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ERF 2026 13th workshop on Hybrid Production Systems

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The European Robotics Forum 2026 (ERF2026), one of the most prominent gatherings for the robotics community will take place from 23 to 26 March 2026 in Stavanger, Norway. This year, in its 16th edition, the forum will feature an extensive programme of keynotes, workshops and exhibitions, highlighting innovative developments in robotics, AI and related technologies.

CONVERGING will participate in ERF2026 as part of the 13th Hybrid Production Systems (HPS) workshop, titled “Automating Humans or Humanizing Production?” The workshop will be held on the 24th of March and will explore the evolving relationship between automation technologies and human-centred manufacturing, focusing on how robotics, AI and human



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factor contribute to the development of flexible, adaptive and collaborative production systems.

The session will examine key topics on human-robot collaboration, AI-driven robotics, and human-in-the-loop production approaches. Discussions will address how emerging technologies, such as LLMs, VLMs, immersive technologies and advanced perception and simulation tools, are shaping the next generation of production environments.

CONVERGING contributes to advancing human-centric and intelligent manufacturing, while fostering collaboration among researchers, engineers, entrepreneurs, and policymakers working to strengthen Europe's competitiveness in robotics and AI.



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