Information for Challenge Sponsors

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Concept

GXC Virtual Innovation Challenge 2020

- An international virtual interdisciplinary program, in which student teams work on real-life (digitalization) innovation challenges proposed by German public organizations and NGOs, as a DTLab challenge;

- Duration of 9 weeks (October to December 2020);

- Students are supported by professors and expert coaches to navigate the process of understanding the challenging – ideating and validating a possible solution – and prototyping it.

Challenge Sponsors present and contextualize the problem

Students research, ideate and prototype a possible (digital) solution

Students present to Challenge Sponsors a conceptual prototype
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GXC Value Proposition

- The challenge sponsorship is free of charge!
- At least 2 multi-disciplinary international student teams work on the proposed challenge supported by MUAS professors and external innovation coaches;
- The challenge sponsor receives at the end a document detailing the student team’s proposed solution and an (open source) conceptual prototype;
- Opportunity to access the online course material delivered to the students, to learn about the innovation and agile prototyping processes and tools employed (through short video-classes)
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Prerequisites

- To be a public organization, governmental department, non-governmental organization or a co-creation group from the M:UniverCity network;
- Provide a clearly defined innovation challenge that can be solved through digital transformation;
- Assignment of a contact person that commits to give student teams feedback throughout the program (see next slide for timeline);
Timeline and key dates

**GXC Virtual Innovation Challenge**

- **September 18th**: Deadline to deliver challenge in video format (instructions on next slide)
- **October 5th**: Program kick-off (pre-recorded videos are presented to students)
- **October 18th – 20th**: First feedback session (Circa 60-minute video call with the student teams)
- **November 16th – 18th**: Second feedback session (Circa 60-minute video call with the student teams or alternatively two-three email exchanges)
- **December 10th – 11th**: Final Presentations and prototype delivery (30min video call presentation per team)
Video Tips and Requirements

Challenge Sponsor Video

- Video Content:
  - Introduce yourself and your organization. If you another person will be the contact person for the teams, please also introduce him/her;
  - Name the challenge (title) and describe it. Tip: You may use the following questions to contextualize the challenge: (1) Why is this challenge relevant for your organization? (2) What is/are the problem(s) associated with it? (3) Who has this problem or which stakeholders are involved in it? And (4) What are these people needs?

- Video Duration: approximately 5 to 10 minutes
- Please use a tripod or place the phone firmly in portrait mode with e.g. a book;
- Save file as .mp4 or .mov
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