



# Quantum Secure Networks Partnership

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European Quantum  
Technologies Conference **2023**  
Hosted by Quantum Valley Lower Saxony



# QSN Partnership At a Glance



## General numbers



**25 M €**



**3.5 years**

duration  
(2023-2027)



**170** researchers

**42** partners

**14** countries in Europe

## The first year



**2 meetings**



**5 publications**

Early 2023

## Quantum Flagship Ecosystem and other European projects

QSNP gathers the know-how and expertise from all technology development phases of the projects CIVIQ, UNIQORN and QRANGE.

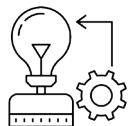
All of the Quantum Flagship projects are aligned in the pursuit of the overall goal to consolidate and expand European scientific leadership and excellence in this research area and to kick-start a competitive European industry in Quantum Technologies.



and more

( Quantum Secure Networks Partnership )

# Future outcomes



**10**

new spin-offs



**10**

prototypes  
per year



**500**

publications



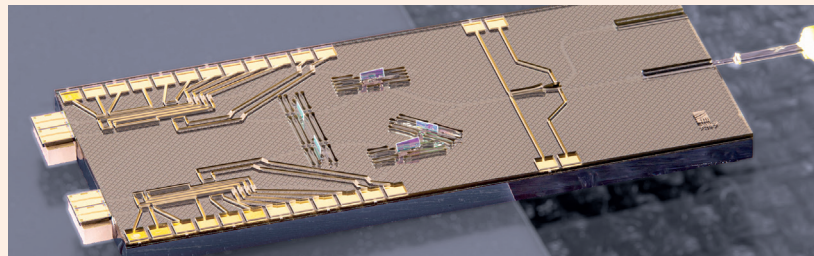
**70**

conferences

## Quantum cryptography and beyond

- Unforgeable quantum cryptograms for e-payment networks.
- Quantum comm with super-additive quantum receiver.
- Key establishment with performance beyond QKD in weaker security models.
- Secure multi-party computation.
- Long-term secure storage based on proactive secret sharing and QKD.

- Quantum- distance bouncing.
- Secured distributed quantum metrology and sensing.



Technology development in **Quantum Cryptography** for future deployment in EuroQCI and private Telecom sector.

### **Develop**

Develop advanced technology for quantum secure communication networks against the ever increasing power of computers and sophistication of algorithms (even for quantum computers).

### **Integrate**

Integrate quantum cryptography technology at component, system and network levels, also into classical communication.

### **Deploy**

Deploy the technology into Quantum-safe critical governmental infrastructures, private telecommunication market sector and future quantum internet.

# Research pillars



## P1 Next Generation Protocols

### WP2

QKD advanced performance, including security proofs

### WP3

Entanglement based and device independent QKD.

### WP4

Protocols beyond QKD.

- Significant progress in secure quantum communication in the past years:
- High-TRL QKD systems deployed in moderate-scale testbeds all over Europe with strong security assumptions (trusted users, trusted intermediate nodes)
- Milestone satellite quantum communication experiments in China
- Low-TRL photonic integrated systems for QKD and proof-of-principle implementations of other quantum cryptographic functionalities.

## Functionalities and applications

Prepare and measure QKD, coin flipping, oblivious transfer, digital signatures, position based cryptography

Device-independent QKD, certification and verification, secret sharing, conference key agreement, anonymous communication

Quantum money, secure multiparty computing, simple leader election

Blind, delegated and distributed quantum computing, distributed quantum sensing, byzantine agreement

# Research pillars



## P2 Integration

### WP5

Photonic integrated circuits (PIC),  
electronic circuits, signal and  
post procesing.

### WP6

Quantum and classical  
cryptography integration.

### WP7

Large-scale quantum  
communication networks

- Paving the path towards **exploitable**  
**Quantum Advantage.**



## Demonstrate that Quantum Technology can work (pilot role of QKD in the TRL Ladder)

**At large scale:**  
Cost-effective  
Small Form Factor

**Over Real-World  
Networks**  
Integration & Management  
Compability, upgrade

**Provide Real-World  
Security**  
QC + PQC > QC  
Evaluate HW Impl.

# Research pillars



## P3 Applications and use cases

**WP8**  
EuroQCI

**WP9**  
Use cases for commercial services.

- Specific objectives:
- - **Prototypes up to TRL6:** QRNG, QKD, in a module or integrated format, with proper interfaces.
- - Companies will **increase the TRL further (to 8 or 9) for production and deployment in EuroQCI.**
- - **Commercial use cases for the private market sector:** business-to-consumer (B2C), business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-business-to-consumer (B2B2C).
- - Technology and business requirements, the definition of a business model, and the identification of stakeholders, **associated with the necessary operational procedures for service lifecycle management:** fulfilment, assurance and accounting.

## Challenges and way forward

**Practical approach:**  
Trust and key management  
Reuse, redefine

***Futureproofness***  
Set the ground for  
technology evolution

**Quantum/classical integration**  
PQC convergence  
Migration paths from PKI-based trust fabrics

**Convergence über alles**  
Partition is the worst enemy  
of a network  
Public demand as technology tractor



# COMPANIES

# ACADEMIC PARTNERS

## AIT

**Austrian Institute of Technology, Austria**

Leading innovator with a key role in the European RTO landscape.



## CNRS

**Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France**

Identifying and conducting research that is in the interest of science as well as the technological, social, and cultural advancement of France.



## DTU

**Technical University of Denmark Denmark**

Inspiring innovation through interdisciplinary collaboration, fostering sustainable technologies for a globalized world.



## FAU

**Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany**

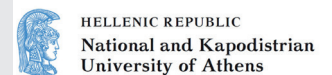
Research university with top-tier infrastructure dedicated to the unity of research and teaching.



## NKUA

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece**

Institution of educational and scientific excellence and a source of intellectual wealth for the country.



## ICCS NTUA

**The Institute of Communication and Computer Systems – National Technical University of Athens, Greece**

Elevating Greek ECE research, fostering global recognition, inspiring innovation and nurturing young scholars.



## ICFO

**The Institute of Photonic Sciences, Spain**

Excellence in fundamental and applied research in the fields of photonics and quantum technologies.



## INRIA

**Institut national de recherche en sciences et technologies du numérique, France**

World-class research and technological innovation on digital science and technology.





# ACADEMIC PARTNERS

## IPP

**Institut Polytechnique de Paris, France**

Delivering world-class training programs and cutting-edge research in the engineering field.



INSTITUT  
POLYTECHNIQUE  
DE PARIS

## IST

**Instituto Superior Tecnico, Portugal**

A beacon of excellence in Architecture, Engineering, Science, and Technology through education, research, and innovation.



## IT

**Instituto de Telecomunicações – Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal**

Pioneers in secure quantum tech solutions through interdisciplinary expertise.



## KU Leuven

**Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium**

A fusion of math, computer science, and engineering to pioneer cryptology breakthroughs, shaping global security standards.

**KU LEUVEN**

## POLIBA

**Politecnico di Bari, Italy**

Delivering world-class training programs and cutting-edge research in the engineering field.



Politecnico  
di Bari

## QuTech

**Delft University of Technology – QuTech, Netherlands**

Scalable prototypes of quantum computers and safe quantum internet, based on the fundamental laws of quantum mechanics.



**QuTech**

## U. Vigo

**Universidade de Vigo, Spain**

Vibrant hub with 3 campuses, driving impactful R&D and fostering prolific scientific achievements.

Universidade de Vigo

## ULB

**Université Libre Bruxelles, Belgium**

Research in theory of quantum technology, experimental quantum optics and machine learning.



# ACADEMIC PARTNERS

## UM

**University of Malta, Malta**

Highest teaching institution in Malta, leaders in European funded projects and global partnerships.



**L-Università  
ta' Malta**

## U. Vienna

**Universität Wien, Austria**

Europe's historic and expansive hub for research and education, fostering innovation through collaboration and critical thinking.



**universität  
wien**

## U. Warsaw

**University of Warsaw, Poland**

Public, research-driven university, offering education and exploration in humanities, social and natural sciences, and interdisciplinary projects.



**UNIWERSYTET  
WARSZAWSKI**

## UPB

**Paderborn University, Germany**

Modern research and educational institution with an innovative mindset.



**UNIVERSITÄT  
PADERBORN**

## UPM

**Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain**

Applied advanced computer techniques to the simulation of complex phenomena in science and engineering



**POLITÉCNICA**



## UPOL

**Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic**

Exploring quantum information processing to unveil quantum encryption and computing and a deeper insight into physics.

## UniPD

**Università di Padova, Italy**

Pioneers in space quantum communications, from single photon exchange in 2008 to breakthroughs in QKD and its applications.



**UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
DI PADOVA**



# FOUNDRIES & RTOs

## CEA

**French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, France**  
Interdisciplinary research in energy, defense, security, and tech,  
fostering synergy between fundamental and technological advancements



## HHI

**Fraunhofer Heinrich Hertz Institute, Germany**  
World leader in research and development of components for mobile and  
optical communications networks.



## IMEC

**Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre, Belgium**  
World-leading R&D and innovation hub in nanoelectronics and  
digital technologies.



## TU/e

**Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands**  
Scientific curiosity with a hands-on mentality combined to design solutions  
to highly complex problems.



## Tyndall

**Tyndall National Institute – University College Cork, Ireland**  
Leading European deep-tech research centre in integrated ICT hardware  
and systems, specialising in both electronics and photonics.



# SPIN OFFS & SMEs

## ALEA

**Alea Quantum Technologies ApS, Denmark**

Building high-speed quantum random number generators to secure the future interconnected world.



## LuxQuanta

**LuxQuanta, Spain**

Enabling a new age of security in telecommunications with Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) systems.



## MPD

**Microphoton Devices, Italy**

Cutting edge photon counting technology catering to diverse applications worldwide.



## Nextworks

**Networks, Italy**

R&D, consulting, training, and cutting-edge solutions for 5G/6G networks and IoT systems.



## Q\*bird

**Q\*bird, Netherlands**

Shaping a future of versatile quantum connectivity by advancing quantum data communication tools.



## Quside

**Quside, Spain**

The most advanced randomness solutions for cybersecurity and high-performance computing markets.



## ThinkQuantum

**ThinkQuantum, Italy**

Quantum-based technology solutions for cyber security and communication systems.



## VPI

**VPI Photonics, Germany**

Industry leading solutions for integrated photonic devices, components, optical transmission system and network applications.





# NETWORK AND CRYPTO INTEGRATORS

## CNS

### **Cryptonext Security, France**

Providers of quantum-safe software solutions to migrate IT/OT infrastructures to quantum safe.



## NBLF

### **Nokia Bell Labs, France**

Solving human needs through the power of human intellect.



# TELECOM OPERATORS

## DT

### **Deutsche Telekom, Germany**

Achieving a superior customer experience and exploring disruptive technologies for future telecommunications infrastructures.



## Orange

### **Orange, France**

Leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies.



## Telefónica

### **Telefónica, Spain**

In the forefront of scientific research pushing the boundaries of fundamental science and technology.

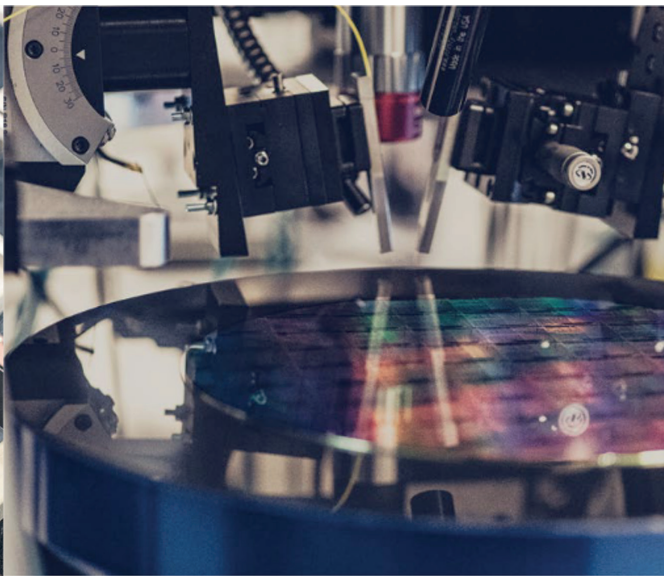
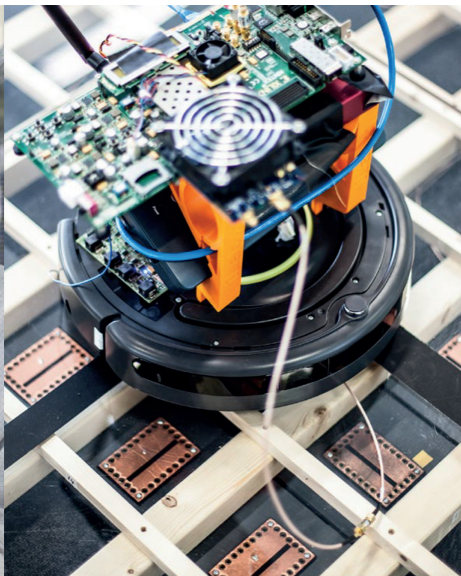


## TIM

### **Telecom Italia, Italy**

Cloud, IoT and Cybersecurity end-to-end solutions to develop the digital transformation of the country.







# SPEAKERS AT EQTC2023

# Who will you see at EQTC 2023?

Not final



## Antonio Acín

Professor, *ICFO*

Plenary Session: Quantum Flagship Success Stories: Quantum Communication

**17 October 2023 14:00h**



## Paolo Villoresi

Professor, *University of Padua*

Expert Panel: The European Strategy on Quantum Communication

**17 October 2023 14:50h**



## Eleni Diamanti

Research Director, *CNRS*

Expert Panel: The European Strategy on Quantum Communication

**17 October 2023 14:50h**

Next-Generation Quantum Technology Highlights from Science, Industry and Start-Ups

**17 October 2023 17:00h**



## Vicente Martín

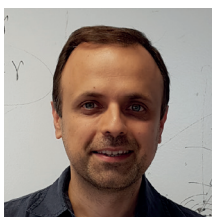
Professor, *Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*

Expert Panel: The European Strategy on Quantum Communication (moderator tbc.)

**17 October 2023 14:50h**

Parallel Sessions – Scientific Advances Across the Quantum Domains  
Track II: Quantum Communication

**19 October 2023 11:30h**



## Yasser Omar

Professor, *Instituto Superior Técnico*

Interactive Session on the EU Quantum Strategy and the Role of National Initiatives (moderator)

**17 October 2023 16:00h**

Parallel Sessions – European Showcases of Technology Maturity  
Track I: Quantum Computing & Simulation

**18 October 2023 14:30h**





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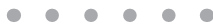


## Felix Wissel

Researcher, *Deutsche Telekom*

Presentation and Discussion of the Quantum Flagship's Strategic Research and Industry Agenda (SRIA)

**18 October 2023 10:00h**



## Sebastián Etcheberry

CTO, *LuxQuanta*

Parallel Sessions – European Showcases of Technology Maturity  
Track II: Quantum Communication

**18 October 2023 14:30h**

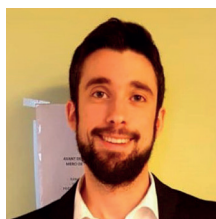
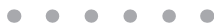


## Marie-Christine Slater

Resarcher, *Austrian Institute of Technology*

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## Mathieu Bozzio

Postdoctoral Researcher, *Universität Wien*

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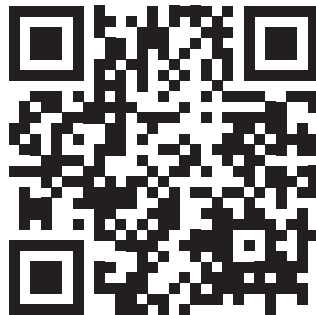


## Vanesa Díaz

CEO, *LuxQuanta*



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