



EUROQCI CEF CALLS

Kick-off meetings and technical workshop

QCI-AT-CZ-PL kick-off

QCI-SK-CZ-PL kick-off

DATES

21-22 October 2026

VENUE

Institute of Physics SAS
QUTE Pavilion
Dúbravská cesta 9
841 04 Bratislava, Slovakia

SOCIAL DINNER

Wednesday 21 October
Husacina u Galika
Lipová 21, 900 26
Slovenský Grob

Participants cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

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Kick-off meetings

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

10:00 - 10:30 Arrivals and coffee

PART I

General topics: EuroQCI

Chair: Mateusz Mocydlarz (PCSS)

- Project objectives and general overview **PCSS**
- Administration and financial matters **PCSS**

10:30 - 12:00 QCI-AT-CZ-PL and QCI-SK-CZ-PL

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break

PART II

Work packages and technical discussions

Chair: Mateusz Mocydlarz (PCSS)

- Presentation and overview of the work packages by the respective WP leader
- Discussion of deliverables and milestones
- Project-specific discussions in separate groups if required

13:00 - 14:30 QCI-AT-CZ-PL and QCI-SK-CZ-PL

14:30 - 15:30 Social and networking session

SOCIAL DINNER

Goose feast at Husacina u Galika

Slovenský Grob, about 20 km from Bratislava, is known for its traditional goose feast.

Husacina Galik, s.r.o., Lipová 21, 900 26 Slovenský Grob, husacinaugalika.sk

17:00 Bus departure from the venue

17:30 Social dinner at Husacina u Galika

22:00 Bus return to Bratislava

MORNING SESSION

Use cases and PQC hybridization**Chair:** TBD

What makes an interesting use case: type of data transmitted, use-case partners, topology, hardware considerations and type of encrypted channel. Standardization of PQC hybridization for KMS: combining QKD and PQC keys, relevant standards and interoperability.

09:00 - 10:30 Talks and discussions**10:30 - 11:00** Coffee break

MIDDAY SESSION

Key management systems, horizontal integration and key metadata**Chair:** TBD

Key management systems used or tested by the respective states, practical experience, user perspective and inner functioning. Horizontal and cross-border integration between KMSs from the same vendor and from different vendors. Use of metadata in keys.

Reference: arxiv.org/pdf/2608.11502**11:00 - 12:30** Talks and discussions**12:30 - 13:30** Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

QKD deployment, vertical integration and cross-border connections**Chair:** TBD

Vertical integration between QKD devices, KMSs, firewalls, encryptors and other components; secure key rate stability per link and per KMS; experience with QKD vendors.

Cross-border connections: how to deal with them in practice, open issues, and ideas and proposals from each partner.

13:30 - 15:00 Talks and discussions**15:00** Closing and departures