

Factsheet

Virtual Collaboration Challenge

In the 6-week virtual collaboration challenge (similar to a hackathon), students from several countries work in mixed teams on a real-world task and pitch their final results to a jury. The mentor-led format allows students to improve their 21st Century Skills. The criteria-based performance validation in the participation offers students a differentiation in their future job search process. Competences involved:

virtual team collaboration
intercultural awareness
digital collaboration tools
creativity
problem-solving
project management
communication in English

Possible tasks (will be assigned depending by Birkenvale)

- Create ideas on how schools can support international collaboration among students
- Set up a concept for an increasing environmental awareness in school/among students
- Define a marketing initiative for sustainable tourism in one of the student's home areas
- Create product ideas and market strategy for SME company
- Set up a concept for better integration of minorities in a specific region
- Create social media strategy for a local start-up

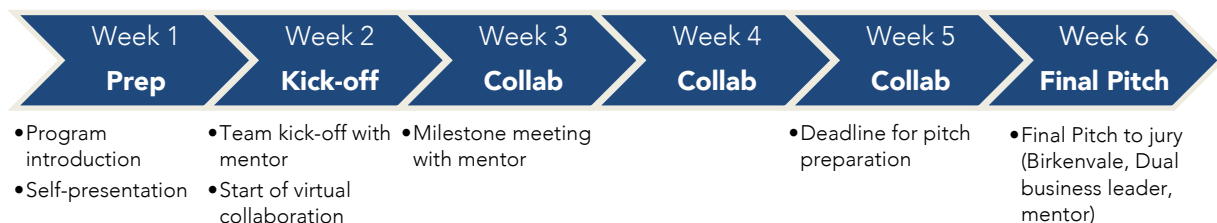
Level of students

Upper Secondary level (years 11-12), VET apprentices, higher VET students, Bachelor / Master students

Team size

- Approx. 4-7 students per team (teams will be globally mixed by Birkenvale)

Program Schedule



Duration 6 weeks, virtual part-time assignment, time investment 4-6 hours per week (30 learning hours in total).

Role of school/faculty member

- Promotion of virtual student challenge among students
- Registration of students (no class registration necessary, minimum of 4 students/school)



Optional role of faculty member

- Participation as a team mentor (active in kick-off meeting and final virtual pitch participation, weekly calls with team, co-assessment of team performance based on criteria-based report)

Evaluation

- Self-evaluation of participants before and after the virtual collaboration challenge
- Pitch Evaluation through jury with criteria-based team performance report
- Winning team receives social media promotion

IT requirements for participants

Internet access, Google Hangout. We provide free access to collaboration platform for participants.

Costs

See separate pricelist.

Project Organizer

Co-creation of Birkenvale GmbH (www.birkenvale.ch – official mobility partner of the Swiss Movetia agency for the exchange of young professionals in Europe) and Dual Academy AG (www.dual.ac)

Start dates

August 2020, October 2020, January 2021, apply today.

Interested?

Register now at <https://www.birkenvale.ch/collaboration>

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