ACoP 2027 Hackathon FAQs

What is a Hackathon?

Hackathons are events where participants collaborate to solve a given challenge in a set timeframe. Teams brainstorm, design, and develop creative solutions, often guided by mentors. At the end, participants present their work to a panel of judges. Hackathons are designed to spark innovation, encourage teamwork, and apply skills in a practical, hands-on way.

Who can participate?

The Hackathon is open to all ACoP 2027 attendees, including students, trainees, academics, industry professionals, and regulatory scientists. Whether you are new to the field or an experienced expert, you are welcome to join.

What is the timeline for ACoP's Hackathon?

- Submissions for Challenge – November 16, 2026 -January 31, 2027
- Review and Challenge Chosen – February 2027
- Notification to Challenge Submitters – Early March 2027
- Registration for participants – (tentative) June 1 – September 1, 2027
- Full Day Kick Off Session at ACoP 2027 – October 4, 2027
- Final Session/Judging at ACoP 2027 – October 7, 2027

Expectations of submitter of chosen challenge?

If your challenge is selected, you will:

- **Serve as the Hackathon Chair:** Lead the Hackathon session at ACoP 2027 (two chairs may serve, but at least one must be an ISoP member).
- **Represent the Hackathon on the ACoP 2027 Planning Committee:** Provide regular updates during monthly meetings.
- **Assemble a Support Team:** Recruit mentors and judges to guide participants and evaluate solutions.
- **Provide Challenge Content:** Supply the background materials, data, and resources participants will need to successfully engage in the Hackathon.

What do participants gain from joining?

By participating in the Hackathon, participants will:

- **Collaborate** with peers from diverse backgrounds and disciplines.
- **Learn** from experienced mentors and expand your technical and professional skills.
- **Network** with colleagues, potential collaborators, and leaders in the field.
- **Innovate** by applying knowledge to real-world challenges in a hands-on setting.
- **Gain recognition** as part of a team that presents solutions at ACoP 2027.