



BioBoosters Hackathon

Participation Rules

These Participation Rules define the terms of cooperation between the challenge owner, the participants, and the organiser of the innovation competition (hackathon).

The aim of the BioBoosters Hackathon is to find solutions to challenges presented by one or more challenge owners. The challenge owner(s), duration, implementation and schedule of each Hackathon are described in more detail on the Hackathon page published on the Jamk website.

The persons appointed by the challenge owner(s) are responsible for defining the challenge, appointing the jury that selects the winners, and determining the next steps after the competition. The process is organised by Jamk University of Applied Sciences' Circular Bioeconomy Business Accelerator BioBoosters.

In these Rules, **organiser** refers to BioBoosters, **challenge owner** refers to one or more organisations presenting a challenge, and **participant team** refers to a group of individual participants taking part in the challenge. **BioBoosters Hackathon** refers to the process from registration through to the final competition event.

Intellectual Property Rights

Existing intellectual property rights are not transferred during the BioBoosters Hackathon. Participants retain the rights to all materials they make available to the challenge owner.

Challenge owners also retain the intellectual property rights to materials used during the BioBoosters Hackathon. Participants may use these materials only for the purpose of participating in the BioBoosters Hackathon.

The intellectual property rights to solutions created during the BioBoosters Hackathon belong to the team or teams that created the solution. Challenge owners may use materials presented during the Hackathon for internal development and planning. However, the use and further development of a solution, as well as any related intellectual property rights, must be agreed separately with the party that created the solution.

Publicity of Participation

If a team is selected for the BioBoosters Hackathon process, the participation details submitted during registration and a short description of the idea (1–2 sentences) may be published. The selected participant teams will be announced after the Hackathon kick-off event.

In addition to the organiser, the challenge owner(s) and the team may use the participation details published by the organiser in their own communications. At the team's request, the organiser may edit the information provided in the team's application after the selection. Information about teams that are not selected will not be published.

Recordings of the Hackathon event may be produced, including photographs and videos. In addition to the event organiser, challenge owners and participants, third parties such as the media may use these recordings in their communications, for example in news published on their websites or on social media channels. Solutions presented in the competition will not be recorded in full, and recordings will not include material that could infringe the participants' intellectual property rights. Recordings will also not include detailed information about the challenge owner's challenge unless that information has already been published on the Hackathon page or in a press release

approved by the challenge owner. However, recordings may include brief moments from solution presentations.

Confidentiality and Non-disclosure Obligations

All persons participating in the BioBoosters Hackathon agree to maintain the confidentiality of all confidential information. Confidential information obtained during the BioBoosters Hackathon must not be disclosed to third parties. Confidential information includes trade and business secrets and information that is confidential by law. The challenge owner and participants may also separately identify materials that must be kept confidential, and at the challenge owner's request, participants may be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA). This requirement will be described in the Hackathon invitation.

If a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) applies to the BioBoosters Hackathon, the parties involved in the process must ensure that all team members are registered and that confidential information is disclosed only to team members who have signed the NDA.

Each party's non-disclosure obligation begins when that party receives information identified as confidential and continues for three years after the BioBoosters Hackathon ends.

Participants are responsible for the rights to use the materials they present, as well as for their content and information security.

Organiser

Circular Bioeconomy Business Accelerator BioBoosters is responsible for implementing the events, (main) marketing and communications activities, processing participant information, and organising the event day. BioBoosters is bound by the same confidentiality obligations as the participants and challenge owners.

Prizes, Evaluation and Further Development

The challenge owner is responsible for the competition prizes. Any prizes and opportunities for cooperation related to the challenge will be described separately on the Hackathon page.

The solutions produced by teams participating in the BioBoosters Hackathon will be evaluated by a jury approved or appointed by the challenge owner. The evaluation

criteria will be described for each challenge in the Hackathon invitation and defined by the challenge owner.

Agreements on follow-up activities will be made between the challenge owner and the participants unless otherwise agreed. After the Hackathon, the challenge owner will agree separately with the teams on the further development of the solutions and the related intellectual property rights.

Withdrawal and Disqualification

A team may withdraw from or discontinue its participation in the BioBoosters Hackathon at any stage of the process. A team that withdraws from the Hackathon or is unable to present a solution at the final event will not be eligible for a prize. A team member may be replaced during the process if there are justified reasons. The rights of the participants must be considered when such decisions are made.

For justified reasons, the challenge owner and the organiser may revoke a team's or participant's right to take part in the BioBoosters Hackathon. Such reasons include inappropriate behaviour or breach of agreement. In such cases, the organiser and the challenge owner are not liable for any loss or damage incurred by the team or participant.

Limitation of Liability

No party is liable to another party for indirect loss, except in cases involving an intentional or grossly negligent infringement of intellectual property rights or a breach of the non-disclosure obligation. The parties are liable for direct loss caused by a breach of these Rules. Liability is limited to a maximum of EUR 50,000.

Any disputes that cannot be resolved through negotiation will be settled by arbitration by a sole arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the Finland Chamber of Commerce.