

Atos launches its 2021 IT Challenge on Digital Decarbonization

October 26, 2020 - Atos, a global leader in digital transformation, launches the 10th edition of its IT Challenge, an international student competition dedicated to technology innovation, and calls for submissions on **digital decarbonization**. Universities from all over the world are invited to reflect and submit their ideas on **how digital can decarbonize non-digital**. This challenge offers the top 3 finalists an opportunity to turn their ideas into working concepts and a €10,000 prize for the overall winning team.

This year's edition seeks to develop digital solutions that will support multiple areas of decarbonization and related initiatives, helping companies and society as a whole to tackle climate change. This entails creating a functioning application, mobile app, service or simulation to support industry, commerce and individuals in their drive for decarbonization.

[Online idea submissions](#) are open until November 29, 2020. The best 15 concepts will be selected and announced on December 18, 2020. Then the selected teams will start the second stage of the competition - app development. The jury will select the 3 finalist teams by July 7, 2021 and the final winner will be announced in Paris in July 2021.

The theme of this edition references Atos' ambitions on decarbonization, as Atos, a decarbonization leader in its industry has decarbonization as a core element of its growth strategy. In June 2020, Atos announced its [commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2035](#), a date which is 15 years ahead of the ambitious aim of the UN Paris Agreement on Climate Change to limit the global warming of the planet to 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels.

Since the inception of the IT Challenge in 2012, participating students were empowered to develop applications connected to major trends in the digital revolution, such as smart mobility, connected cars, interactive media, connected life, the 'right to be forgotten', blockchain and artificial intelligence. Students are mentored by members of **Atos Scientific Community** who provide technical and practical support, advice and encouragement.

More information about the IT challenge: <https://www.atositchallenge.net/>

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