

i-Days

Join this student competition
to tackle health challenges!

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What are i-Days?

Innovation Days, also known as i-Days, promote health innovation among university students through dozens of one-day and two-day programmes held in academic institutions around Europe. Students from all academic areas receive an introduction to practical health innovation tools and compete in teams to tackle real-life health challenges posed by EIT Health, local organisations, private corporations or start-ups. The winning team of each i-Day will attend the Winners' Event, a final competition that unites students from around Europe.

i-Days focus on innovation and entrepreneurship in healthcare. Our goal is to equip all participating students with practical tools, skills training and confidence in innovation, design thinking and pitch coaching. Contributors to i-Days such as inspirational speakers, start-up founders, prestigious judges, citizens, patients, facilitators and coaches all deliver these outcomes in different ways.



What you get



NEW SKILLS

Practice design thinking skills and learn how to pitch an innovative idea



EXPERT SUPPORT

Test your skills and get the necessary tools to innovate with the help of experts



REAL-LIFE CHALLENGES

Transform the health industry through challenges that currently exist across healthcare



BROADENED HORIZONS

Share the experience with participants from different disciplines and backgrounds



ALUMNI NETWORK

Join our community to meet like-minded innovators and access exclusive opportunities

Who can participate

i-Days are accessible to all undergraduate and postgraduate students with an interest in healthcare innovation. You do not need any prerequisite skills or prior experience in innovation, entrepreneurship or healthcare. There are no academic requirements and students from all disciplines and departments are welcome to join!

"During the i-Days, I worked in a team that never met before, but those peers from various disciplines were so great that, with the help of excellent coaches and lectures, we did tremendous work and won!"

Nikola Horvat, PhD student
University of Zagreb architecture





How it works

At an i-Day event, you will hear inspirational stories from a range of engaging speakers. With training sessions in design thinking and pitching, you will be equipped with the practical tools and skills you need to develop a healthcare solution, which you can pursue after the event.

i-Days also provide a good environment to nurture soft skills such as teamwork and communication. You will work in multidisciplinary teams to put those innovation skills to work and to tackle real-life healthcare challenges with support from facilitators and coaches.

Inspired by their needs, you will also get the opportunity to interact with patients and citizens and gain insights into the healthcare challenge.

You will pitch your healthcare solution to an impressive judging panel at the event for the chance to win exciting prizes.

If your team is selected, you will meet peers from all over Europe at the Winners Event and get additional training in innovation methodology, and the support and resources you need to further develop your idea.

Find an i-Day near you

BELGIUM

- BlueHealth innovation Centre: 22 & 24 Oct

CROATIA

- University of Zagreb: 25 -29 Oct

CZECH REPUBLIC

- DEX Innovation Centre: 5 Nov

ESTONIA

- University of Tartu/Tartu Biotechnology Park: 20 Oct

FRANCE

- Sorbonne University: 7 Oct - 18 Nov
- University of Grenoble Alpes: 22 - 29 Oct

IRELAND

- National University of Ireland, Galway: 20-27 Oct
- Trinity College Dublin: 4 Nov

GERMANY/AUSTRIA

- WILD: 11 - 19 Oct

GERMANY

- RWTH University Aachen: 3 - 5 Nov
- University of Cologne: 3 - 5 Nov

GREECE

- Hellas National Documentation Centre (EKT): TBC

HUNGARY

- Institute of Trans-disciplinary Discoveries: 4 Nov
- Semmelweis University: 5 Nov

ITALY

- SDN S.p.A.: 25 - 29 Oct
- Consorzio Arca: 3 & 5 Nov

LATVIA

- Rīga Stradiņš University: 22 & 23 Oct

LITHUANIA

- Lithuanian University of Health Sciences: 20 & 21 Oct

NETHERLANDS

- University of Groningen: 2 - 4 Nov

POLAND

- Medical University of Lodz: 20 & 22 Oct

PORTUGAL

- University of Coimbra: 23 & 27 Oct
- University of Lisbon: 23 - 30 Oct
- University of Porto - 5 & 6 Nov
- University of Evora: 10 Nov
- Romania
- Asociatia INIT & FreshBlood HealthTech: 5 & 6 Nov

SLOVAKIA

- T Systems Slovakia: 9 - 11 Nov

SLOVENIA

- Ljubljana University Incubator: 22 & 23 Oct

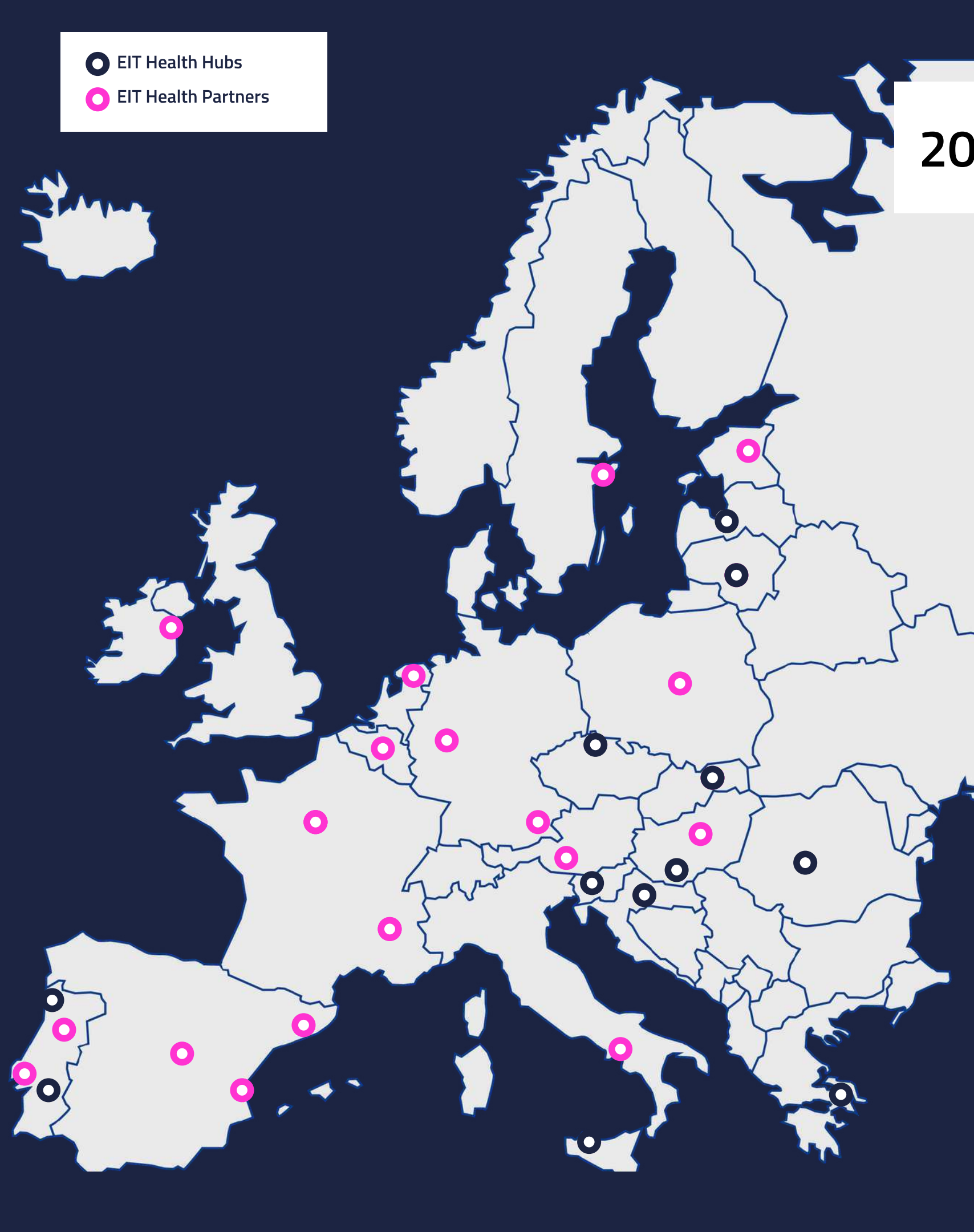
SPAIN

- University of Barcelona
- Polytechnic University of Madrid
- Valencia Polytechnic University
- Universidad de Extremadura: 4 & 5 Nov

SWEDEN

- Uppsala University: 13 Oct

- EIT Health Hubs
- EIT Health Partners



2021 i-Days Partners

These year's i-Days are brought to you by EIT Health and our vast community of partners:



About EIT Health

Our vast community, including approximately 150 world-class partner organisations, works across borders to bring together the three worlds of business, research and education. Backed by the European Union, EIT Health brings together the brightest minds from the worlds of business, research, education and healthcare delivery to answer the biggest health challenges Europe faces.

Education at EIT Health

Education needs to keep up with the pace of change in European healthcare. We draw on the experience of experts working at the front line of healthcare innovation to create educational programmes that share knowledge so we can develop the skills needed for a future healthcare system. We deliver innovative thinking by innovative means, challenging conventional wisdom to stimulate creativity and entrepreneurial thinking.



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