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2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon

Information Session

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**EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY
PROJECT**

#EaPCivilSociety

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Facility in a Nutshell

Objective: to strengthen the role and increase the capacity of CSOs and activists in the EaP region to:

- engage in policy making processes and policy dialogue,
- promote reforms and public accountability,
- foster local democracy, local development and engage citizens in public debate.

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Budget: MEUR 3.69

Timeline: June 2021 – December 2024

Website: <http://eapcivilsociety.eu/>

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Capacity building activities

Courses, trainings, webinars, coaching and mentoring for civil society

2

Civil society fellowships

Community engagement fellowships and civic digital fellowships

3

Civil society hackathons and civic tech activities

Annual ideathons and hackathons, development of digital solutions

4

Civil society networking and ad-hoc support

Regional networking, relevant regional and international events and helpdesk for EU grantees

5

Country specific communication campaigns

Communication campaigns to improve the public image of civil society

6

Mappings, analyses, studies and research

To contribute to the EU's better understanding of CS

2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon

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26-28 January 2024
Chisinau, Moldova

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2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon

When: 26-28 January 2024

Where: Chisinau, Moldova

Who: civil society activists, developers & designers from the EaP countries

Prize: ≈ EUR 10,000 per winner (up to EUR 12,000 if you convince the Evaluation Committee 😊)

Costs: Participation is free. All costs are covered by the European Union

Working language: English

Registration and details:
<https://ict.eapcivilsociety.eu/>

Our 2024 Hackathon consists of three stages:

- **Online Ideathon** on 1-16 December 2023 for 25 shortlisted authors of the ideas of civic tech solutions.
- **Offline Hackathon** on 26-28 January in Chisinau where the authors of the 15 selected ideas will prototype them with the help of developers and designers (≈ 50 participants).
- Up to two **EaP Civic Tech Awards** to be awarded to the Hackathon finalist(s) in March 2024.

Who is eligible?

Check the Guidelines: <https://bit.ly/2024-Guidelines>

1. Citizens (nationals) of the EaP countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.
2. 18+ years old.
3. Working English
4. Experience & skills:
 - civic engagement for the authors of ideas, and
 - skills needed to create prototypes of civic tech solutions for the technical experts (developers & designers).

Note: Residence in an EaP country / EU member state is not an eligibility criteria, but the organisers will cover the travel only from/to the EaP or EU countries.



Hackathon team

Consists of three persons*:

1. **Author of the idea**, or the product owner, is a civil society activist responsible for the idea, concept, working materials, first and final pitch – and of course, for anything going wrong. (s)he gets 99% of the questions from the mentors and other participants.
2. **UX designer / frontend developer** is responsible for the “look” of the prototype (i.e. user interface). Often helps the author with the slides for the final pitch.
3. **Developer / backend developer** makes sure your prototype (and civic tech solution) works.

**If all Hackathon teams have been formed and there are a few ‘free’ developers / designers, they can join any team and make it a team of four*



Hackathon Team (II)

IMPORTANT!

1. You may apply for the Hackathon with a team that will be developing a prototype of your civic tech solution idea (+1 or 2 persons, a developer and/or a designer), or only with an idea.
2. If you do not have a team, you will be able to gather it Day 1 of the Hackathon, engaging two technical experts from developers and designers who applied for the Hackathon individually.
3. If you applied with the team and your ideas was selected for the Hackathon, your team is selected automatically, too. You are responsible for the skills of your team members.
4. Listen to your team! They all are experienced IT professionals and know well how to create a working and engaging IT product. Cannot agree? Consult with the mentors!

“
Developers and designers choose the teams to work with! If you need their help, be prepared to ‘sell’ your idea to them!
”

Eligible Solutions

In short, a civic tech solution is an IT product for social good / impact that:

- addresses a **societal challenge** (a not-for-profit product)
- is designed for and used by **citizens and/or civil society** (in our case, in at least one EaP country)
- requires **coding**
- has a strong **‘user-system’ interaction** (users must be active)



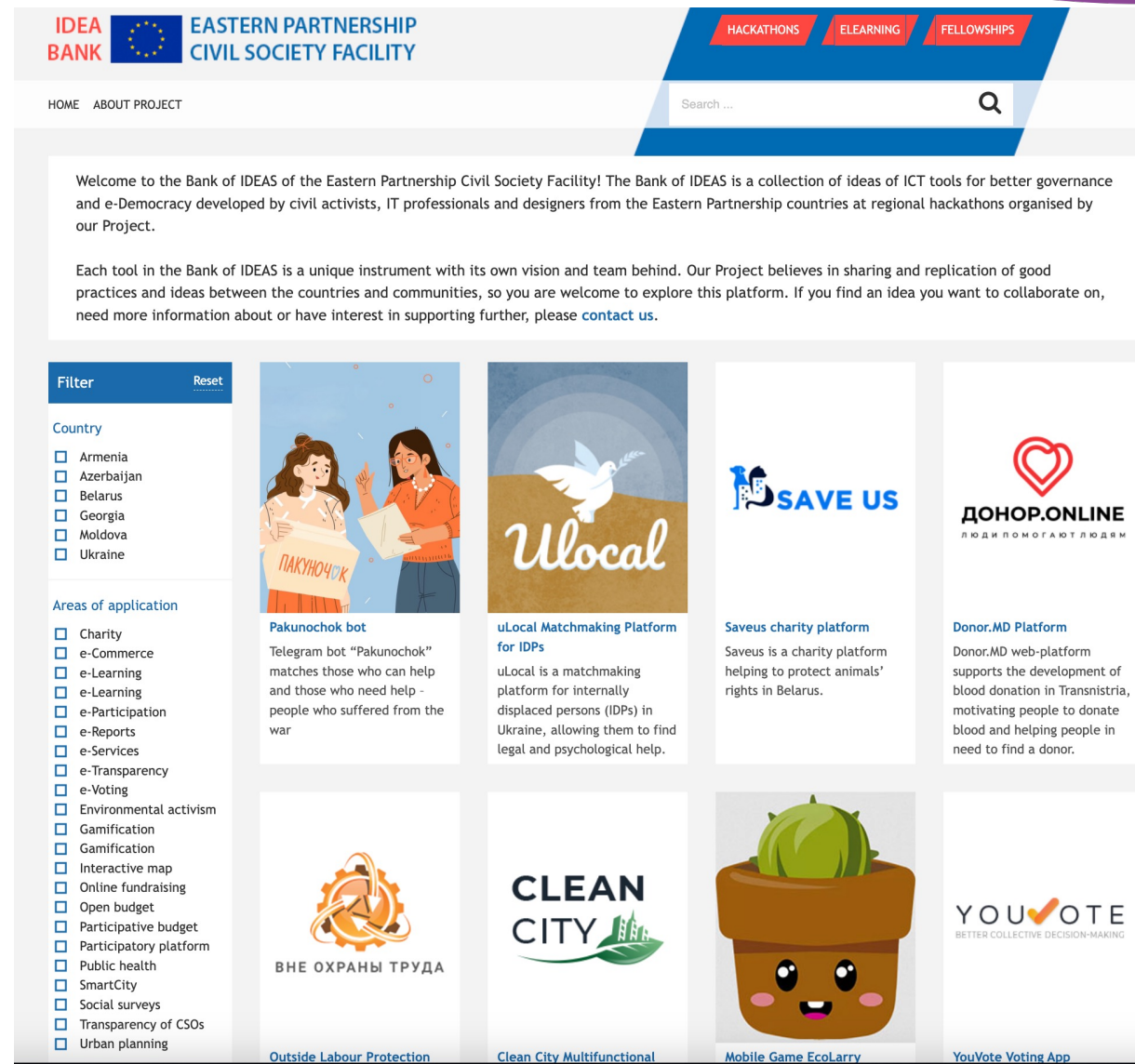
Ineligible Solutions:

- pure information (news) websites and pages, with little or no 'user-system' interaction (the same applies to online courses);
- pure for-profit (commercial) IT products, with little or no social value;
- websites and platforms of individual organisations, institutions, communities, projects, groups, etc., and/or networks of such organisations;
- IT products supporting political parties or candidates;
- IT products aiming to proselytise (i.e., attempt of any religion or religious individuals to convert people to their beliefs);
- videos / groups / pages / campaigns in social networks and messengers, including the YouTube (no development of a new IT product);
- seminars, trainings and other capacity building (there is no IT product);
- hardware, i.e. equipment, devices, etc.

For inspiration and self-check

Our **Bank of IDEAS** is a collection of [some] ideas of civic tech solutions developed by our previous Hackathon participants and Civic Digital Fellows:

<https://ideas.eapcivilsociety.eu/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Bank of IDEAS website. At the top, there is a header with the 'IDEA BANK' logo, the European Union flag, and the text 'EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY'. Navigation links for 'HACKATHONS', 'E-LEARNING', and 'FELLOWSHIPS' are in red boxes. A search bar is on the right. Below the header, a welcome message states: 'Welcome to the Bank of IDEAS of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Facility! The Bank of IDEAS is a collection of ideas of ICT tools for better governance and e-Democracy developed by civil activists, IT professionals and designers from the Eastern Partnership countries at regional hackathons organised by our Project.' It also mentions that each tool is a unique instrument and encourages users to explore the platform and contact them for more information. The main content area features a 'Filter' sidebar on the left with options for 'Country' (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) and 'Areas of application' (Charity, e-Commerce, e-Learning, e-Participation, e-Reports, e-Services, e-Transparency, e-Voting, Environmental activism, Gamification, Interactive map, Online fundraising, Open budget, Participative budget, Participatory platform, Public health, SmartCity, Social surveys, Transparency of CSOs, Urban planning). The main grid displays eight project cards: 'Pakunochok bot' (Telegram bot for help), 'uLocal Matchmaking Platform for IDPs' (platform for internally displaced persons), 'Saveus charity platform' (platform for animal rights), 'Donor.MD Platform' (blood donation platform), 'ВНЕ ОХРАНЫ ТРУДА' (labor protection), 'CLEAN CITY' (multifunctional platform), 'Mobile Game EcoLARRY' (game about environmental protection), and 'YOU VOTE' (collective decision-making platform).

Key Hackathon Dates

2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon

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October 2023

20 Call for 2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon opens

November 2023

9 Deadline to request clarifications on the Call for ideas of civic tech solutions

13 23:00 Brussels time **Deadline for submitting applications with ideas of civic tech solutions**

24 Authors of shortlisted ideas are notified

December 2023

1-16 **Online EaP Civic Tech Ideathon**

16 15 ideas of digital solutions selected to participate in the Hackathon

18 23:00 Brussels time **Deadline for submitting applications from developers and designers**

January 2024

9 Shortlisted developers and designers are notified

26-28 **2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon**
Chisinau, Moldova

28 Five top-scoring ideas nominated for 2024 EaP Civic Tech Award

February 2024

16 Restricted Call for Applications among the nominees for 2024 EaP Civic Tech Award opens

29 18:00 Brussels time **Deadline for submitting applications for 2024 EaP Civic Tech Award**

March 2024

4 Announcing the winner(s) of 2024 EaP Civic Tech Award

April – September 2024 Development and launch of the winning civic tech solution(s)

Hackathon 2024: Key Dates & Activities

EaP Civic Tech Ideathon is an intensive two-week incubation session to work on the ideas of civic tech solutions, to be held **online on 1-16 December 2023**. **Only authors of the shortlisted civic tech ideas** will participate in the Ideathon (up to 25 ideas). They will present (pitch) their ideas to the mentors and organisers, and then discuss them within 3 individual consultations with the mentors. There will be several (not too many) webinars to help with some theoretical parts and practical tips.

On the last day of the Ideathon, the authors will pitch their improved ideas to the mentors and the organisers, who will select up to 15 solutions for participation in the 2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon in Chisinau, Moldova.

Ideathon is the final and mandatory selection stage of the civic tech ideas for the Hackathon.

01

13 November 2023

Deadline to submit your idea of a civic tech solution

02

1-16 December 2023

Online Ideathon for the authors of the 25 shortlisted ideas of civic tech solution. Up to 15 ideas are selected for the Hackathon

03

18 December 2023

Deadline for developers & designers to register for the Hackathon

04

26-28 January 2024

Hackathon in Chisinau: 15 solutions = 15 teams (circa 50 participants). Voting for 5 top ideas

05

February-March 2024

Call for Applications for the EaP Civic Tech Award among the 5 Hackathon finalists




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Joining the Hackathon

Submit Your Idea of a Civic Tech Solution
Deadline: 13 November, end of the day
(23:00 CET)


Registration at <https://ict.eapcivilsociety.eu/en/register-form>

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Chisinau, Moldova

Register

Apply with a civic tech solution idea

Application form for developers and graphic designers

Part I: Your Details

- Information on the **person submitting the idea of the civic tech solution** – author of the solution / Team Lead (aka main applicant).
- Make sure the **email address is correct**: this is how we will contact you.
- We expect you travel from an EaP country or EU Member State so please include here info on this

Personal information (Author / Team Lead)

1.1 First name:

1.2 Last name:

1.3 Contact phone with country code
(numbers only):

1.4 Email Address (valid email only):

1.5 Residential Address:

City/town

Country

1.6 Country of Citizenship:

1.7 Gender:

1.8 Age:

1.9 Language skills:

Indicate your English language competence:

	Reading	Speaking	Listening comprehension
English:	<input type="text" value="Please, choose"/>	<input type="text" value="Please, choose"/>	<input type="text" value="Please, choose"/>

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Part II: Your Solution

- Working name / title of your proposed solution.
- For what **country** (and if relevant, city or region) you develop it.
- **Short description** of the proposed civic tech solution.
- What **specific problem** you want to solve.
- Technical implementation = **main functions**.
- What is **your business model**, i.e., how will you support it in the future once you launch it? Donor-funded grants? Crowdfunding? Partners financing? A mix of paid features and free access?
- Who else provides similar services?
- The question about the areas of e-development does not have 'right' or 'wrong' answer.

Proposed civic tech solution

2.1 Title / name of the proposed digital solution:

2.2 Targeted town(s)/province(s) and country(ies):

2.3 What would best describe the purpose of your digital solution? Please select up to two options:

addresses the need(s) of a specific community or group of people

helps citizens to better hold the government of the target country to account.

contributes to the improvement of public services in the target country.

2.4 Describe your digital solution in brief (not more than 200 words):

2.5 The problem to be addressed and how your digital tool will help to solve it (not more than 300 words):

Describe here the issue in your home country the proposed civic tech solution is addressing. How well do you know the challenge / problem? Who is in the target community of the proposed solution: users and beneficiaries? What will happen to them after/if the proposed IT product is further developed and launched?

2.6 Describe the technical implementation of your digital solution (not more than 300 words):

Part III: Your Experience

- **No requirement** to be a member of a registered CSO.
- Almost everyone has some experience of civic engagement: volunteer, student clubs, local communities. They all count.
- Show **you understand the problem** you want to address with your civic tech product.
- **The letter of support** from an organisation / initiative / group is **not a must!**
- If you want to add a letter of support, it may be just an email, even in your local language.

Team lead's relevant experience

3.1 Do you have experience of working or volunteering in civil society organisation, community or civil movement, in any form?

Please, choose

3.2 Are you currently working or volunteering in civil society organisation, community or civil movement?

No, I am not engaged in any civil activity now

Yes, I am full time employed with a civil society organisation

Yes, I am part time employed with a civil society organisation

Yes, I am a volunteer with a civil society organisation, community or civil movement

No, I am in full-time education, please provide details

Other (please, specify)

3.3 Provide the name and links (website or social media pages) of the organisation(s) you are associated with (if any):

3.4 Describe your position and how long you have been working with the organisation(s)

Part IV: Your Team

- **If you apply with a team**, you may add maximum 2 persons
- DO NOT include yourself as Team Member #1
- We do not ask for your team members' contact details (we have yours)
- We do not check your teams' technical skills or the English language knowledge: that's your responsibility

4.1 Do you have a hack team to work with you at the 2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon?

Yes

No

Please provide information on your **team members besides you** (not more than two persons). **Do not include yourself!**

Team Member 1:

First and Last Name

Country of Citizenship

Please, choose



Residential Address:

City/town

Country

Technical expertise

Role in the team



Team Member 2 (optional):

First and Last Name

Country of Citizenship

Please, choose



Residential Address

City/town

Country

Technical expertise

Role in the team



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Part IV: Your Team

- **If you do not have a team**, choose up to three technical experts you think you will need to develop a prototype of your proposed civic tech solution.
- This will help us with the assessment of the applications from the developers and designers.

4.1 Do you have a hack team to work with you at the 2024 EaP Civic Tech Hackathon?

Yes

No

Please select not more than three technical experts you will need for the implementation of your ICT tool proposal

Data collection and scraping experts

Data verification experts

Interactive map developers

Experts on gamification

Data crowd-sourcing experts

Mobile apps developers

Web-developers

Web-designers

Illustrators

Graphic designers for data visualising

Other (please, specify)



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Joining the Hackathon

Register as a developer or graphic designer to help others with developing a prototype of a civic tech solution

Deadline: 18 December, end of the day (23:00 CET)

Registration at <https://ict.eapcivilsociety.eu/en/register-form>

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Chisinau, Moldova

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Part I: Your Details

Yes, it is the same as when you apply with an idea of a civic tech solution 😊

- Information on the **person submitting the application** (you).
- Make sure the **email address is correct**: this is how we will contact you.
- We expect you travel from an EaP country or EU Member State so please include here info on this.

Application Form for Individual Developers and Graphic Designers

Personal Information

1.1 First name:

1.2 Last name:

1.3 Contact phone with country code
(numbers only):

1.4 Email Address (valid email only):

1.5 Residential Address:

City/town

Country

1.6 Country of Citizenship:

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1.9 Language skills:

Indicate your English language competence:

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Part II: Your Experience

- **The main areas are general, the areas of expertise are more specific**, e.g. Graphic Designer as the main area, and “Digital illustrations and 3D design” as areas of expertise.
- **It’s OK to have little experience.** You will find your team (remember it’s you who chooses) and there will be mentors to help.
- **Your portfolio** may be selected works on Google Drive (or any other file sharing service), a page at Behance or Upworks, projects on GitHub, or even a link to your best project. Show us what you can do!

Relevant experience

2.1 Your main area(s) of expertise. Please select up to three qualifications that describe your hands-on experience

Graphic designer	UX/UI designer	Software developer (web)
Software developer (mobile)	Software developer (frontend)	
Software developer (backend)	Software developer (full stack)	Other (Please, specify)

2.2 Employment Status:

Full time employment	Part time employment	Freelancer
In full-time education, please provide details		Other (please, specify)

2.3 How many years (cumulative) have you been working as a developer and/or as a designer?

0 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	6 - 8 years	over 8 years
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2.4 Describe your areas of expertise and professional experience in IT and/or graphic design. Please provide links to successful projects, if available

Area of technical expertise, link(s) to project(s)

2.5 Please provide a link(s) to your website or portfolio



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Questions?

If nothing comes to mind now or you have any issues with the online application form, please write to us at ict@eapcivilsociety.eu

Maybe these questions will be relevant

- **I have already applied for your Fellowship programme. Is it ok to apply for the Hackathon as well?**

Absolutely! These two programmes are not mutually exclusive.

- **I am hesitant to apply as my English is not super great.**

A big secret: none of us is a native English speaker 😊 Most of our mentors and us (the organisers) speak 2+ languages and are happy to help. You may decide within your team and with your mentor what language you will use for the internal communication.

- **The Hackathon guidelines say I can apply with an idea of a civic tech solution, but I have already started developing it. May I still apply?**

This year we focus on supporting activists in launching new civic tech solutions. If your IT solution has not been released / made available to users by the Hackathon dates, you may apply with it.



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