

# IEEE ComSoc EAME Chapters, Overview

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# ComSoc Chapters

- **More than 170 Chapters in the world**
- **42 Chapters in Europe, Africa, and Middle East**

# EAME Chapters

1. Austria
2. Benelux
3. Bulgaria
4. Croatia
5. Cyprus
6. Czechoslovakia
7. Denmark
8. Egypt
9. Finland
10. France
11. Germany
12. Greece
13. Hungary
14. Israel
15. Lithuania
16. Nigeria
17. North Italy
18. Norway
19. Finland
20. Poland (3 Chapters)

# EAME Chapters

**21. Portugal**

**22. Republic of Macedonia**

**23. Romania (2 Chapters)**

**24. Russia (4 Chapters)**

**25. Saudi Arabia**

**26. Serbia & Montenegro**

**27. Slovenia**

**28. South Africa**

**29. Spain**

**30. Sweden**

**31. Switzerland**

**32. Turkey**

**33. Ukraine**

**34. United Arab  
Emirates**

**35. United Kingdom**

**36. Ireland**

# Key issues

- **Declining membership**
- **Low retention rate**
- **Perceived (lack of) value of membership**
- **Job losses in communication field**
- **ComSoc budget and investment limitations**

# Members activity

**On average, members attend 0.5 ComSoc events**

- **2% are very active in local chapter activity**
- **17% occasionally attend local chapter**
- **27% rarely attend**
- **53% never attend**

**86% members show some satisfaction with ComSoc: Only 10% very satisfied**

# Tools and means to address the problem

- **Chapter Funding**
- **Chapter Achievement Awards**
- **Chapter Membership Growth Incentives**
- **Distinguished Lectures Tours**
- **Travel Grants**
- **Global Chapter Chairs Congresses**
- **Regional Chapter Chairs Congresses**

# Chapter Funding

**Starting this year, the following changes were made to this program:**

- **The Questionnaire has been modified: The funding and award portions are integrated in one document. The weights of different parameters that determine award have been modified**
- **Prior to approval for financial support, a chapter must appoint key chapter officers, including the Membership Development Chair**
- **Funding support above and beyond the annual chapter funding will be considered for special projects deemed valuable**

# EAME Activities

- **Student Travel Grants**
  - **INFOCOM 2006 (Barcelona): 1 grant (Conference in Region 8)**
  - **ICC 2006 (Istanbul): 1 grant (Conference in Region 8)**
- **Distinguished Lecturer Tours**
  - **Ibrahim Habib, March 2006: Italy**
  - **Abbas Jamalipour, June 2006: Poland, Turkey, Macedonia, Croatia, Hungary**
  - **4 under consideration (Manu Malek, Ibrahim Habib, proposed by Finland Chapter, proposed by Portugal Chapter)**



**Thank you**