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CoBRAIN Final Event COATINGS 2026 International Conference Marks the Successful Closure of the Project in Athens

Overview of the Final Event

The CoBRAIN project successfully reached its final dissemination milestone with the COATINGS 2026 International Conference, held in Athens, Greece, and organised by EXELISIS (DC Manager of CoBRAIN) and MDPI.



Far from a closing activity, this event represents a key strategic highlight of the project's implementation phase, bringing together the full CoBRAIN consortium

and a broad international scientific and industrial community.

The conference gathered more than 150 participants from 29 countries, clearly demonstrating the growing international visibility and impact of CoBRAIN in the fields of advanced materials, thermal spray technologies, and digital decision support systems.



A dedicated event video captures the atmosphere, scientific exchange, and collaborative spirit of this important milestone.

International Participation and Community Engagement

COATINGS 2026 confirmed the strong interdisciplinary and cross-sector nature of the CoBRAIN ecosystem, with participation from:

- 60 Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs)
- 40 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

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Across three intensive days, participants engaged in oral presentations, poster sessions, and technical discussions, fostering high-level knowledge exchange and strengthening European and international collaboration in materials engineering and surface technologies.



achievements of the project, showcasing advances in coating development and surface engineering.

In addition, participants attended a hands-on training session on the CoBRAIN Sustainable Decision Support System (SDSS), complemented by an interactive workshop on “Technology Cards”, designed to support industrial uptake and technology transfer.

The programme also included 8 CoBRAIN scientific presentations and posters, along with an invited speaker contribution, reinforcing the project’s scientific visibility and research excellence.



Scientific and Technical Programme

A dedicated CoBRAIN thematic session on Thermal Spraying technologies highlighted key scientific

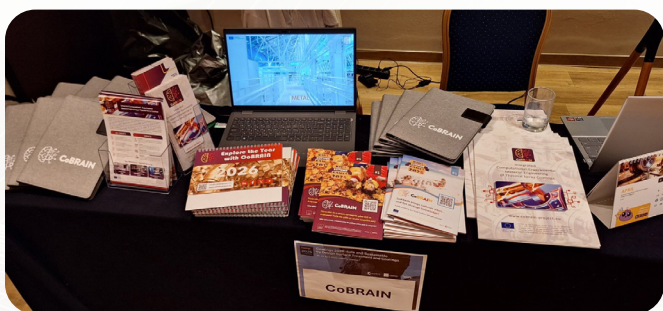
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SDSS Training & Workshop

A central element of the conference was the demonstration and training of the CoBRAIN SDSS tool at the dedicated CoBRAIN booth, supporting decision-making in materials selection and coating design.

The workshop and the collected Technology Cards further enhanced stakeholder engagement, allowing participants to explore practical pathways for integrating CoBRAIN results into industrial environments and real-world applications.



Project Impact and Networking

COATINGS 2026 also served as a key networking platform, strengthening collaboration between research institutions and industry actors across Europe and beyond.

The event also include a Gala Dinner under the iconic view of the Acropolis, offering a unique setting for reflection, networking, and celebration of the project's achievements.



Video Dissemination Output

The official COATINGS 2026 video provides a comprehensive visual summary of the event, showcasing the scale of participation, scientific sessions, SDSS demonstrations, and the strong collaborative atmosphere of the CoBRAIN community.

This video represents a key dissemination asset of the project, enhancing visibility, outreach, and stakeholder engagement across Europe and beyond.



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Conclusion and Legacy

With COATINGS 2026 marking a major milestone in the CoBRAIN project lifecycle, the initiative continues to build a strong legacy of scientific results, digital tools, and collaborative frameworks.

The project has significantly contributed to advancing thermal spray coatings, data-driven decision-making, and sustainable materials engineering, supporting future innovation in European research and industry.



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