

PLCnext Community SUMMIT 2026

AGENDA



DAY 1 | SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mini Expo Setup
Let's get ready: Flexible, hands-on, and collaborative. Please note: Setup access is limited to companies that have registered in advance for the mini expo.
- 12:00 pm - 01:00 pm

Welcome Lunch
Check in, refuel, and sync: Our PLCnext Community Summit starts with a shared lunch. Perfect for first conversations, lightweight networking, and a smooth ramp-up into the day's deep dives.
- 01:00 pm - 01:15 pm

Opening Keynote
Yaskawa's board kicks off the day with a keynote on why open ecosystems win. Expect a crisp look at how Festo, Phoenix Contact, and Yaskawa collaborate to scale real-world innovation and keep the PLCnext Community growing.
- 01:15 pm - 03:00 pm

Mini Expo & Company Introductions
Meet the community: Join the Mini Expo walk-through to see what participating companies are working on. All companies, whether exhibiting or not, are invited to introduce themselves briefly. A relaxed format for quick matches and new ideas.
- 03:00 pm - 03:30 pm

Status Update: PLCnext Technology Ecosystem
Live snapshot of the PLCnext Technology Ecosystem, covering recent technical developments, integrations, community growth, and roadmap topics. Got ideas, questions, or feature requests? Add them to the backlog. We'll review and work through them on day two.
- 03:30 pm- 04:15 pm

Tech Deep Dive Yaskawa
Explore how motion control and robotics plug seamlessly into the PLCnext Technology Ecosystem. Expect real-world use cases, app-level potentials, and the technical rationale behind the open interface architecture.
- 04:15 pm - 04:30 pm

Coffee Break
- 04:30 pm - 05:15 pm

Tech Deep Dive Festo
See how Festo AX Controls, based on PLCnext Technology, is evolving. Featuring new devices, apps, an AI coding agent, machine vision, and innovative applications, supported by real success stories that drive customer value.
- 05:15 pm - 06:00 pm

Experience Yaskawa: Automation Up Close
Explore modern automation in the Yaskawa Academy. Get up close with systems, applications, and technologies. Expect live insights, practical setups, and inspiring solutions straight from the shopfloor.
- From 6:00 pm

Evening Connect: Code, Drinks & Conversations
Shift from sessions to real exchange. Talk tech, share ideas, connect with the community. Grab a drink, enjoy some good food, and keep the conversations running beyond the agenda. Wrap up the day with relaxed chats, good food, and community vibes.

DAY 2 | SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

- 08:30 am - 09:00 am

Coffee Kick-off
Warm-up the system: Start the day with coffee, quick intros, and first syncs. Low entry, easy conversations, and a smooth transition into today's program.
- 09:00 am - 10:00 am

PLCnext Store: Status & Strategy Update
Latest update on the PLCnext Store, from features like app signing to upcoming roadmap items. Key updates for developers: new APIs, interfaces, and tooling.
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am

Tech Deep Dive: Apps & Containers
Explore the technical possibilities with apps in the PLCnext Store. Get a clear view on how container-based apps can be used, what permissions and rights apply, and how to design secure, flexible deployments.
- 10:30 am - 10:45 am

Coffee Break
- 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

CRA & Security: Building Compliant Apps
Discover what the Cyber Resilience Act means for PLCnext Store apps from a practical perspective. Explore how apps are developed using tools, processes, and guidance from Phoenix Contact, with a strong focus on being compliant by design. Learn from evopro's practical use case, showcasing the development of CRA-compliant apps and sharing insights from a real implementation.
- 12:15 pm - 01:15 pm

Backlog Unlocked & Open Topics
Your inputs from the PLCnext Community Summit go live. Bring your ideas, questions, and challenges to the table. Open format, real exchange, no filters.
- 01:15 pm - 01:30 pm

Wrap-Up & Farewell
Key takeaways, final insights, and next steps for shaping the PLCnext Technology Ecosystem. Close the loop with coffee, snacks, and space for last ideas, tech talks, and community exchange.



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