EIT Health Innovation-Days (i-Days), November 7-9, 2023

SYNLAB is a European leader in providing laboratory diagnostic services and is currently operating in 34 countries and on 4 continents. In Italy, we have a presence with over 300 collection points, 80 outpatient centers, and 7 major diagnostic centers. Among them is the IRCSS SYNLAB SDN Center in Naples, a national reference point for translational research in diagnostics. Additionally, we are a partner of the Milano Innovation District (MIND) and the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), a European Union organization dedicated to promoting innovation.

In this regard, in March 2022, SYNLAB won a grant from EIT Health to organize a Hackathon ("Innovation Days - i-Days," the official event title) for four consecutive years. SYNLAB's project is the only Italian one accepted, joining the 23 selected European proposals.

EIT Health Innovation-Days (i-Days), in general, aim to promote the culture of innovation in the healthcare and tech system among bright university students while providing valuable training and education in the development of innovative solutions and ideas. This is achieved through dedicated tutors and mentors. Specifically, participating students receive an introduction to practical innovation tools and compete in teams to tackle real challenges posed by EIT Health, local organizations, private companies, or startups. The winning team from each i-Days event participates in the Winners' Event, a final competition that rewards the most innovative and interesting proposal at the European level.

This year's challenge will focus on "Smart and Health City for a Better Quality of Life," emphasizing the concept of a smart city tailored to citizens' health. Young talents will be encouraged, once again, to develop innovative proposals in the healthcare sector, allowing them to experience a Hackathon firsthand.

Regarding the format, the Hackathon will follow the following schedule:

Day 1, November 7, at CASCINA TRIULZA AUDITORIUM @MIND:
- 14:00-14:30: Accreditation
- 14:30-17:00: Talks by relevant speakers lasting 15-20 minutes on topics related to innovation, proximity medicine, and the concept of a "smart" and human-centered city.
- 17:00-17:30: Introduction to the challenge.
- 17:30-18:00: Training session on the innovation process (e.g., Design Thinking).
- 18:00-18:15: Students are divided into teams.
- 18:30-20:00: Light dinner
- 20:00 (November 7) - 22:00 (November 8): Start of team project development at Cascina Triulza Academy @MIND
- On the night of November 7 to November 8, participants can stay at the Academy to continue working on their projects, with the option to bring sleeping bags for rest. A coffee station will be available throughout the night.
Day 2, November 8, at Cascina Triulza Academy @MIND
Continuation of the idea development process by participants and submission of pitches by the end of the day (22:00). Breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided to participants.

Day 3, November 9, at Human Technopole @MIND
- 8:30-9:00: Accreditation
- 9:00-10:30: Talks by institutional profiles.
- 10:30-13:00: Presentation of projects by participants - in English - to the Advisory Board, which will select the best ideas.
- 13:00-13:15: Selection of the winning Italian project, which will compete in the European selection phase to be held in Barcelona from November 30 to December 1st.
- Following this, at 13:00, there will be a light lunch for the students at The Hive @MIND.

SUBSCRIPTION
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