FORTHEM ALLIANCE

Digital Transformation Lab

Specific Call for Student-Driven Projects

# Introduction

The main goal of the FORTHEM Labs is to enhance co-creation processes and students’ involvement through student-driven projects. The Labs are not physical entities, but a collaborative network of people who work together on projects or activities. Students play a key role in the construction and implementation of the Labs network. The FORTHEM Alliance intends to enhance this role as much as possible.

This call aims to encourage participation among the students (BA, MA, PhD) at the universities that are part of the Alliance, creating their own activities within and across FORTHEM Labs. The goal of this call is to ensure recognition of student engagement and project work, while offering a possibility for funding.

# What are Student-driven projects?

Through this call, students will have the opportunity to promote and manage projects related to the Digital Transformation Lab topics, in collaboration with researchers and other external parties.

Students involved in Student-driven projects will get academic recognition through ECTS credits or a FORTHEM certificate.

Projects should foster community building among the students within or across Labs. A project is officially linked to one Lab but can involve another(s).

Cross-Lab projects are also encouraged and could increase the amount of funding provided. Projects can be implemented physically, in a hybrid way or completely digitally.

Projects can last from 2 weeks to one semester. Past projects included webinars, student-focused events, voluntary work, and mini-conferences.

This call is intended to fund a minimum of 2 projects for 2024. Forthem Alliance will support winning projects with a maximum of 5.000 € per project. Funds will not be paid to the students, contracts or bills from suppliers must be approved in advance by FORTHEM local office based on the budget, eligible costs and legal **PROCEDURES AT YOUR UNIVERSITY.**

# Who can apply

All students enrolled at a FORTHEM universities at all academic levels (BA, MA, PhD) even if they are not members of the Lab.

# Minimal selection criteria

Student-driven projects must involve **at least two** students from different FORTHEM universities and an external partner (stakeholder) **OR** a group of internal end users.

At least one element or phase of the project (needs to be **co-created** with an external stakeholder or a group of internal end-users. **Co-creation** should be used at one stage of project (needs analysis, planning/designing, implementation/prototyping, testing/evaluating), not necessarily throughout all the stages.

The **objectives** must be feasible, and the projects shall be executed and reported before October 31st 2024.

A student-driven project is **concluded** (reportable) when the project delivers a brief report on the result/outcome.

The student commits to at least 1 form of alliance-level **communication or dissemination** operation regarding the project, e.g., a blogpost, a social media post, a video, etc.

# How to apply

When submitting projects, it is highly recommended to involve academic staff in order to be better supported at these stages and to have guidance that can help the students in planning and implementing the project. Projects involving academic staff from different FORTHEM will be highly ranked by the Lab jury.

The project proposal must be submitted by a student project manager.

The application must be submitted by 25 February 2024, using [**this form**](https://forms.office.com/e/cLHnGrHVDP?origin=lprLink)

# Further info

Project execution and reporting deadline: 31 October 2024

If you need expert advice about Labs projects, please get in touch with the contact person of your university:

<https://www.forthem-alliance.eu/get-involved/labs/digital-transformation-lab>

For administrative information on the call, please contact digtransflab@uv.es