SAVE THE DATE
HACK & MATCH #4

Topic: Advanced Technologies for Energy Savings
Unlock the Power of Technology-Driven Energy Efficiency.
Start your journey toward smarter, greener, and more profitable operations—powered by technology.

Call for Challenges:
Deadline: **12 January - 13 February 2026**

Call for Solutions:
Deadline: **16 February – 20 March 2026**

Hack&Match online event
1 - 2 April 2026

Awarding Ceremony
15 April 2026

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HACK&MATCH EVENT #4

"ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES"

1-2 APRIL 2026

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RULES OF HACK&MATCH EVENT

1) CHALLENGE PROVIDERS APPLY FROM JANUARY 12th TO FEBRUARY 13th, 2026
Any eligible organisation is invited to submit through the dedicated form one or more challenges (needs) which it is facing and would like to find solutions at the moment.

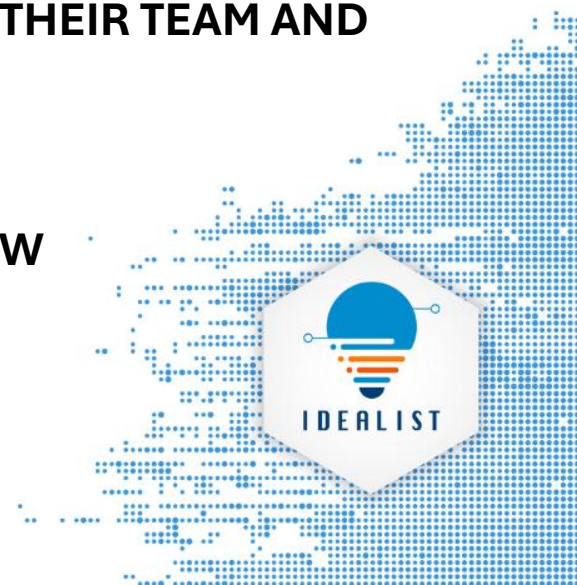**2) THEN WE WILL LAUNCH A "CALL FOR SOLUTIONS" FROM FEBRUARY 16th TO MARCH 20th, 2026**
We will invite organisations throughout Europe to team-up with you to help you find one or more solutions to the needs submitted.

3) THEN WE WILL INFORM BOTH TYPES OF APPLICANTS ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR TEAM AND SEND THE INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN
The applicants will be informed **FROM MARCH 21st TO 31th, 2026.**

4) GET PREPARED FOR COLLABORATING TO SOLVE NEEDS - SAVE THE DATES FROM NOW
The Hack&Match event will run **from APRIL 1st to 2nd, 2026** in **100% online mode**.

WHAT IS REQUESTED?

1) **APPLY AS CHALLENGE PROVIDER** describing your need **OR AS SOLUTION PROVIDER** declaring that You can contribute to one or more challenges.

2) **SAVE THE DATES IN YOUR CALLENDAR on 1-2 APRIL 2026** for the Hack&Match Online Event.

3) **THE APPLICANTS ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR TEAM AND RECEIVE THE INSTRUCTIONS** to join the Hack&Match event. **You must ensure the presence <u>at least</u> in these moments:**
- **1 APRIL - From 9:00 to 10:30**: Kick-Off Meeting with explanation of all details and templates of deliverables.
- **1 APRIL - From 10:30 to 11:30:** Start of discussions in Teams dedicated to each challenge. Agree with your Team members the next online meeting times during the 2 days of H&M to develop the solution.
- **2 APRIL - By 15:30:** Prepare together 2 deliverables with the solution developed.
- **2 APRIL - From 16:00 to 17:30:** Presentation of all solutions to the Jury members and other participants.

4) **PARTICIPATE IN AWARDING CEREMONY ON 15 APRIL 2026** to discover who is the WINNER.

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ANSWERS FOR SMES FUTURE CHALLENGES

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ARE YOU A «CHALLENGE» PROVIDER?

CONTEXT:

- ✓ **Are you a startup, SME, or large company?**
- ✓ Are you part of one of the 3 ecosystems (Energy-Intensive Industries; Aerospace and Defense; Mobility, Transportation, Automotive)?
- ✓ **Do you have a challenge related to any Advanced manufacturing technology and don't know how to solve it?**

TO DO:

- ➢ **Fill out the form** indicating one or more challenges (needs) you are currently facing.
- ➢ We will find Solution Providers who can solve your challenge and/or provide ideas on how to address it.
- ➢ **Participate online on 1-2 APRIL 2026 at the Hack&Match #4 event** to explain your challenge in detail and hear proposals (solutions).

WHY: IT'S FREE! DEADLINE: 13 FEBRUARY 2026 => Link: https://forms.gle/c1AB9JFeu7C4zPK29

ARE YOU A «SOLUTION» PROVIDER?

CONTEXT:

- ✓ **Are you a tech-savvy SME or startup, researcher, technology center, EDIH (Digital Innovation Hub) or accelerator?**
- ✓ Are you part of one of the 3 ecosystems (Energy-Intensive Industries; Aerospace and Defense; Mobility, Transportation, Automotive)?
- ✓ **Do you know how to solve one or more of the shared Challenge Providers' challenges** related to Energy Efficiency using Advanced Technology?

TO DO:

- ➤ **Fill out the form starting FEBRUARY 16th**, choosing the challenges listed for which you can contribute a solution.
- ➤ Participate online on 1-2 APRIL 2026 at the **Hack&Match #4 event** to explain your proposal (solutions) in detail.

WHY: IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY! THE CALL IS OPENED ON 16 FEBRUARY UNTIL 20 MARCH 2026!
- ➤ Link: https://forms.gle/kBqSxF3fiREAGM9G8

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