## **Preface**

This volume constitutes the proceedings of the second **Workshop on AI-based Planning for Complex Real-World Applications (CAIPI'25)**, held in Bologna, Italy, on October 25th, 2025. CAIPI'25 was co-located with the 28th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI). The workshop set out to bring together researchers and practitioners from the different and scattered communities in planning with the aim on discussing and developing ideas on how to tackle the messiness of real-world planning problems.

CAIPI'25 continues and broadens the discussion started at its first instance (CAIPI'24) at the AAAI 2024 in Vancouver, Canada. This year's program again embraced cross-disciplinarity, emphasizing discussion among symbolic and sub-symbolic planning, learning-augmented decision making, and data-and model-driven approaches that must operate reliably under uncertainty and at scale.

The accepted contributions reflect the cross-disciplinary character of the workshop. In total, there were 16 papers submitted for peer-review to this workshop. After a thorough review by the international program committee nine papers were included in this volume, seven as regular papers and two as short papers.

We were very happy to host Florent Teichteil-Königsbuch (Airbus AI Research) for the workshop keynote. His talk on real-world planning challenges at Airbus offered a tour of problems where even state-of-the-art methods reach their limits. The keynote grounded the discussions in the requirements of real-world industrial use-cases.

As editors, we extend our sincere thanks to the authors for their contributions and to the program committee and reviewers for their thoughtful, timely feedback. We are grateful to our organizing team and to the ECAI community for providing a welcoming venue that values both depth and practicality. These proceedings capture a moment in a rapidly evolving field. We hope they serve not only as a record of current progress, but also as an invitation to continued collaboration across methods, applications, and communities.

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