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TIGER Hackathon 2026 – Applicant Info Sheet

Data-driven ecosystems for active ageing · Milan, 23–24 November 2026

Everything you need to know to apply for the TIGER Hackathon 2026: the challenge, who can take part, how the 30 hours work, what you get and how to register.

At a glance

When	Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 November 2026
Where	G-Gravity Incubator, Via Legnone 4, 20158 Milan (Italy) — view on Google Maps
Format	30-hour non-stop hackathon, Design Sprint methodology, overnight session included
Language	English
Places	35 participants max, first come, first served
Cost	Free of charge, meals during the event included — travel expenses are covered by participants. Overnight rest is possible at the venue: bring a change of clothes, a sleeping bag and a sleeping mat.
Who	Startups and SMEs from Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Slovenia working on eHealth, AgeTech and the silver economy

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The challenge

Healthcare data about older people is scattered across patients, healthcare professionals, caregivers, service providers and policymakers. The TIGER Hackathon asks teams to connect these dots — in 30 hours.

> ***How can we design simple yet powerful digital tools to connect patients, healthcare professionals, caregivers, providers and policymakers?***

Solutions should address one or more of these objectives:

- Standardisation and integration of healthcare data
- Timely, personalised recommendations
- Usability combined with secure data management
- Use of AI for decision support and for assessing the effectiveness of solutions

Who can apply

To be eligible, you must meet **all three** of these criteria:

1. Be a startup or SME under the EU definition.
2. Come from one of the project's partner countries — **AT, DE, FR, IT, SI** (a company operating outside the Alpine Space is also eligible if it is registered as an entity within the Alpine Space).
3. Work on the eHealth/silver economy theme, in at least one of these 6 categories:

#	Category	Focus
1	Healthy Longevity	Products and services extending healthy, active, independent living
2	AgeTech & AI	AI and emerging tech to enhance quality of life and autonomy
3	Smart Living	Intelligent environments making everyday life safer and more connected
4	Connected Communities	Solutions fostering social participation, inclusion, human connection
5	Future Care	Integrated, person-centred healthcare and care services
6	Silver Economy Ventures	Scalable business models unlocking demographic-change opportunities

Your company can be represented by one or more people (founders, staff, collaborators) — the whole company doesn't need to take part.

How the teams work

- Teams of up to 5 people, mentor included, are formed on the first day — they are not pre-selected.
- Teams are deliberately mixed across companies and countries: a "coopetitive" approach where you build new connections while working on a shared challenge.
- Each team is paired with a mentor trained in the Design Sprint methodology, supported by mentors circulating between tables.
- Final projects are presented to a jury of experts and institutional representatives. The names of the jury members will be published on tigerpath.eu before the event.

Programme

Day 1 — Monday 23 November 2026

Time	Activity
10:00 – 10:30	Opening and institutional welcome
10:30 – 12:00	Training: health data interoperability and the active ageing ecosystem
12:00 – 13:30	Official challenge launch and mentor assignment to teams
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 19:00	Design marathon kicks off (hackathon session)
Overnight	Solution development, non-stop

Day 2 — Tuesday 24 November 2026

Time	Activity
08:00 – 10:00	Mentor checkpoints to refine solutions
10:00 – 13:00	Solution finalisation and pitch preparation
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	Pitch session (5 minutes per team) in front of the jury

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Time	Activity
17:00	Award ceremony

The programme may be subject to minor changes.

How projects are evaluated

1. **Innovation and technology** — including effective use of AI and quality of the solution
2. **Sustainability and business model**
3. **Interoperability**
4. **Pitch clarity and team cohesion**

What you get

- **Technology vouchers for the three best teams:**
  1st prize: €3,000 in vouchers per team for the purchase of technology
  2nd prize: €2,000 in vouchers per team for the purchase of technology
  3rd prize: €1,000 in vouchers per team for the purchase of technology
- In addition to the vouchers, as special prize, the opportunity to collaborate on a healthcare project with a Luxembourg-based entrepreneur will be offered (details on this will follow)
- **International relationships** with companies, research centres and startups from 5 countries working on the same themes.
- **Qualified mentorship** to quickly validate your idea and solution.
- **Access to partner countries' innovation centres**, which can offer space, acceleration programmes and local contacts after the event.
- **Visibility** as part of an Interreg Alpine Space project.

How to apply

1. Fill in the application form at tigerpath.eu/application-form (submissions in English).
2. Your application is forwarded to the national contact point of your country for the eligibility check.
3. Once eligibility is confirmed, you will be contacted and asked to complete your registration on the event management system of Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico: ts.ventureintelligence.eu/tiger.
4. Using the credentials you receive, log in to ROOM 1 and book your TIGER Hackathon 2026 slot.
5. Problems with the form or the platform? Write to **euprojects@poloaa.it** for technical support.

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Places are limited to 35 and assigned in order of registration — apply early.

Practical information

- Participation is free and meals during the event are included; travel expenses are covered by participants.
- The event includes an overnight session: you can stay at the venue during the night, so there is no need to book a room. Bring a change of clothes, a sleeping bag and a sleeping mat. Logistics details will be shared with registered participants.
- We recommend bringing your own laptop and charger.
- The working language of the event is English.

Contacts

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