

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this "MOU"), entered into as of 22-Dec-2025, by and between IEEE Circuits and Systems Society ("Financial Sponsoring Party"), IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation ("Financial Sponsoring Party"), affiliate(s) of the IEEE International, LLC ("IEEE"), AND University of Limerick, ("Financial Sponsoring Party"), Ecole Centrale de Lyon, ("Financial Sponsoring Party"), IFIP WG10.5 ("Technical Co-Sponsor"), (collectively known as the "Sponsors") sets forth the relationship and obligations relating to the 2026 IFIP/IEEE 34rd International Conference on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI-SoC) to be held on or about 11-Oct-2026, in Limassol, Cyprus (the "Conference").

FINANCIAL LIABILITY: It is understood that financial liability for the Conference is the sole responsibility and obligation of the Financial Sponsor(s). The Technical Sponsor will not share in the surplus of the Conference or be expected to contribute to the financial loss, if any. To view the Financial Sponsor(s) liability percentages refer to the [Conference Application URL](#).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSORS: The responsibilities of the Sponsors shall be as described in the IEEE Conference Application submitted. The Conference shall be conducted in accordance with IEEE's bylaws and policies, including, but not limited to, the IEEE Conference Organization Manual.

TERMINATION: Any Sponsor may terminate this MOU at any time by providing at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Sponsor(s).

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ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT: All funds deposited for the Conference shall be tracked as a separate account (the "Conference Account") and be adequately safeguarded from loss. The Co-Financial Sponsor(s) shall have the right to review and audit the Conference Account, financial procedures and any and all other records related to the Conference at any time with two (2) business days' prior notice.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION: Should one Financial Sponsor assume responsibility for the Conference Account, that Financial Sponsor shall provide to all other Financial Sponsor(s) information regarding account statements showing the balance in the Conference Account and any deposits or withdrawals from the Conference Account, on a monthly or more frequent basis upon request. Additionally, within six (6) months following the close of the Conference, all Financial Sponsors shall receive a final statement for the Conference Account, showing all deposits and withdrawals, as well as an accounting for the final disposition of any surplus. When applicable, within one (1) month conference loans must be repaid. Should a third party assume responsibility for the Conference Account, an IEEE Fiscal Agent agreement will be completed.

EXHIBITS BOOTH: If requested by the IEEE Sponsor, the Conference shall provide, at no cost, exhibit booth, exhibit table or other means of promoting IEEE membership and activities during the conference.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The Financial Sponsors shall ensure that the Conference is conducted in accordance with all applicable United States (U.S.) and non-U.S. laws. The Financial Sponsor(s) shall make all necessary corporate, tax and other registrations and obtain all required licenses and permits.

ASSIGNMENT: None of the parties may assign or transfer any right, interest or claim under this MOU without the express written consent of the other Parties.

NON-BINDING: THIS MOU IS NOT INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A BINDING EXPRESSION OF THE MUTUAL INTENT OF THE PARTIES REGARDING THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF. Neither party (nor any of their respective representatives) shall have any legally binding

obligations, rights or liabilities of any nature whatsoever to any party hereto or to any other persons pursuant to this MOU.

ADDITIONAL TERMS: This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous written or oral promises or representations related to this event or series of events.

This MOU shall not be valid until approved and executed by authorized representatives of both the Sponsors and acknowledged by IEEE Conferences, Events & Experiences.

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