

News release

#EUvsVIRUS hackathon: Vodafone Institute and Vodafone Germany Foundation support challenge awards

The Vodafone Institute and the Vodafone Germany Foundation will fund the awards of the EU Commissions #EUvsVIRUS hackathon in the challenges Efficient Team Work and Fake News.

Berlin, 24 April 2020. The Vodafone Institute and the Vodafone Germany Foundation will support the Pan-European #EUvsVirus hackathon this weekend. The Vodafone Institute will be providing financial support for the challenge Business Continuity: Efficient Team Work with a focus on pressing issues for both SMEs and corporations, such as remote work. The Vodafone Germany Foundation supports the challenge Social & Political Cohesion: Mitigating Fake News, which is a pressing issue for the entire EU facing COVID-19 and an area of concern for the Foundations work in Germany. The Vodafone Institute is also funding partner of the German #WirVsVirus Hackathon, which inspired the European hackathon.

Inger Paus, Managing Director of the Vodafone Institute, praises the international initiative, “as funding partner of the German #WirVsVirus predecessor, the Vodafone Institute is now looking forward to supporting the EU Commissions #EUvsVIRUS Hackathon. Being a European think and do tank, we recognise the innovative potential in the unique collaboration of forward-thinkers and visionaries. This public expression of EU solidarity demonstrates that our unity exceeds borders in the fight against the coronavirus.”

The Pan-European hackathon #EUvsVIRUS is a joint event of the European Commission and EU member states. It offers an opportunity for international participants to collectively develop prototypes and solutions for technical, political and social issues facing the coronavirus pandemic. Six challenge categories are ranging from Health & Life to Digital Finance. From the 24-26 April 2020, participants will build solutions within the challenge areas via online platforms. The virtual award ceremony will take place Thursday morning, 30 April next week.

Find more information at <https://euvsvirus.org/>

About the Vodafone Institute for Society and Communications

The Vodafone Institute is Vodafone’s European think tank. We analyse the potential and responsible use of digital technologies for innovation, growth and sustainable social impact. Through research and events, we provide thought leadership and offer a platform for dialogue between business academia and politics. We are committed to improving access to technology for all parts of society. To achieve this aim, we develop and support projects to empower women in the digital economy, such as the social tech accelerator ‘F LANE’. The Vodafone Institute sees itself as an interdisciplinary platform and benefits from the expertise of its international advisory board.

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