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Aveiro Tech City Challenges

FAQs

What are the challenges and areas to be addressed?

The challenges are:

- **Urban Challenges – are presented 3 challenges, with different themes:**
    - Urban Challenge #1 - Trader Access and Occupancy Tax Payment Management System
    - Urban Challenge #2 - Water Consumption Management Systems in Public gardens
    - Urban Challenge #3 - Monitoring the Energy Efficiency of Public Buildings
- **Aveiro Tech City Living Lab – it is intended to select 3 projects that take advantage of the existing infrastructure in Aveiro and intend to develop projects in the area of Smart Cities and Internet of Things.**

To obtain more detailed information about each challenge, please check the Individual Challenge Factsheet in our website.

Let´s cut to the chase, I want to submit and idea/product. How do I do it?

Submitting your idea to Aveiro Tech City Challenges is easy and incredibly fast. You just need to access our online application form (www.aveirotechcity.pt) and fill in the required information. **Applications will close at 11:59 pm on April 14th, 2022.**

How mature do you expect my solution to be; fully grown or still a newborn?

We love new ideas and disruptive solutions! However, don´t forget that the proposed **solution will be developed and tested between 1st of June and 9th of October 2022**, therefore, make sure that you are able to develop something tangible during this time.

The submitted solutions must have a maturity level equal or greater than TRL 3 (experimental proof of concept) and equal or lower than TRL 7 (demonstration of system prototype in operational environment), according to TRL - Technology Readiness Levels, available here).

I would love to jump on board! Is my organization eligible?

Aveiro Tech City Challenges is open to Startups up to two years of activity, Scaleups from two years up to ten years of activity and R&D Institutions. If you belong to one of these entities, you will be considered eligible.

Projects must be submitted by one or more elements of the entity, and each team can only have a maximum of three elements.

I own a small company with eleven years on the market. Am I allowed to participate?

We are really sorry, but this program is only for Startups and Scaleups with a maximum of ten years of activity and R&D Institutions.

I´m a business guru! My company made €50M turn over last year. Am I allowed to participate?

Helping new players is our goal, so the program is focused on organizations with less than 50M€.

Let´s increase the odds. How many applications and teams can I register?

Each organization can only submit one application, per challenge.

I can´t wait to be selected! What happens after I submit my project?

Your application will be carefully analyzed by the members of the jury and you will be notified on the 2nd of May 2022 by email, whether if you are selected or not to the Aveiro Tech City Pitch.

How will my idea and submission be evaluated and how do you select the winners?

To be one of the twenty-five participants in the Aveiro Tech City Pitch your idea must demonstrate a good level of innovation, potential commercialization and address one of the challenges proposed.

In Aveiro Tech City Pitch we will narrow down the participants to 6 finalists, so you must be able to convince us and sell your idea through your presentation.

Winners will be those who show higher levels of product´s maturity and better results after the development period.

What´s the program timeline and schedule?

- **1st of February to 14th of April 2022**: Application submission period.

- **18th to 29th of April 2022**: Pre-Selection Period of Semi-finalist projects.

- **2nd of May 2022**: Announcement of 25 projects to participate in Aveiro Tech City Pitch.

- **9th of May 2022 (Europe Day)**: *Aveiro Tech City Pitch* | Selection Period of finalist projects.

- **30th to 31st of May 2022**: Kick-off Event and Training.

- **1st of June to 9th of October 2022**: Development and Trial stage.

- **31st August 2022**: Progress Report delivery.

- **10th to 16th of October 2022**: Demodays @ Aveiro Tech Week 2022.

- **13rd of October 2022**: Pitch Training.

- **14th of October 2022**: Final Pitch.

- **17th of October to 30th of November 2022**: Final Rehearsals and Conclusion of the challenges.

Tell me more about the prizes?

Aveiro Tech City Challenges will award the 6 finalists with 20.000,00€ (twenty thousand euros) each.

Do you offer support for travel and accommodation expenses? Where can I work during the program?

The twenty-five projects selected to participate in the Aveiro Tech City Pitch will receive monetary support to cover travel expenses and costs, according to:

- **500,00€** (five hundred euros) for entities headquartered outside the territory of mainland Portugal.

- **250,00€** (two hundred and fifty euros) for entities based in mainland Portugal.

We are happy to have you based in Aveiro as long as you wish. In our business incubator we have some offices available, please contact us for more information.

I´m a hard worker entrepreneur who deserves some time off! What´s on in Aveiro to enjoy my free time?

We strongly suggest you to take some time off and explore what the city has to offer. Dream beaches, nature gateways, watersports, wonderful food, European top University…you name it!

For more information about activities, please visit https://www.cm-aveiro.pt/visitantes/agenda-aveiro or http://www.centerofportugal.com/aveiro/.

I like to be aware of everything! Where can I find a full set of rules and procedures?

In our website you can find the challenge rules available for consultation - www.aveirotechcity.pt