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Introduction

We are pleased to welcome you to the EACL 2026 Industry Track, held on 25–27 March 2026, during the main conference days of the 19th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics. The track attracted 170 submissions, and a total of 167 reviewers contributed to the review process. After double-blind peer review, 71 papers were selected for presentation at the EACL 2026 Industry Track. Of these, 57 papers will be presented as oral talks (26 virtually) and 14 as posters.

Thematically, large language models are central to many submissions, with a strong emphasis on grounded, production-facing systems rather than standalone generation. Prominent themes include retrieval and grounding, with advances in retrieval-augmented generation, re-ranking, robustness to noisy or redundant retrieval context, and compliance-aware search. Another major thread involves structured and agentic workflows for complex, multi-step tasks, alongside rigorous evaluation via new benchmarks and error-analysis frameworks covering reasoning, information extraction, and safety. Many papers also focus on multimodal understanding, document and table understanding, and domain adaptation under real-world constraints such as latency, privacy, and multilingual settings. These directions span applications in healthcare, finance, law and enterprise, e-commerce and search advertising, workforce analytics, and interactive decision support.

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