



# CERES Cyprus Hackathon



**CERES** stands for Circular Economy Innovation Ecosystems REdesigning Skills, a European initiative focused on redesigning educational and training curricula to meet the needs of the circular economy. The project supports the transition to a greener economy by developing new skills and knowledge for Higher Education (HE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) across key sectors such as WEEE, automotive, textiles, and waste from wind energy.

The main objective of **CERES project** is developing updated High Education (HE) and Vocational Education Training (VET) curricula, and training programs to foster Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Digital, Resilience, and CE skills promoting collaboration across the industry, private and public institutions.





### What is the CERES Hackathon?

CERES Hackathon is a competition among professionals and students, which will work on real problems (challenges) proposed by real companies.

### Why the CERES Hackathon?

CERES aims to support the education of professionals and students, pushing them to be innovative, creative and able to solve problems, in the main field of the Circular European Economy.

European companies, from big giants, to SMEs, till start-ups, are facing a global and tremendous competition and they have a continuous need of innovation: opening their doors to young talents could provide a source of innovation and inspiration, to be later transformed in a competitive factor.

### Motivations for Teams: What You'll Get From the CERES Cyprus Hackathon

1. Challenge yourself,
2. Learn new concepts,
3. Be in touch with real problems from real companies,
4. Meet new people (academics, practitioners, managers).





This is your chance to gain hands-on experience in the Circular Economy by solving real-world challenges from leading companies worldwide.

#### Why Join?

- Work on real sustainability challenges
- Collaborate with others
- Gain valuable insights and mentorship
- Earn your CERES Certificate and advance to the European finals
- The top three teams of the CERES Cyprus Hackathon **will be awarded €500, €300, and €200 either in cash or in gift - card format.**

A 5-day challenge starting on the **6th of February 2026 at Cleopatra Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus**

Teamwork and online mentoring sessions will be held during the 5 days.

The winners of the CERES Cyprus Hackathon will be announced on **February 17th** during the online closing session.

 Sign up through the following link before January 28th, 2026

<https://forms.office.com/e/PfGN0rVuwn>





## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH – LAUNCH OF THE CERES HACKATHON: RULES AND CHALLENGES SHARING

09:00 – 09:15: Welcome & Physical Registration.

09:15 – 10:15: Opening Session.

- ❖ CERES Cyprus Hackathon: Partner Organizations: **Cyprus Certification Company & C.E.A. Circular Economy Alliance Ltd.**
- ❖ CERES Project & Program.
- ❖ CERES European Hackathon.
- ❖ Rules (agenda, teams, challenges, pitch structure, evaluation criteria, awards).
- ❖ Instructions (event participation, hub usage, pitch submission).

10:15 – 12:00: Presentation of the Challenges.

12:00 – 12:30: Q&A Session.

12:30 – 13:00: Selection of Challenges within Teams-Each team informs the Organizing Committee via the provided form by 13:00.

13:00: Lunch.





### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH – TEAM WORK**

Participants work in teams on the selected challenge.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH – TEAM WORK**

Participants work in teams on the selected challenge.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH – TEAM WORK**

Participants work in teams on the selected challenge.

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH – REMOTE MENTORING & SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Dedicated mentoring session links available on the mentoring page.

By 17:00: Deadline for submission of:

- ❖ Video-pitch link.
- ❖ Presentation slides (PPT).

Submissions should be sent to: [emichael@cycert.org.cy](mailto:emichael@cycert.org.cy) (Cloud storage or file-transfer platforms accepted).



## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH – ONLINE CLOSING SESSION

Link: Microsoft Teams: [Hackathon Award Ceremony | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

- ❖ Pitch criteria of evaluation.
- ❖ The **CERES Cyprus Hackathon** in numbers (a quick recap).
- ❖ The winning teams: awarding and presentation.



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