

STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026

Rules and Regulations

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1. Program Overview

The *STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026* (the program) is an online innovation initiative designed to connect [STCP Serviços](#), a leading mobility operator, with cutting-edge startups and solution providers from across Europe.

The Program aims to support the validation and adoption of innovative solutions in the field of urban mobility, targeting, through exposure to challenges faced by real-life operators and design of pilots for test the solution.

The Program is intended for Startups & Innovators, providing :

- **Direct Access:** Pitch your solution directly to the decision-makers of a major mobility operator (STCP Serviços).
- **Real-World Validation:** Opportunity to deploy and test your technology in the complex urban environment of Porto.
- **EIT UM Ecosystem:** Gain visibility within the EIT Urban Mobility network and receive BGI's support to access future funding (e.g., SME Market Expansion calls).
- **Networking:** Connect with mobility experts, city stakeholders, and other high-potential innovators.
- **Prize:** Compete for monetary prizes of €500

The Organizer reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the Program structure, calendar, session topics, speakers, mentors, or operational arrangements whenever necessary for the proper implementation of the Program.

1.1 Program Phases

The Program is organized into the following three phases:

- **Deep Dive Session (16 June 2026):** An exclusive online session to explore key mobility topics and take a dive deep to better understand the operational context of the three STCP Serviços challenges.
- **Design your pilot pitch (16-24 June 2026):** The participants will have one week to develop their pitch for a pilot targeting the specific context of STCP Serviços. During that period,

participants may have access to a 30minutes one-to-one meeting with the STCP Serviços team to clarify specific technical issues.

- **Pitch & Solution** (25 June 2026): The participants will present their tailored pilot proposal to a panel of STCP Serviços board members and mobility experts.
- **Evaluation & Decision** (27 June 2026): Announcement of the winner and start of discussions for pilot feasibility and deployment.

1.2 Program Focus

The Program is focused on fostering innovation in sustainable urban mobility. Eligible applications should address one or more of the following focus challenges / topics defined by STCP Serviços:

▪ **Intelligent Parking Management**

Digital solutions to optimize the management of over 18,000 parking spots, focusing on increasing turnover and implementing dynamic pricing models that maximize efficiency and revenue without encouraging unnecessary car use.

▪ **Traffic Management at Campanhã Intermodal Terminal**

Real-time data integration and predictive modeling to optimize traffic flows and reduce congestion at the Campanhã Intermodal Terminal, improving operational efficiency and the overall user experience.

▪ **Ecological Footprint Assessment**

Innovative tools to monitor and reduce the ecological footprint of terminals and parking infrastructures, focusing on precise CO2 emission tracking and strategies to align operations with global sustainability goals. Applications addressing **other urban mobility topics may also be considered**, provided that the proposed topic is clearly identified and described in the application.

2. Application & Eligibility Guidelines

2.1 Submission of Applications

The Program is delivered online, participation is free of charge, and applications are open between **6 May 2026 and 11 June 2026**.

Applications must be **submitted in English** through the [official registration form](#) made: **available by the Program**.

Applications must be complete and submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in the official application form. **Only applications submitted through the designated official channel shall be considered**. The Organizer reserves the right to disregard applications that are incomplete, duplicated, or otherwise not compliant with these Rules and Regulations.

Upon validation of the application by BGI, to ensure eligibility and alignment with the goals of the program, the selected applicants will receive **confirmation of participation**, along with the instructions to join the online sessions

2.2 Eligibility Conditions

To be eligible for the Program, applicants must meet the following conditions.

Applicant Profile

Applications are open to entities with an innovative mobility solution with a potential to address one of the three-focus challenge/topics. The proposed solution must have a minimum maturity of TRL 6 and be ready to deploy a pilot. Applicants must own the proposed solution or have freedom to operate, ensure that they have no limitation to its deployment.

Given the aim of the program to support the validation and adoption of innovative solutions in the field of urban mobility, solutions that are already available in the market on a large scale will not be eligible.

Team Composition

Applications may be submitted by individuals or teams. By applying to the program, participants commit to attend both online sessions with at least one team member (and no more than three).

Each team should designate one lead applicant to act as the main point of contact for all communications related to the application and participation in the Program.

Geographic Eligibility

Applicants must be residents in [Horizon Europe countries](#) . In case of registered companies these should be incorporated in [Horizon Europe countries](#) .

Legal Status

Teams must **be legally incorporated** at the time of application, or able to provide a valid VAT number in case they are awarded the final price.

2.3 Selection Process

The selection process for the ***STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026*** is managed by the Program Selection Panel, composed of BGI internal team, innovation professionals, and mobility expert as relevant.

The process consists of the following stages and criteria:

Stage 1 – Participation in the Program

All applications will be assessed based on the submitted application form to validate the following **compliance criteria**: i) Compliance with Eligibility Conditions as defined in 2.2.; ii) Alignment of the proposed solution with at least one of the three focus challenges /topics. Based on this assessment, a maximum of 12 teams will be selected to participate in the program.

Stage 3 – Selection of Winners at Demo Day

At Demo Day, the participating teams will present their final pitch of the proposed pilot for their solution, to the jury. The jury evaluation will be made based on the **selection criteria** defined in 2.3.1. As a result of the final evaluation, at least one (1) winning team and no more than three (3), will be selected. The final decision will be communicated to all participants of the Demo Day, within 2 working days of the conclusion of the evaluation by the Jury.

2.3.1 Selection Criteria

Participating teams in the Demo Day of the Program will be evaluated based on their alignment with the Program's focus areas and their potential for real-world impact, business development, and implementation capacity.

The evaluation will use the following four core categories:

I. **Problem Validation (Excellence)**

The Panel will assess:

- clarity of the problem statement;
- alignment with focus challenge topics of the program;
- relevance of program;

Strong submissions will show a well-understood problem with a clear alignment with defined challenges and program goals.

II. **2. Quality of the Solution (Excellence)**

The Panel will assess:

- solution overview;
- potential to address the target challenge;
- uniqueness and differentiation.

Strong submissions will show a clear presentation of the proposed unique solution and a clear contribution to tackling the target challenge.

III. **3. Pilot Design (Impact)**

The Panel will assess:

- Clear presentation of the proposed Pilot;
- Dimension of the potential benefit to be achieved by the Pilot;
- Feasibility of Pilot deployment.

Evaluators will favor applications that have a clear outline of the pilot of the solution to validate its impact to tackle the challenge of STCP Serviços, including clear roadmap and KPI.

IV. **4. Team Information (Implementation Capacity)**

The Panel will assess:

- team composition;
- experience and roles; and
- team gaps and needs.

Individual applicants are welcome, but teams that can demonstrate their capacity to deploy the pilot and the solution may be scored more favorably.

2.3.2 Evaluation Process

Each category will be scored on a 1–5 scale, as follows:

- 1 – Poor: Criterion is inadequately addressed or has serious weaknesses;
- 2 – Fair: Criterion is broadly addressed, but with significant issues;
- 3 – Good: Criterion is addressed well, but some shortcomings exist;
- 4 – Very Good: Criterion is addressed very well, with only minor weaknesses;
- 5 – Excellent: Criterion is fully addressed, with strong supporting evidence.

Each application can score a maximum of 20 points.

Following the evaluation of applications, the Jury will rank the applicants and select at least one (1) winning team and no more than three (3) winner(s).

3. Intellectual Property and Publication Rights

Participants in the *STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026* retain full and exclusive ownership of the solution, notably:

- a) all prior knowledge, technologies, materials, and intellectual property rights they bring into the Program; and
- b) any new intellectual property, prototypes, materials, or knowledge developed by them during their participation in the Program.

The Program does not claim any ownership or commercial rights over any part of a participant's innovation, technology, project, or business idea. Participants remain solely responsible for ensuring that they have the legal right to use, develop, and exploit any intellectual property included in their application or disclosed during the Program.

Participants are free to decide what information they choose to disclose during the Program and are encouraged to assess, prior to disclosure, whether any information is confidential, proprietary, or otherwise commercially sensitive.

4. Confidentiality & Data Protection

The confidentiality of information shared by STCP Serviços as well as by the participants regarding their projects is regarded as a priority throughout the ***STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026***. Both Parties will sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) in order to help protect the confidentiality of the information disclosed by during the Program activities.

Access to application materials and participant information shall be limited to the Organizer and to such persons as may be duly authorized for the purposes of application review, selection, program management, and related administrative activities.

By submitting an application, applicants acknowledge and accept that their personal data may be collected and processed for purposes connected with the management of the Program, including application handling, participant selection, communications, and delivery of Program activities, in accordance with applicable data protection laws and regulations.

Participants are encouraged to clearly identify any particularly sensitive information shared during the Program and to avoid disclosing confidential information that is not necessary for participation.

Confidentiality obligations shall not apply to information which:

- i) is or becomes publicly available through no breach of confidentiality;
- ii) was lawfully known prior to disclosure;
- iii) is lawfully received from a third party without restriction;
- iv) is disclosed with the prior consent of the disclosing party; or
- v) must be disclosed pursuant to applicable law, regulation, court order, or request from a competent authority.

5. Conflict of Interest

All participants in the **STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026** are expected to uphold the highest standards of impartiality, fairness, and transparency throughout their participation in the Program.

Participants shall take all reasonable measures to prevent any situation that may give rise to a conflict of interest, namely any circumstance in which a participant's objectivity, independence, or fair participation in the Program may be compromised by personal, professional, or financial interests or relationships.

A conflict of interest may arise, for example, from:

- family, personal, or emotional relationships;
- political or institutional affiliations;
- financial or economic interests;
- business partnerships, competitive relationships, or other professional connections that may affect impartiality.

Any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest must be communicated promptly in writing to the Organizer. The Organizer reserves the right to assess the situation and determine any appropriate mitigating measures, including, where necessary, restrictions on participation or disqualification from the Program.

6. Media & Reporting

The Organizers – BGI, STCP Serviços and EIT-Urban Mobility, may promote the **STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026** and its results through communication, visibility, and dissemination activities, including websites, newsletters, press materials, social media, and public events. Such activities are intended to highlight the Program, its participants, and the innovative solutions developed within the urban mobility sector.

Participants may be invited to contribute non-confidential content for communication purposes, including project descriptions, team information, testimonials, photographs, video recordings, or other promotional materials related to their participation in the Program.

Participation in media, communication, and dissemination activities shall not require participants to disclose confidential, proprietary, or commercially sensitive information. Participants remain solely responsible for deciding which information may be shared publicly and are encouraged to ensure that any public communication does not compromise their intellectual property or competitive position.

The Organizer may request reasonable cooperation from participants for reporting, monitoring, and impact-assessment purposes connected with the implementation of the Program. Such cooperation may include the provision of non-confidential information related to participation in the Program, project development progress, and outcomes achieved during or after the Program, to the extent necessary for Program management, evaluation, and communication.

7. Miscellaneous

Program Award

The winning team(s) will receive a 500€ prize to be paid by STCP Serviços. Participants will be requested to provide a valid banking account and justification document – such as invoice, before receiving the prize.

Communications

All official communications relating to the Program, including participation matters and requests for information, may be made through the contact details provided by applicants in the application form. Applicants and participants are responsible for ensuring that their contact information remains accurate and up to date throughout the Program period.

Organizer's Rights

The Organizer reserves the right to interpret and apply these Rules and Regulations, to manage the selection and implementation of the Program, and to adopt any reasonable operational measures necessary for the proper execution of the Program, provided that such measures remain consistent with the Program's objectives and published conditions.

Disclaimer

Participation in the Program does not constitute a guarantee of incorporation, investment, funding, commercial success, product-market fit, or any specific business outcome. The Program provides

support, mentorship, and exposure opportunities, but all strategic, technical, legal, and commercial decisions remain the sole responsibility of the participants.

8. Legal and Policy Considerations

All personal data collected in the context of the application, selection, and participation process shall be processed solely for purposes related to the administration, implementation, communication, and management of the ***STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026***, in accordance with applicable data protection laws and regulations.

By submitting an application, applicants acknowledge and accept that their personal data may be collected and processed for purposes connected with the Program, including application review, participant selection, communications, mentoring coordination, and delivery of Program activities.

Participants further acknowledge that the Organizer may use non-confidential information, including participant names, project titles, photographs, video recordings, testimonials, or similar materials, for purposes of communication, visibility, reporting, and promotion of the Program, provided that such use is connected with the Program and its activities.

Any matter arising from the interpretation or application of these Rules and Regulations shall be assessed by the Organizer, whose decisions regarding the management and implementation of the Program shall prevail, without prejudice to any mandatory legal rights applicable under law.

9. Contact

For questions, clarifications, or additional information regarding the ***STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026***, applicants and participants may contact:

Email: urban.mobility@bgi.pt

Website: www.bgi.pt

All official communications relating to the Program may be made through the contact details provided in the application form. Applicants and participants are responsible for ensuring that their contact information remains accurate and up to date throughout the Program period.

10. Acceptance of Rules and Regulations

By submitting an application to the ***STCP Serviços Mobility Hackathon 2026***, applicants fully and unconditionally accept these Rules and Regulations, which form an integral part of the application and participation process.

Submission of an application does not create any automatic right to admission, funding, prize allocation, or any other benefit under the Program. Admission to the Program remains subject to eligibility verification, selection, and compliance with the applicable Program conditions.

The Organizer reserves the right to make reasonable amendments, clarifications, or additions to these Rules and Regulations whenever necessary for the proper implementation of the Program, provided that such changes are communicated through appropriate official channels.

Any exception to these Rules and Regulations shall only be valid if made in writing by the Organizer.

These Rules and Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Portugal. Any dispute arising from or related to these Rules and Regulations that cannot be resolved amicably shall be submitted to the competent courts of Lisbon, Portugal.