

CASSINI Hackathon Weekend Program

September 13th-15th

Venue: RTU ZIC Riga Technical University - Science and Innovation Center, Kīpsalas str. 6A

DAY 1/ Friday/ September 13th

Evening: Kick-Off and Team Formation

- **17.00 - 17.30 Arrival and registration** */food: water/ tea, coffee - small snacks/*
- **17.30 - 18.30 Event Opening** (Moderator – Pauls Irbins)
 - Opening remarks by local organizers and introduction of the hackathon theme.
 - Keynote speech from a renowned industry leader to inspire participants.
 - Local organizers welcome participants at their respective locations.
- **18.30 - 19.00 Challenges presentation**
- **19.00 - 19.30 Team formation** (Moderator)/Mentor Instruction (ORG team)
 - Opportunity for participants to form or complete their teams.
 - ORG team and mentors assist in matching participants with complementary skills.
- **19.30 - 20.00 Introduction to mentors** (who will assist throughout the event.)
- **20.00 - 21.00 Hackathon kick-off**
 - Welcome from the central hub by European Commission and organisers. A look ahead to the weekend.
- **21.00 - 22.00 Teamwork/Mentorship**
 - Local organizers provide mentoring to help shape innovative solutions.
- **22.00 - ...Check in with teams/ mentorship/ work through the night**
 - Teams begin brainstorming and defining their project ideas.

- Facilities provided for on-site overnight hacking for interested participants.
- Quiet zones and rest areas available for those working late
- *Coffee breaks with snacks are essential throughout the hackathon to provide participants with the energy they need to work effectively*

DAY 2 / Saturday/ September 14th

- **8.30 - 9.30 BREAKFAST**
- **9.30 - 10.30 Check in with Moderator**
 - Pre-recorded motivational message to energize participants.
 - Focus on the day's objectives: problem validation and solution building.
- **10.30 Kick start session (~5 min) - Live stream from the central studio**
- **10:35 - 13.00 Teamwork/Mentorship**
 - Teams work on validating their problem statements.
 - Local organizers facilitate sessions on ideation and prototyping.
- **13:00 - 14.00 Technical and Business Support Sessions**
 - Workshops or check-ins to address technical and business challenges.
 - One-on-one mentoring available throughout the afternoon.
- **14.00 - 15.00 LUNCH**
- **15.00 - 16.00 Teamwork**
 - Central virtual hub broadcasts live streams from hackathon locations.
 - Video messages from authorities, mentors, or past winners may interrupt the live stream.
- **16.00 - 17.00 PITCH**
 - A session on preparing and improving presentations.
 - The focus is on storytelling, presentation skills and effective communication.

- **17.00 - 19.00 Team work/mentoring/ PITCH preparation**
 - Sessions dedicated to crafting and refining pitch presentations.
 - Emphasis on storytelling, presentation skills, and effective communication.
 - **19.00 - 20.00 PM: Dinner Break and Networking**
 - Informal networking sessions to encourage collaboration and idea exchange.
 - **20.00 PM: Optional Overnight Hacking**
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DAY 3 / Sunday/ September 15th

Morning: Final Development and Pitch Preparation

- **8.00 - 9.00 BREAKFAST**
- **9:00 - 11.00 Prototype Development**
 - Teams focus on their prototypes.
 - Local mentors provide feedback and guidance
- **11.00 – 11.15 Reboot session (~5 min)**
 - Live stream from the central studio.
- **11:30 - 12.30 PITCH REHEARSAL**
- **12.30 - 14.00 Work in teams/ Mentorship/ rehearsals in groups with mentors**
- **14.00 - 15.00 LUNCH**

Afternoon: Submission and Local Pitch Round

- **15.00 - 15.30 Project Submission Deadline**

- **15.30-16.00 Submission check**
 - Local organizers check for eligibility/completeness
 - Teams submit their project summary, prototype, and pitch presentation.
- **16.00 - 18.00 Local Pitch Round**
 - Teams present their projects to local judges.
 - Local juries evaluate the submissions
- **18.00 - 18.45**
- Local winners announcement and awards ceremony recognizing outstanding projects, using a common scoring matrix across all locations.

Evening: Closing Session

- **18.45 - 19.30 Closing session**
 - Hackathon wrap up/thank you.
 - Live stream from the central studio
 - Integration of local stories and video reports.
 - Highlights and achievements shared from all hackathon locations.
- **19.30 - 20.30 Closing Ceremony/Networking**
 - Final remarks from organizers and acknowledgments.
 - Celebration of innovation, creativity, and collaboration.
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