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?

- **Listen to real-world innovation challenges** from organisations leading industry partners.
- **Showcase your expertise** to organisations across public, private, and academic sectors and expand your network early in your academic career.
- **Hone your engagement skills**, making your research more impactful
- **Connect with a diverse audience**, including like-minded peers, leading professionals and potential senior collaborators in your field
- Explore how your research can **address real-world challenges** at the intersection of Extended and Virtual Reality and Trust, Identity, Privacy and Security.
- **Develop collaborative research projects** with innovators across sectors, bridging research and application.
- **Access up to £3,000 in SPRITE+ placement funding** for short-term, high-impact research initiatives with industry partners.

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. SPRITE+ will offer funding for up **to five PhD student placements**, providing an incredible opportunity to support your research journey. If during the AIM Day you match with an organisation that is interested in hosting you for a placement, you'll be invited to apply for up to **£3,000 in placement funding**.

2. Funding is available to support exploratory post-event visits between PhD students, and organisations. SPRITE+ provides funding for academics to visit organisations to explore potential research collaborations. The funding covers reasonable expenses associated with **one UK round-trip** and, if necessary, **1 night accommodation costs**. Visits must take place by **31 July 2026**.

Get Involved

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

Apply by **16 March 2026** via: **SPRITE+ AIM Day 2026 Registration**

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