



Human Factors and
Ergonomics Society
EUROPE CHAPTER

Short Travel Report:

HFES Europe Chapter Conference & DTU Workshop (April 2026)

I had the opportunity to attend the Human Factor Ergonomic Society (HFES) Europe Chapter conference in Copenhagen from April 22–24, 2026, along with the Pre-Conference Workshop #2 “Spotlight on the edges of the bell curve: Exploring inclusiveness in HF-Research” held on April 21 at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU).

The experience was highly enriching, offering a valuable combination of academic exchange, international interdisciplinary perspectives, and meaningful networking. The pre-conference workshop provided a more intimate setting to explore emerging ideas. At the same time, the main conference exposed me to a broad range of research topics and methodologies in human factors and ergonomics, including human-machine interfaces (HMIs), automation, aviation, health, and transportation.

Beyond the formal sessions, one of the most impactful aspects of the conference was the opportunity to connect with fellow researchers. Informal discussions, spontaneous conversations between sessions, and social events all contributed significantly to knowledge sharing and potential collaborations.

Key Takeaways & Tips for Researchers

- **Arrive early**
Getting there ahead of the main event allows time to settle in, adapt, and participate in pre-conference workshops, which are often more interactive and engaging.
- **Take advantage of workshops**
Additional sessions, like the DTU workshop, are not only academically enriching but also more intimate and relaxed, making it easier to connect with others.
- **Networking is essential**
Mingling with colleagues is just as important as attending sessions. Many of the most valuable insights come from informal conversations during breaks and in the hallway.
- **Step outside your circle**
During social events such as conference dinners, make an effort to engage with people you don't already know. This broadens your perspective and builds new connections.
- **Be present and approachable**
Small interactions throughout the day can lead to meaningful professional relationships.

