

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEF 2026 WORKING NOTES IN THE CEUR-WS PROCEEDINGS

As usual, the CLEF 2026 Labs Working Notes will be published in the CEUR-WS.org proceedings (<http://ceur-ws.org/>). The electronic Working Notes will be organised according to the Labs. If one group participates in more than one Lab, separate reports must be submitted. Moreover, for those Labs that are subdivided into several tasks, separate reports for the different task(s) must be provided.

The CLEF 2026 Working Notes will be divided into the following **main sections** (and sub-sections):

- **BioASQ**
 - Task 1 – Biomedical Semantic Question Answering
 - Task 2 – Synergy: Question Answering for developing problems
 - Task 3 – MultiClinSum-2: Multilingual Clinical Summarization
 - Task 4 – BioNNE-R: Nested Relation Extraction in Russian and English
 - Task 5 – ElCardioCC: Clinical Coding in Cardiology
 - Task 6 – GutBrainIE: Gut-Brain Interplay Information Extraction
- **CheckThat!**
 - Task 1 – Source Retrieval for Scientific Web Claims
 - Task 2 – Fact-Checking Numerical Claims
 - Task 3 – Generating Full Fact-Checking Articles
- **ELOQUENT**
 - Task 1 – Voight-Kampff
 - Task 2 – Robustness
 - Task 3 – Topical PISA Quiz
- **eRisk**
 - Task 1 – Conversational Depression Detection
 - Task 2 – Contextualized Early Detection of Depression
 - Task 3 – Sentence Ranking for ADHD Symptoms
- **EXIST**
 - Task 1 – Sexism Identification
 - Task 2 – Source Intencion
 - Task 3 – Sexism Categorization
- **FinMMEval**
 - Task 1 – Financial Exam Question Answering
 - Task 2 – Multilingual Financial Question Answering
 - Task 3 – Financial Decision Making
- **HIPE**
 - Task 1 – Person-place relation extraction
- **ImageCLEF**
 - Task 1 – ImageCLEF Medical
 - Task 2 – ToPicto
 - Task 3 – MultimodalReasoning
 - Task 4 – AI4AGRI
 - Task 5 – ImageCLEF-Deepfake

- **JOKER**
 - Task 1 – Humoraware Information Retrieval
 - Task 2 – Pun Translation
 - Task 3 – Onomastic Wordplay Translation
 - Task 4 – Humor Generation
- **LifeCLEF**
 - Task 1 – AnimalCLEF
 - Task 2 – BirdCLEF+
 - Task 3 – PlantCLEF
 - Task 4 – MarineCLEF
 - Task 5 - PestCLEF
- **LongEval**
 - Task 1 – LongEval-Sci: Ad-Hoc Scientific Retrieval
 - Task 2 – LongEval-TopEx: Topic Extraction From Query Logs
 - Task 3 – LongEval-USim: User Simulation
 - Task 4 – LongEval-RAG: Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)
- **PAN**
 - Task 1 – Voight-Kampff Generative AI Detection
 - Task 2 – Text Watermarking
 - Task 3 – Multi-Author Writing Style Analysis
 - Task 4 – Generated Plagiarism Detection
 - Task 5 – Reasoning Trajectory Detection
- **qCLEF**
 - Task 1 – Feature Selection
 - Task 2 – Instance Selection
 - Task 3 – Clustering
- **SimpleText**
 - Task 1 – Text Simplification
 - Task 2 – Controlled Creativity
 - Task 3 – SimpleText Revisited
 - Task 4 – Classification of Scientific Articles by Research Area
- **TalentCLEF**
 - Task 1 – Contextualized Job-Person Matching
 - Task 2 – Job-Skill Matching with Skill Type Classification
- **Touché**
 - Task 1 – Fallacy Detection
 - Task 2 – Causality Extraction
 - Task 3 – Generalizability of Argument Identification in Context
 - Task 4 – Advertisement in Retrieval-Augmented Generation

Guidelines to prepare reports for CLEF2026 working notes

The Working Notes papers are technical reports written in English and describing the participating systems and the conducted experiments. They should provide, at least, the following information:

1. Title
2. Authors
3. Affiliations
4. Email addresses of all authors
5. Body of text. This should contain information on:
 - tasks performed
 - main objectives of experiments
 - approach(es) used and progress beyond state-of-the-art
 - resources employed
 - results obtained
 - analysis of the results
 - perspectives for future work

Papers must be formatted according to CLEF2026 CEUR-WS template, either using **LibreOffice (.odt)** or **Latex** one column templates.

Please **follow the instructions provided in each template**. For the **ODT template**, **LibreOffice** must be used and the **Libertinus font** must be installed (see Section 3 in the template).

Templates are [available here](#)

MAX LENGTH: no upper page limit is set, as papers are published only electronically, but experience teaches that overwhelmingly long papers are not effective.

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Please remember that the **strict deadlines** for receiving the final electronic versions of all papers is:

- Working Notes Papers due **28 May 2026**.
- CEUR-WS Camera Ready Working Notes Papers due **17 July 2025**.

All the deadlines are intended to be **MIDNIGHT CEST (11.59PM CEST)**.

Paper Submission

Submission of papers is to be done electronically through [EasyChair](#).

Please note that for preparing final Working Notes we will use the **metadata of Easychair submission**, so pay attention to inserting **authors' names, affiliations, and the contribution title correctly**.

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-> **Mark** the topic corresponding to the lab tasks which are described in your paper.

For each task in which a group participated, groups are requested to submit a report describing their experiments. In the CEUR-WS working notes, there can be either a single paper for all the tasks in which a group participated or separated papers for each task. The decision on what is the most appropriate way to proceed for a given lab is up to the lab organizers.

After the review process, if the paper has been accepted, authors will be requested to submit the Camera-Ready Version of the paper, according to the reviewers' recommendations.

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Additional information

If you need to refer to the LNCS proceedings or to the Working Notes as a whole, here is the information about them:

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