

# IEEE ComSoc Serbia & Montenegro Chapter

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**Population:**  
**Serbia - 7,2 mil.**  
**Montenegro - 0,6 mil.**

**ComSoc Chapter**  
**Established - Oct. 9, 1989**  
**Members**  
**(as of 5/2017): 92**  
**13.5% of the Section**



## Main activity of the chapter – TELFOR conference

- general meeting of COM Engineers from Serbia and MNE
- one of the greatest regional meeting on a regular base
- once a year during past 24 years (last week of Nov.)
- over 1500 registrated participants and visitors
- recognized by the state and telecom. operators
- Minister and all great telco general managers (3 out of 3) are addressing the audience at the Opening Ceremony
- distinguished guests form ITU (usually)
- 299 registered R&D papers from 39 different countries;

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- 3 invited plenary presentations during Opening Ceremony given by prominent lecturers;
- IEEE Region 8 Seminar for students and young engineers;
- Tutorial in the field of Software Engineering;
- 2 student sessions (best paper awards);
- 1 invited special session;
- 15 special/technical/commercial sessions of companies;
- Thematic debates, panel discussions and round tables
- TELFOR Journal – publication of extending best papers...

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- low cost conference – fee 150 euros for IEEE members
- all accepted and presented papers are published in IEEE Xplore Digital Library
- [www.telfor.org.rs](http://www.telfor.org.rs)





## Technical activities

- Numerous (over 30) meetings with industry (telco operators – Telekom Srbija, VIP mobile, Telenor, Ericsson, Nokia, Huawei, Rohde & Schwarz, Vlatacom, SMATSA, RATEL-NRA, ...)

## Chapter activities

- Regular meetings
- Endorsed Chapter members for senior member nominations and applications.
- supporting several other conferences (ETRAN, RSN OG, ...)

# PROBLEMS (DESPITE GREAT EFFORTS)

- Com. engineers are changing their interests (massively toward software development )
- Extreme brain-drain from country
- Small number of members from industry
- Industry in Serbia & Montenegro does not recognize benefits from IEEE membership (educational materials are provided by companies directly)

**THAT'S ALL  
THANK YOU!**