

Chapter/Affinity Group: ComSoc UK& Ireland (COM19)

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Key Achievements & member services in 2023

- Organised two DL tours (Prof. Sinem Coleri and Dr. George Alexandropolus) delivering 5 distinguished lectures
- Organised summer school in collaboration with Dell in July at University of Limerick, Ireland
- 6G-CLICK on Oct. 12 @ University of Surrey, Digital Connectivity and Innovation for Sustainable Futures @ UWS
- Technical sponsorship for ICIEM conference

Plan of activities for 2023/2024

- Launch “IEEE CONNECT” in joint collaboration with UKRI HUB on Communication
- Plans to host WinCom 2024 to Leeds
- Arrange DL series (f2f) and VDL (jointly with other chapters) and expand non-DL talks
- Explore options to participate IEEE in “STEM for Britain” 2024 at House of Commons
- Organisation of summer school in 2024
- Support UK and Ireland prize for best student project (collaboration and ComSoc) for 2024

Focus areas (2023-2024)

2023 Goals	2022 KPIs met?	2024 Goals	Challenges to reach KPIs/ Resources
Expanding the DL talk series and non-DL talks with coordination of other chapters	Yes – Organised 8 VDLs in collaboration with Spanish Chapter, 1 DL	Aim to achieve ComSoc “ Chapter Achievement Award (CAA) ”	Organisation of range of activities to meet the criteria. Chapter has resources to support this.
Explore opportunities to bid for ICC, PIMRC and GLOBECOM events	ICC 2026 will be held in Glasgow. Currently, discussion in progress for active chapter role	Continue VDLs talks with coordination of other chapters, organize in-person DL talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition from other Region 8 ComSoc Chapters • Availability of speakers / on grounds logistics for in-person DLs
Maintain national visibility	Yes, ongoing with diversity of events organized in 22/23.	Focus of membership development activities, industry training events and knowledge exchange	Logistics, availability of organisers etc. With new ComSoc committee and volunteers, the chapter is better placed to tackle this goal for 2024.