

EU AGRI HACKATHON

SIMPLIFYING
FOR EUROPE'S FARMERS

16–18
October
2026
ONLINE

GIVING FARMERS THE DIGITAL TOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Europe's farmers generate vast amounts of data every day. Yet much of its potential remains untapped. By harnessing this data through digital technologies, administrative and business processes can be simplified, allowing farmers to focus on what matters most: **building competitive, sustainable and climate-resilient farms.**

To foster farmer-centred digital innovation, the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development is launching the **first-ever online EU Agri-Hackathon.**

From **16 to 18 October 2026**, participants will develop innovative digital solutions using technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), predictive algorithms and farm management systems to address the everyday challenges faced by Europe's farmers.

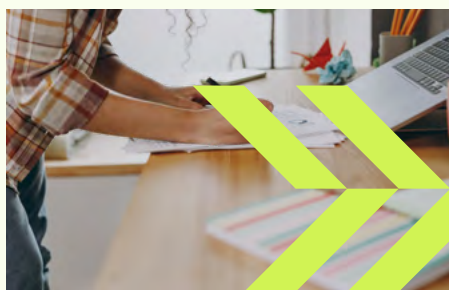
The Hackathon aims to inspire solutions that reduce administrative burdens, unlock the value of farm data and strengthen collaboration across the agri-food chain, contributing to a more competitive, sustainable and fair agricultural sector.



48 HOURS. THREE CHALLENGES. ONE WINNING TEAM.

Up to **15 multidisciplinary teams of 3–4 participants** will compete to design practical digital solutions for farmers. Teams may include farmers, students, researchers, data specialists, software developers, engineers and policymakers.

Participants will tackle one of three challenges:



CHALLENGE #1

Less time on forms,
more time on farms.



CHALLENGE #2

Connect data
for smarter fields.



CHALLENGE #3

Flowing data,
empowered collaboration.

Throughout the Hackathon, participants will receive guidance from mentors with expertise in data science, IT, engineering, agriculture and EU policymaking. The **jury** will reward the most **innovative, practical and impactful solutions**.

The **winning team** will be recognised during the **EU Agri-Food Days in December 2026**. **Special mentions** will also be awarded for the best **AI-based and open-source solutions**.

Join the challenge



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