SIX VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TEAMS WIN THE III CIRCULAR INNOVATION HACKATHON WITH PROPOSALS FOR THE CIRCULAR TRANSITION

> The competition concludes after 24 hours with 150 participants and a 1.000€ prize for the best solution in each of the six challenges

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Playa de Muro, 4th November 2026. The III Circular Innovation Hackathon concluded today at the Playa Garden Selection Hotel & Spa with the recognition of six vocational education teams, one for each of the circular challenges posed by the participating companies. After 24 hours of collaborative work, the competition's 30 teams presented their proposals to the jury, which selected one winning solution for each of the six challenges.

The challenges set by Angel24, Bongrup, Estel, HBX Group, Melchor Mascaró and Sampol addressed issues ranging from material valorisation and the reduction of water losses to logistics, the circularity in the hotel industry and the security of energy infrastructure. The six challenges were aligned with the priority action areas identified in the Roadmap for the transition towards a circular tourism system in the Balearic Islands. Horizon 2025–2035.

Winning teams and award-winning solution

Students from the winning teams come from 15 vocational education centres across the Balearic Islands and represent 8 different vocational disciplines. This diversity contributed to enriching the interdisciplinary perspective of the teams and generating solutions capable of addressing the challenges from multiple angles.

The winning teams for each challenge were:

- **Angel24 — MCI** · CIFP Francesc de Borja Moll, IES Berenguer d'Anoia and CIFP Pau Casesnoves
- **Bongrup — Els Sparkers** · IES Algarb, IES Ses Estacions, CIFP Politècnic de Llevant, IES Calvià and CIFP Pau Casesnoves
- **Estel — Avería 0** · IES Calvià, IES Politècnic, CIFP Nauticopesquera and IES Arxiduc Lluís Salvador
- **HBX Group — Sin Dormir S.L.** · IES Calvià, IES Berenguer d'Anoia and IES Felanitx.
- **Melchor Mascaró — SAIK** · CIFP L'Embat, IES Calvià, CIFP Francesc de Borja Moll and IES Sa Blanca Dona

- **Sampol — Mars** · CIFP Francesc de Borja Moll, CIFP Joan Taix, CIFP Pau Casesnoves and CC Sant Josep Obrer

The jury assessed the proposals based on their circular and territorial impact, degree of innovation and creativity, feasibility and applicability, technical quality, use of tools, final presentation and teamwork. The six winning teams, comprising a total of 30 students, received a winner's diploma and €1,000 per team, as well as support in promoting their solutions. All participants received a certificate of participation.

A co-creation experience between vocational education and business

This third edition brought together 150 students from 16 different vocational disciplines, organised into 30 multidisciplinary teams. The call for applications attracted 264 registrations from 37 vocational education centres across the Balearic Islands. Throughout the competition, students worked with the guidance of mentor teachers and the support of industry professionals to transform business needs into proposals with real potential for implementation.

During the closing ceremony, Antoni Vera, Regional Minister of Education and Universities, highlighted:

> Today we have seen vocational education respond to the specific needs of the Balearic business community. The six winning teams demonstrate that young talent can contribute when it works across disciplines and has the opportunity to turn knowledge into practical, applicable solutions.

The III Circular Innovation Hackathon was jointly organised by Impulsa Balears and the Regional Ministry of Education and Universities, through the Centre for Vocational Education and Training, Innovation and Development (CFINFP), within the framework of reN · Balear Circular Hub. This edition brought together the trajectories of the Circular Innovation Hackathon and the Hackató InnovaFP and featured Garden Hotel Group as Boost Partner.

About reN · Balear Circular Hub

reN · Balear Circular Hub connects stakeholders, knowledge and capabilities around the Balearic Islands' circular transition, using the circular Roadmap as its main framework for direction and implementation. Its offer is structured around action spaces, resources, participation, monitoring, training, events and community.

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