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ERCI/ELCA JOINT Hack&Match Event

“Design the Future, Hack the Waste: The Full-Lifecycle Mobility Challenge”

21-22 July

RULES OF ERCI/ELCA JOINT HACK&MATCH EVENT

1) WE LAUNCH THE "CALL FOR CHALLENGES" TO APPLY FROM MAY 18th TO JUNE 12nd 2026
Any eligible organisation is invited to submit through the dedicated form one or more challenges (needs) whi
is facing and would like to find solutions at the moment.

2) THEN WE WILL LAUNCH A "CALL FOR SOLUTIONS" TO APPLY FROM JUNE 15th TO JULY 10th, 2026
We will invite organisations throughout Europe to team-up with you to help you find one or more solutions to the needs submitted.

3) THEN WE WILL INFORM BOTH TYPES OF APPLICANTS ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR TEAM AND SEND THE INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN
The applicants will be informed **FROM JULY 13th TO 20th, 2026.**

4) GET PREPARED FOR COLLABORATING DURING 2 DAYS OF HACK&MATCH TO SOLVE NEEDS - SAVE THE DATES FROM NOW
The Hack&Match event will run **from JULY 21st to 22nd, 2026** in **100% online mode**.

WHAT IS REQUESTED?

1) **APPLY AS CHALLENGE PROVIDER** describing your need **OR AS SOLUTION PROVIDER** declaring that You can contribute to one or more challenges.

2) SAVE THE DATES IN YOUR CALLENDAR on 21-22 JULY 2026 for the Hack&Match Online Event.

3) **THE APPLICANTS ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR TEAM AND RECEIVE THE INSTRUCTIONS** to join the Hack&Match event. **You must ensure the presence at least in these moments:**

21 JULY - From 9:00 to 10:30 CEST: Kick-Off Meeting with explanation of all details and templates of deliverables.
21 JULY - From 10:30 to 11:30 CEST: Start of discussions in Teams dedicated to each challenge. Agree with your Team members the next online meeting times during the 2 days of H&M to develop the solution.
22 JULY - By 15:30 CEST: Prepare together 2 deliverables with the solution developed.
22 JULY - From 16:00 to 17:30 CEST: Presentation of all solutions to the Jury members and other participants.

4) **PARTICIPATE IN AWARDING CEREMONY ON** : **22-25 September 2026** (date tbd) **during INNOTRANS 2026** to discover who is the WINNER.

ARE YOU A «CHALLENGE» PROVIDER?

CONTEXT:

- ✓ **Are you a startup, SME, or large company?**
- ✓ **Do you have a challenge related to the topic "Design the Future, Hack the Waste: The Full-Lifecycle Mobility Challenge" and don't know how to solve it?**

TO DO:

- ➢ **Fill out the form** indicating one or more challenges (needs) you are currently facing.
- ➢ We will find Solution Providers who can solve your challenge and/or provide ideas on how to address it.
- ➢ **Participate online on 21-22 JULY 2026 at the Hack&Match event** to explain your challenge in detail and hear proposals (solutions).

WHY: IT'S FREE! THE CALL WILL BE OPENED FROM 18 MAY UNTIL 12 JUNE 2026 =>
Link: https://forms.gle/A95jmbexUQT1nRXD9

ARE YOU A «SOLUTION» PROVIDER?

CONTEXT:

- ✓ **Are you a tech-savvy SME or startup, researcher, technology center, EDIH (Digital Innovation Hub) or accelerator?**
- ✓ **Do you know how to solve one or more of the shared Challenge Providers' challenges** related to **"Design the Future, Hack the Waste: The Full-Lifecycle Mobility Challenge"**?

TO DO:

- ➢ **Fill out the form starting JUNE 15th**, choosing the challenges listed for which you can contribute a solution.
- ➢ Participate online on **21-22 JULY 2026** at the **Hack&Match event** to explain your proposal (solutions) in detail.

WHY: IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY! THE CALL WILL BE OPENED FROM 15 JUNE UNTIL 10 JULY 2026!

⇒ Link: https://forms.gle/eTdvXPkzS7H3Rawa7

SAVE THE DATE

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Call for Challenges:
18 May – 12 June

Call for Solutions:
15 June – 10 July 2026

2 days Hack&Match :
21-22 July 2026

Jury member evaluation:
23-31 July 2026

Awarding Ceremony
1 Winner + 1 Coup de Cœur:
22-25 September 2026 (date tbd)
during INNOTRANS 2026

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"DESIGN THE FUTURE, HACK THE WASTE: THE FULL-LIFECYCLE MOBILITY CHALLENGE“

From visionary eco-design to the gritty realities of end-of-life recovery, we are tackling the sector's toughest bottlenecks. Join the mission to rethink, reuse, remanufacture, and recycle the entire value chain, conquering the complex challenges of plastics, advanced composites, batteries and others.

THIS IS YOUR REAL CHANCE TO SOLVE YOUR CHALLENGE OR PROPOSE YOUR SOLUTION!