

Academic–Industry Matchmaking (AIM) Day for Extended Reality and Trust, Identity, Privacy, Security

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Navigating Trust, Identity, Privacy, Safety, & Security in the Convergence Era

About the Event

SPRITE+ AIM Day connects industry innovators and academic experts to explore how emerging Extended and Virtual Reality technologies intersect with Trust, Identity, Privacy, Safety, and Security.

This is your opportunity to shape the next wave of secure and trusted immersive technologies, find academic partners to solve your R&D challenges, and access dedicated SPRITE+ collaboration funding.

Why Attend?

- **Present your organisation's challenges** and explore tailored academic secondment partnerships.
- **Connect with leading researchers** in Trust, Identity, Privacy, Security and Extended and Virtual Reality Innovation.
- **Access up to £10,000** SPRITE+ funding for short-term collaborative research projects and funded academic visits.
- **Discover new talent** through funded PhD placements.
- **Expand your innovation network** across public, private, and academic sectors.

How It Works

- **Reverse-pitches** from organisations presenting their innovation and research challenges at the intersection of **Extended and Virtual Reality and Trust, Identity, Privacy, Safety, and Security**.
- **Structured matchmaking meetings** to explore collaboration opportunities between academics and organisations.
- **Networking sessions** to build partnerships and identify research alignment.
- **Funding opportunities** for projects that address real-world challenges at the intersection of Extended Reality and Trust, Identity, Privacy, Security.

Funding Opportunities

SPRITE+ offers funding for:

1. Funding for Academic **Secondments** within your organisation
 - Up to five Expert Fellow Secondments (up to £10,000 each): partnerships between academics and non-academic organisations.
 - Typical duration: 4–6 weeks secondments with potential for follow-on projects.



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- Travel & subsistence or academic buyout time.
 - Matched academic-industry partners submit a short proposal after the event which is quick, focused, and impact-driven.
2. Funding for selected **PhD placements** within your organisation
 3. Funding for exploratory **post-event visits** between Expert Fellows and organisations

Get Involved

Attendance is **free** for industry and public-sector organisations.

Register by **16 March 2026** via: [SPRITE+ AIM Day 2026 Registration](#)

Contact

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