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Euro Mediterranean Innovation Camp

Innovation competition and boot camp for Youth



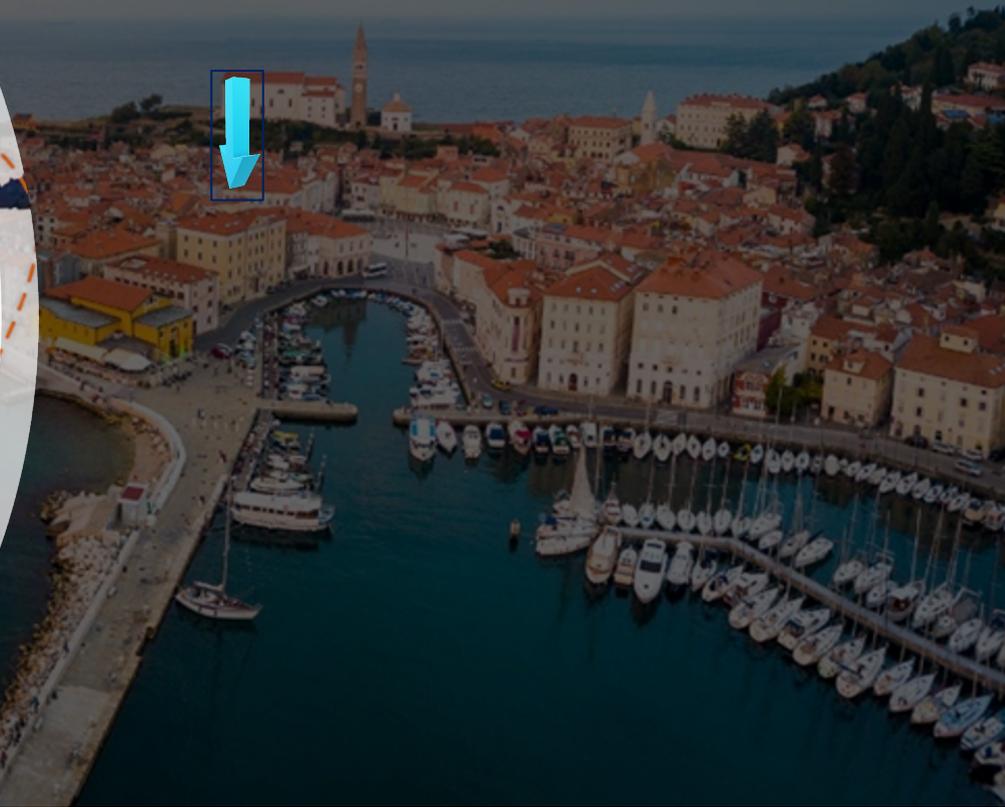


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Mobility was
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Location of EMUNI

*The medieval town of Piran on the
Adriatic coast of Slovenia*







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EMUNI

- Established in **2008** as one of the 6 priority areas of the **Union for the Mediterranean**.
- Organized as an **international organization/University**, focusing both on postgraduate study programmes and collaborative education and research projects.
- **A network of more than 140 members from 33 Euro-Med countries** – educational, research and international institutions.
- Of great significance in terms of foreign policy – a platform for **intercultural dialogue** and **science diplomacy**.



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Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia

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Who
Can
Apply?



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Eligibility Criteria

Age: 18-35 years at the time of application

Resident in one of the European-North African or Middle East countries

With at least a high school diploma

Higher Education Student (under or post-graduate) or on a job

With a novel idea or invention that can eventually be commercialised

Must be the sole owner of the idea or assigned by the co-owners to solely present and develop it

The idea can be converted to a functional prototype in maximum 3 months

Innovation addressing one of these 3 thematic areas:

- **Health**
- **Renewable Energy**
- **Environment, including Climate Change**

Good command of English Language



IDEA or INVENTION

	<p>Novel, differentiated from existing products</p>
	<p>At one of these stages of the Innovation cycle: idea – proof of concept - prototype</p>
	<p>Addressing one of the 3 areas: Health, Renewable Energy or Environment</p>
	<p>Not necessarily patented, but would be a plus</p>
	<p>Described in detail supported by schematic diagrams, info-graphics, literature articles...etc (as attachemnts)</p>



PROTOTYPE

	Novel, differentiated from existing products
	Already developed or will be later developed during the workshop
	State clearly the target or end users
	Applications: Health, Renewable Energy or Environment
	Feasible to develop in no more than 3 months
	Described in detail supported by schematic diagrams, info-graphics, literature articles...etc (as attachemnts)



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Phases of the Competition



Application & Screening



Online Pitching (Heats)



The Workshop



The Finale



Application and Screening

- Applications will only be accepted via the dedicated application form on EMUNI website and within the specified deadline
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts for their novelty, applicability and feasibility of implementation within the available timeframe
- Short-listed candidates will be invited to the next phase
- **Deadline for Application is Friday 17 February 2023 (extended deadline)**

Online Pitch



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- Short listed candidates will pitch their ideas via an online platform in front of a Jury of experts in the different fields of their innovation. They will respond to questions of the jury members, who will evaluate their ideas and select the most innovative and appropriate to benefit from the workshop.

Time frame: last week of February 2023

The Workshop



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- The contestants will be invited to travel to Slovenia &/or Morocco to be hosted in the workshop facility at EMUNI, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia or the EuroMed University of Fes, Morocco).
- During the period of 10 weeks, they will receive technical assistance and mentorship from subject matter experts, experienced engineers, product developers & designers and innovation experts. They will compete against each other through multiple elimination stages.

👉 All travel and accommodation expenses and the expenses of mentoring and building the prototypes will be assumed by EMUNI

Time frame: from March 20th to June 2nd 2023

Elimination Stages



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Proof of Concept

Engineering

Prototyping/testing

Customer Validation

Each competition phase will last a few weeks. Supported by mentors, the contestants will attempt to achieve the pre-set goals of each phase. The best achievers will be selected to proceed to the next phase.

The Finale



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- This is a **live event** organised about one week after the last stage. Around 3-4 finalists are prepared for the event through training on marketing and pitching their prototypes/products to a wider audience by marketing and communication experts.
- The event will be attended by on-site audience, including the mentors, representatives of the partner institutions and other invitees. In addition, the event will be live streamed on Youtube and other media.
- The final scores and ranking of the contestants will be awarded 50% by the jury and 50% by the audience (on-site and remote) voting.

Time frame: 8-9 June at EMUNI premises in Slovenia



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Have Questions or need more info?

Check our FAQ section

Write to emic@emuni.si



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Reminder: Application deadline is **February 17, 2023@22h**

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EMUNI EMIC FAQ

1. Who Can Apply?

Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Age: 18-35 years at the time of application;
- ✓ Resident in one of the Euro-Mediterranean countries;
- ✓ With at least a high school diploma;
- ✓ Higher Education Student (under or post-graduate) or on a job;
- ✓ With a novel idea or invention that can eventually be commercialised;
- ✓ Must be the sole owner of the idea or assigned by the co-owners to solely present and develop it;
- ✓ The idea can be converted to a functional prototype in maximum 3 months;
- ✓ Innovation addressing one of these 3 thematic areas:
 - Health
 - Renewable Energy
 - Environment, including Climate Change;
- ✓ Good command of English Language.

2. Which countries are eligible?

EMIC welcomes applications from any resident in one of the Euro-Mediterranean (UfM) States (full list of countries can be found [here](#)).

3. Do I have to apply in English?

Yes, English is the official language of the competition and written as well as spoken proficiency is required.

4. Does it cost anything to participate?

No, the entire cost of travel, accommodation and development of each idea is covered.

5. Will applicants over the age of 35 be automatically rejected?

Although we understand that contributions by older individuals are just as valuable and important, this initiative is dedicated primarily to the youth of the Euro-Mediterranean. We believe that incubators and accelerators are a better fit for them. Therefore, applicants who do not fall in the age category of 18-35 at the time of application, to be later validated if they pass the applications' screening phase, will not be eligible to proceed.

6. Why should I apply (Are there any incentives for the winners)?

If you succeed in being selected for the EMIC workshop, you will receive extremely valuable capacity building in the form of technical assistance, advice, one-on-one mentoring and coaching to transform your idea into a functional prototype, as well as the opportunity for an international exchange and multicultural experience. Try

Additionally, if you will pass the elimination phases and are selected as one of the 3-4 finalists, you will be provided with vital connections and links with investors, business angels, incubators, consumers and firms that will increase the potential of commercialising your eventual product. The finalists will also be provided with funding for the legal expenses related to protecting their innovation (eg. drafting the IPR), if applicable.

Securing of financial awards is in the negotiation phase right now and cannot be guaranteed at this stage.

7. How will candidates be evaluated?

A team of experts from various scientific, technical and professional backgrounds will review the applications submitted online and assess them based on the following criteria:

Novelty, feasibility, applicability of the idea and the candidates' resourcefulness and readiness for the camp and competition.

8. When will the workshop phase start?

The preliminary start date of the workshop is the last week of March or beginning of April 2023.

9. Can the idea still be innovative if it is already present in another country?

We are willing to consider ideas or inventions that improve upon existing inventions or products, or add to them by making them more suitable for the local environment or more sustainable, as long as they do not violate any existing patents related to the original idea or product. However, there must be an added value for the innovative idea or invention and not just a copy of an existing one.

10. Can I apply if my prototype already participated in previous competition?

Yes, application with the innovation that was already competing in previous competitions is allowed.

11. Can I apply with more than one application/idea?

Candidates can submit more than one application for different ideas if they wish. However, keep in mind that in case you were shortlisted, you will be required to work on the selected idea only.

12. If the idea is related to one of the three thematic areas, eg. innovative pedagogy related to Health., Environment or Renewable Energy, will this still be considered eligible?

Yes, if the final impact is demonstrated to be in one of these fields.

13. I did research but I do not have an innovation yet. Should I apply?

We will consider projects in various stages of development, whether it's in the phase of idea, proof of concept, engineering, prototyping or early design stages. However, if you have a functional product in the phase of commercialisation, then you should approach one of the business development initiatives and not EMIC.

14. I have already submitted my application, but I would like to revise and improve it. Am I allowed to do so?

Yes, you can submit a new application, with the remark that this version is replacing the previous. So, if more than one application with the same idea is submitted, we will consider the latest submitted version before the deadline.

15. If I have any questions or request clarification, what is the contact email.

You can reach us at emic@emuni.si or visit our webpage [here](#).