. Despite the shadow of the Ukrainian War and the COVID threat, we were able to bring people to Timisoara, although not so many academics as usual.

We could get a good budget due to the fact that approximatively 40% of the academics and 33% of the students did a regular registration. The total income was **154.405 EUR**.

The structure of the revenues is presented in the diagram below. The sponsorships were not needed because the conference was sustained exclusively from the fees.

Income Structure



ECIS 2022 COSTS

Main cost for the conference concern social events and meals (58%), university's overhead costs (14%), and organizational costs (10%). What is included in these items is briefly described below.

- Social events and meals include the costs for all three social events, as well as lunches and coffee breaks for all five days (Monday – Friday), chairs' dinner and AIS women network reception.

- University's overhead costs concern the venue (all events in the five days of pre-conference and conference were organized at the University venue), transportation, office and ICT costs, technical support provided, promotion costs, security.

- Administration and organizational costs concern the work of the organizing Committee from the first proposal of organizing ECIS 2021 till the last report. It includes costs for coordination and organization of the conference, including banners and roll-ups, the costs for visual identity (logo and website), the costs for website administration and hosting, the costs for t-shirts and other promotion materials, meals for volunteers, the costs of transportation between the different places, printings, miscellaneous caterings.

The total costs were **150.208 EUR**. A breakdown of the total costs is presented in the following table.

Category	Amount (EUR)
Social Events & Meals	87.494
Doctoral Consortium	12.600
Delegate Pack, Gifts and Printings	11.945
Travel and accom. Keynotes	1.642
University's overhead costs	21.617
Administration and organizational costs	14.910
TOTAL COSTS (EUR)	150.208

RESULT

Taking into account the income and cost leads to the result for ECIS 2022 as is shown in the table below. In total there was a profit of **4.197 EUR**. The profit will be used to financially support PhD students or junior faculties in attending ECIS conferences either in the Doctoral Consortium or in the main conference. We may remind here about the indefinite situation with the Romanian AIS Chapter and such an offer may lead to a higher interest of Romanian IS academics for AIS.

	Amount (EUR)
TOTAL INCOME	154.405
TOTAL COSTS	150.208
RESULT	4.197

COLLABORATION WITH AIS

AIS personnel were very supportive along the way. Their involvement was essential for the success of the conference. Special mentions go to Robina Wahid, Matthew Nelson and Brook Pritchett but even more to Mahesh Rathi, the IT Director of AIS. It was not an easy job to integrate the AIS registration app (Aventri) with the Romanian payment platform and his patience and assistance in finding solutions are greatly appreciated. We have shown that even when regular solutions (e.g. paypal) are not applicable, solving is possible when teamwork is effective. The AIS conference app (Jujama) worked very nice, it was easy to configure and update and it proved its usefulness in communicating with the participants.

The local team in Timisoara express their sincere thanks for the AIS team constant support and for their help in making ECIS 2022 a success!

SPECIAL THANKS

The local Organizing Committee is very thankful and appreciative for the support they have received from the ECIS 2019 organizing team in Stockholm. Thank you, Shengnan and Gustaf, your assistance and encouragement mattered a lot!

FINAL THOUGHTS

ECIS 2022 was a great event in many ways. First time in Romania and in Eastern Europe, first 100% face-to-face AIS conference after the pandemics, the preponderance of PhD students. For many young participants, this was their first in-person conference since they have started their PhD studies. The echoes have denoted that they found the conference a great opportunity to meet their peers and to network with other researchers.

The success of ECIS 2022 in Timisoara is due to the hard-working conference committee led by Roman Beck and Dana Petcu and to the hearted team of professors and volunteer students at the West University of Timisoara. Nonetheless, to quote Roman Beck: "Many thanks to all participants for making ECIS 2022 such an amazing event."