# TIGER Hackathon 2026 – Applicant Info Sheet

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Everything you need to know to apply for the TIGER Hackathon 2026: the challenge, who can take part, how the 30 hours work, what you get and how to register.

## At a glance

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| **When** | Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 November 2026 |
| **Where** | G-Gravity Incubator, Via Legnone 4, 20158 Milan (Italy) — view on Google Maps |
| **Format** | 30-hour non-stop hackathon, Design Sprint methodology, overnight session included |
| **Language** | English |
| **Places** | 35 participants max, first come, first served |
| **Cost** | Free of charge, meals during the event included — travel expenses are covered by participants. Overnight rest is possible at the venue: bring a change of clothes, a sleeping bag and a sleeping mat. |
| **Who** | Startups and SMEs from Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Slovenia working on eHealth, AgeTech and the silver economy |

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## The challenge

Healthcare data about older people is scattered across patients, healthcare professionals, caregivers, service providers and policymakers. The TIGER Hackathon asks teams to connect these dots — in 30 hours.

> ***How can we design simple yet powerful digital tools to connect patients, healthcare professionals, caregivers, providers and policymakers?***

Solutions should address one or more of these objectives:

- Standardisation and integration of healthcare data
- Timely, personalised recommendations
- Usability combined with secure data management
- Use of AI for decision support and for assessing the effectiveness of solutions

## Who can apply

To be eligible, you must meet **all three** of these criteria:

1. Be a startup or SME under the EU definition.
2. Come from one of the project's partner countries — **AT, DE, FR, IT, SI** (a company operating outside the Alpine Space is also eligible if it is registered as an entity within the Alpine Space).
3. Work on the eHealth/silver economy theme, in at least one of these 6 categories:

| # | Category | Focus |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Healthy Longevity | Products and services extending healthy, active, independent living |
| 2 | AgeTech & AI | AI and emerging tech to enhance quality of life and autonomy |
| 3 | Smart Living | Intelligent environments making everyday life safer and more connected |
| 4 | Connected Communities | Solutions fostering social participation, inclusion, human connection |
| 5 | Future Care | Integrated, person-centred healthcare and care services |
| 6 | Silver Economy Ventures | Scalable business models unlocking demographic-change opportunities |

*Your company can be represented by one or more people (founders, staff, collaborators) — the whole company doesn't need to take part.*

## How the teams work

- Teams of up to 5 people, mentor included, are formed on the first day — they are not pre-selected.
- Teams are deliberately mixed across companies and countries: a "coopetitive" approach where you build new connections while working on a shared challenge.
- Each team is paired with a mentor trained in the Design Sprint methodology, supported by mentors circulating between tables.
- Final projects are presented to a jury of experts and institutional representatives. The names of the jury members will be published on tigerpath.eu before the event.

## Programme

### Day 1 — Monday 23 November 2026

| Time | Activity |
|---|---|
| **10:00 – 10:30** | Opening and institutional welcome |
| **10:30 – 12:00** | Training: health data interoperability and the active ageing ecosystem |
| **12:00 – 13:30** | Official challenge launch and mentor assignment to teams |
| **13:30 – 15:00** | Lunch |
| **15:00 – 19:00** | Design marathon kicks off (hackathon session) |
| **Overnight** | Solution development, non-stop |

### Day 2 — Tuesday 24 November 2026

| Time | Activity |
|---|---|
| **08:00 – 10:00** | Mentor checkpoints to refine solutions |
| **10:00 – 13:00** | Solution finalisation and pitch preparation |
| **13:00 – 15:00** | Lunch |
| **15:00 – 16:00** | Pitch session (5 minutes per team) in front of the jury |

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| Time | Activity |
|---|---|
| **17:00** | Award ceremony |

*The programme may be subject to minor changes.*

## How projects are evaluated

1. **Innovation and technology** — including effective use of AI and quality of the solution
2. **Sustainability and business model**
3. **Interoperability**
4. **Pitch clarity and team cohesion**

## What you get

- **Vouchers and tools** for the winning teams, to develop and implement their ideas (details to be announced).
- **International relationships** with companies, research centres and startups from 5 countries working on the same themes.
- **Qualified mentorship** to quickly validate your idea and solution.
- **Access to partner countries' innovation centres**, which can offer space, acceleration programmes and local contacts after the event.
- **Visibility** as part of an Interreg Alpine Space project.

## How to apply

1. Fill in the application form at tigerpath.eu/application-form (submissions in English).
2. Your application is forwarded to the national contact point of your country for the eligibility check.
3. Once eligibility is confirmed, you will be contacted and asked to complete your registration on the event management system of Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico: ts.ventureintelligence.eu/tiger.
4. Using the credentials you receive, log in to ROOM 1 and book your TIGER Hackathon 2026 slot.
5. Problems with the form or the platform? Write to **euprojects@poloaa.it** for technical support.

**Places are limited to 35 and assigned in order of registration — apply early.**

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## Practical information

- Participation is free and meals during the event are included; travel expenses are covered by participants.
- The event includes an overnight session: you can stay at the venue during the night, so there is no need to book a room. Bring a change of clothes, a sleeping bag and a sleeping mat. Logistics details will be shared with registered participants.
- We recommend bringing your own laptop and charger.
- The working language of the event is English.

## Contacts

| Topic | Contact | Email |
|---|---|---|
| Event organisation | FermoTech — Ronnie Garattoni | innovation@fermotech.it |
| General information | FermoTech secretariat | info@fermotech.it |
| Technical support (application form, registration) | Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico — EU Projects team | euprojects@poloaa.it |

More information: tigerpath.eu/hackathon · Project news: tigerpath.eu/news · LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/tigereu

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# Tiger Hackathon

23- 24 November 2026 - G-Gravity
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## DAY 1 – Monday, November 23, 2026

**10:00–10:30 Opening Session and Institutional Welcome**

European and national institutions TBC
**ICS – lead partner of the TIGER project**

**10:30–12:00 Contamination Session**

### Ecosystems for Active Ageing: Setting the Scene

*NICA – UK National Innovation Centre for Ageing (speaker TBC)*
An overview of the context behind the TIGER Hackathon challenge. The talk will cover active ageing as a social and economic priority, the many actors involved (patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, providers and policymakers), and what it takes to build truly connected ecosystems. It will give participants a broad view to help them design solutions around real needs.

### The European Health Data Space

**Silvia Stefanelli**, *Attorney at Law – Studio Legale Stefanelli & Stefanelli*
The European Health Data Space is changing the rules on how health data can be accessed, shared and reused across Europe. This practical, non-technical talk will explain the key principles of the new framework and how they relate to personal data protection. It will focus above all on the opportunities opening up for start-ups, SMEs and innovators building digital health services.

### Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Potential, Evidence and Limits

**Eugenio Santoro**, *Head of the Laboratory of Medical Informatics – Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research IRCCS (TBC)*

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AI is entering healthcare practice in many forms, from clinical decision support tools and predictive models to generative AI applications. This talk will review where things stand today, paying particular attention to whether solutions actually work, their reliability and the conditions for responsible use – topics that are also central to the hackathon's evaluation criteria.

### From Idea to Application: A Real-World Case

*Case – social cooperative La meridiana, as memeber of ENSA (European Network of Social Authorities). More Speakers and organisations TBC*
A real-world example of integrating health data and personalising services for active ageing. The talk will show how interoperability, usability and trust challenges were tackled in practice, sharing results, obstacles and lessons learned. It will give teams a concrete reference point to build on.

**12:00–13:30 Official launch of the detailed challenge and mentor assignment to teams**

**13:30–15:00 Lunch**

**15:00–19:00 Hackathon Session: Start of the design marathon**

**Overnight: Non-stop solution development**

## DAY 2 – Tuesday, November 24, 2026

**08:00–10:00 Mentor checkpoint sessions to refine solutions**

**10:00–13:00 Solution finalization and pitch preparation**

**13:00–15:00 Lunch**

**15:00–16:00 Pitch session:** Each team will have 5 minutes to present its solution to the jury

**17:00–17:30 Award ceremony**




# TIGER HACKATHON 2026 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The TIGER Hackathon 2026 is a 30-hour innovation sprint dedicated to digital solutions for active ageing, eHealth and the silver economy. The event takes place on 23 and 24 November 2026 at the G-Gravity Incubator, Via Legnone 4, 20158 Milan (Italy). It is promoted by Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico within the TIGER project, co-funded by the European Union through the Interreg Alpine Space programme, and organised by FermoTech on its behalf (hereinafter "the Organisers").

## 1. Objectives

The Hackathon aims to:

- bring together startups, SMEs and innovation specialists from the Alpine Space around a shared challenge on healthcare data and active ageing;
- develop technical and organisational solutions that connect patients, healthcare professionals, caregivers, service providers and policymakers;
- validate ideas with expert mentors and potential end users;
- build lasting business and technology relationships across the five partner countries.

## 2. Eligibility

Participants must meet **all three** of the following criteria:

1. Be part of a startup or SME under the EU definition (founders, staff or collaborators).
2. Come from one of the TIGER partner countries — Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia. A company operating outside the Alpine Space is also eligible if it is registered as an entity within the Alpine Space.
3. Work on the eHealth/silver economy theme, in at least one of these categories: Healthy Longevity, AgeTech & AI, Smart Living, Connected Communities, Future Care, Silver Economy Ventures.

A company may be represented by one or more people; the whole company

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does not need to take part. Eligibility is verified by the national contact point of the applicant's country before registration is confirmed.

## 3. Registration

- Participation is **free of charge**. Travel and any other personal expenses are borne by participants.
- Places are limited to **35 participants** and assigned on a first come, first served basis among eligible applicants.
- Applications are submitted in English through the form at tigerpath.eu/application-form. After the eligibility check, applicants complete their registration on the event management system of Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico (ts.ventureintelligence.eu/tiger, ROOM 1).
- Registration is complete only once the slot has been booked on the event management system.
- Technical support for the application form and the registration platform: euprojects@poloaa.it.
- The Organisers may close registrations early once the maximum number of participants is reached.

## 4. Format and duration

- The Hackathon lasts two days, for about 30 hours of work, including an overnight session.
- Work follows the Design Sprint methodology. The working language is **English**.
- Teams of up to 5 people, mentor included, are formed on the first day by the Organisers. Teams are deliberately mixed across companies and countries, following a "coopetitive" approach.
- The programme includes training sessions, the challenge launch, design and development sessions, mentor checkpoints, pitch preparation and the final presentation to the jury. The detailed programme is published in the Applicant Info Sheet and may be subject to operational adjustments.

## 5. The challenge

Teams will address the following question:

**How can we design simple yet powerful digital tools to connect patients, healthcare professionals, caregivers, providers and policymakers?**

Solutions may be technological, digital or process-based, and should address one or more of these objectives: standardisation and integration of healthcare data; timely, personalised recommendations; usability combined with secure data management; use of AI for decision support and for assessing the effectiveness of solutions. The challenge is officially presented at the start of the event.

## 6. Support and resources

During the Hackathon participants will have access to equipped workspaces, Wi-Fi connection and catering as set out in the programme. Participants must bring their own laptop and any personal tools (software, devices) they need.

## 7. Mentors

Each team is supported by a mentor trained in the Design Sprint methodology, together with mentors circulating between teams. Mentors are selected among professionals, entrepreneurs and experts, and provide technical, methodological and strategic support throughout the event.

## 8. Final outputs

Each team must present its project in a **5-minute pitch** to the jury, supported by slides and, where possible, a demonstration of the solution. Projects must be original, developed during the event, and must not infringe third-party intellectual property rights.

## 9. Jury and evaluation criteria

A jury of experts and institutional representatives will assess the projects according to the following criteria, for a maximum total of 100 points:

| *Criterion* | *Points* |
|---|---|
| Innovation and technology. *Including effective use of AI and quality of the solution* | 30 |
| Sustainability and business model | 30 |
| Interoperability | 30 |
| Pitch clarity and team cohesion | 30 |

The decision of the jury is final.

## 10. Prizes

The winning teams will receive vouchers and tools to develop and implement their ideas. The number of awarded teams and the details of the prizes will be announced by the Organisers before the event. Prizes are non-monetary and cannot be converted into cash.

## 11. Team organisation

The internal organisation of each team, the distribution of roles and any agreement on the rights to the project are the exclusive responsibility of its members. The Organisers accept no liability for internal agreements or claims between participants.

## 12. Intellectual property

Participants retain full ownership of their projects and related ideas. They authorise the Organisers, the TIGER project partners and the Interreg Alpine Space programme to describe and disseminate summaries and images of the projects as part of the communication activities of the initiative.

## 13. Image rights and personal data

Photographs and videos will be taken during the event for communication purposes. By taking part, participants consent to the use of their image in this context by the Organisers, the TIGER project partners and the Interreg Alpine Space programme. Personal data are processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), solely for the organisation of the event, the reporting obligations of the project and its communication activities, unless otherwise indicated in the registration phase.

## 14. Code of conduct

Participants must behave correctly and respectfully towards other participants, mentors, jury members, organisers, staff and the hosting venue, and comply with the venue's rules, including during the overnight session. Any breach of these rules or improper conduct may lead to exclusion from the Hackathon.

## 15. Liability

Each participant is responsible for their own belongings and equipment. The Organisers and the hosting venue are not liable for any damage, loss or theft occurring during the event.

## 16. Acceptance and changes

Participation implies full and unconditional acceptance of these rules. By registering, participants guarantee the originality of their ideas and release the Organisers from any liability for infringement of third-party rights. The Organisers reserve the right to amend the programme or these rules for organisational reasons or in case of force majeure, informing participants in good time.

## 17. Contacts

**Event organisation**
FermoTech — innovation@fermotech.it
**General information**
FermoTech secretariat — info@fermotech.it
**Technical support (application form, registration) and general info about the TIGER project**

Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico, EU Projects team — euprojects@poloaa.itMore information: tigerpath.eu-/hackathon

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