Rules of Participation

Preamble

The Copernicus Hackathon Programme is part of the European Union Copernicus Start-up Programme, originated to stimulate the generation of new business ideas based on Copernicus data and services.

The Copernicus Hackathon Programme is implemented by Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen (hereinafter "Coordinator")

on behalf of the European Commission (hereinafter "EC").

The Copernicus Hackathon in the Netherlands is organised by Space Business Innovation Centre Noordwijk and PLNT Leiden (hereinafter "Organiser").

1. Objectives

The Copernicus Hackathon Programme pursues the following objectives:

- Increase the number of users of Copernicus data and services
- Stimulate the generation of new business ideas based on Copernicus data and services
- Raising awareness of the opportunities offered by Copernicus data and services
- Train potential users on how to access and use Copernicus data and services
- Support the development of a thriving Copernicus downstream eco-system, by favouring cooperation between multiple stakeholders and maximise the socio-economic benefits of Copernicus
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2. Date and location

The Copernicus Hackathon in the Netherlands will take place on 12 and 13 September. The event will be hybrid. This means participants can choose between an online and offline track (at PLNT Leiden), which will run simultaneously.

Participants can participate also in any pre-event created by the Organiser.

The latest version of the detailed event agenda can always be found at https://www.sbicnoordwijk.nl/copernicus-hackathon-2020/.

3. Who can join?

All Participants to a Copernicus hackathon shall be of legal age and resident of one of the Copernicus participating countries (EU Member States + Norway and Iceland). Participants may have skills relevant to software development, including computer programmers, graphic and interface designers, GIS and EO experts, project managers and thematic experts (agriculture, energy, forestry, oil & gas etc.), and/or business developers. However, they are not limited to these type of skills. Any can-do mentality is welcome.

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4. Event logistics and related cost

Participation to the Copernicus Hackathon is free of charge. Meals will be provided for the whole duration of the Copernicus Hackathon (offline version).

The participants shall bring their own devices with Wi-Fi capability. The Organiser will provide the credentials for accessing internet resources for the duration of the Copernicus Hackathon.

The participants accept the House rules of the offline location, will use the facilities in an appropriate way, only to be in the designated areas and follow up any instruction of the staff during the Copernicus Hackathon.

5. Registration

Participants are requested to register for the Copernicus Hackathon before the 12th of September at https://www.eventbrite.nl/e/tickets-copernicus-hackathon-2020-104306678082 .

Participation is limited to 65 participants. The Organizer may decide to close the registration before the deadline in case the maximum number of participants is reached.

Participants can register alone or in teams of max. 5 persons.

If not already registered as a team, the Organiser will match the Participants before or during the Hackathon to ensure that each team is composed of participants with a mix of relevant skills as mention above. Please enter your preferred way of team matching, e.g. upfront by Organiser based on skills stated in registration or onsite during dedicated team matching session.

6. Challenges

There will be 3 special challenges and one general track for using Copernicus data and applications.

7. Technical support and training

The Copernicus Hackathon will offer business and technical training before and during the event. For this Organiser will provide the Participants with access to relevant coaching and IT infrastructure (hardware, software, API…) throughout the Hackathon, to facilitate access and use of Copernicus data.

Separate conditions may apply for usage of such coaching and IT infrastructure.

8. Expected output

The Copernicus Hackathon shall constitute a coding experience during which Copernicus data is actually accessed and used. The expected output shall thus go beyond mere concept presentations.

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9. Evaluation

The Organiser will appoint a selection board, to select the best team at the end of the Hackathon.

The solutions presented to the selection board will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:

- Relevance to the hackathon topic. Weight: 25%
- Interest of the project (Is the project innovative? Does it create value for the users? Is it feasible technically?). Weight: 50%
- Quality of the team (technical and business expertise, understanding of the thematic area, commitment to the project). Weight: 25%

All experts appointed for the evaluation will sign a declaration of secrecy and non-interest with the Organiser.

10. Awarding of Prizes

A prize will be given to the best team at the end of the Hackathon. One seat in the Copernicus Accelerator (a one-year coaching scheme organised by the EC) will be provided for the winning team.

All prizes can be found on https://www.sbicnoordwijk.nl/copernicus-hackathon-2020/

Each winner is responsible for all federal, state, local, provisional and other taxes.

11. Confidentiality & Ownership of the Results

Participants will own the intellectual property rights to all their developments made during the Copernicus Hackathon. Ownership of the teams' output shall be with the teams' Participants, who will jointly own the app concepts / draft developments.

It is up to the respective teams to protect the developments in the relevant legislations, as far as the apps are in a development status allowing such protection.

The Participants need to ensure that the output of their group work will be an app which will be clearly "free-standing", i.e. based on a software programme which is developed "from scratch" by the Participants and does not contain already existing software from third parties. That will ensure that the later commercial use of the app(s) will not encounter any problems in terms of intellectual property rights belonging to a third party.

The Organiser confirms to not disclose any confidential information acquired through the organisation of a Copernicus Hackathon to any third party. The Organiser furthermore ensures that all experts and mentors involved in the Copernicus Hackathon commit to a non-disclosure agreement.

12. Data Protection

The Organizer will handle and protect personal data of all Participants within the frame of the Data Protection Law in the EU - General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR. The personal data of all Participants are handled exclusively in a Member State of the European Union or in a Contracting State

of the Agreement on the European Economic Area. Any transfer of personal data to a third country is excluded.

The Participant allows the Organizer to transmit their contact details to the EC and the Coordinator to inform them of all matters related to the Copernicus Hackathon Programme and of any other issues the Coordinator and the EC deem relevant and appropriate.

By participating in the Copernicus Hackathon, all participants acknowledge that the EC, the Coordinator, the Organizer and Partners may use their names, country of origin, comments, likenesses, photos and videos (incl. photos/videos taken of the participants during the Copernicus Hackathon), and non-confidential descriptions of their apps developed during the Copernicus Hackathon in publicity or advertising concerning the Copernicus Hackathon or otherwise in any medium now known or hereafter devised (including the Internet or other interactive networks) at any place and time without further compensation or right of review and agree to waive their rights with respect to any such publicity and advertising.

The obligations related to personal data protection shall continue to be in effect for an unlimited period or as long as prescribed by applicable law.

13. User satisfaction

Participants agree to complete a short user satisfaction questionnaire after the Hackathon.

14. Miscellaneous

The award decisions shall not be subject to legal challenge. The decisions rendered by the expert appointed by the Organizer shall be final and binding for all Participants of the Copernicus Hackathon. Participants shall have no right to a justification of such decisions.

The European Commission, the Coordinator and the Organizer reserve the right to modify these terms, including any of the deadlines set forth herein, at any time.

Participation in the Copernicus Hackathon shall be governed by Dutch Law. Place of jurisdiction shall be The Hague. This agreement is subject to the laws of the Netherlands. In case of any dispute related to this agreement, the court of jurisdiction is The Hague.

15. Contact

For more information please visit: https://www.sbicnoordwijk.nl/copernicus-hackathon-2020/

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