

Why join The Sustainable Innovation Challenge

The Sustainable Innovation Challenge (SIC) is a unique two-day event (March 5–6) that brings together students, researchers and industry leaders from diverse backgrounds to explore this year's central theme: "*What is Sustainable Innovation?*"

By joining SIC, participants will benefit from a range of opportunities:

- **The encouragement of interdisciplinary collaboration:** teams from diverse disciplines are especially invited to apply, as varied perspectives are essential for rethinking sustainability.
- **Reimbursement of transportation costs (by train)** up to 700 CHF and **accommodation provided** for up to four people per team.
- **An innovation launchpad:** SIC serves as a springboard for developing your ideas, which could later evolve into a startup. The challenge offers a **total cash prize of 20,000 CHF** and provides winners with **access to EPFL's mentorship, facilities, and innovation infrastructure** to further advance their projects.
- **Networking opportunities:** meet and connect with **industry leaders, experts, and fellow students** in the field of sustainable development at one of Europe's leading universities.
- **Two workshops** focused on **systemic thinking** and **public pitching**, helping participants develop both strategic and communication skills.
- **Participation in an Academic Citizenship Assembly**, where you will have the chance to discuss, debate and co-create ideas for a more sustainable future.
- **Three thematic seminars** featuring guest speakers specializing in engaged science and social or behavioral approaches to sustainability, who will discuss major sustainability challenges and share innovative solutions.
- **An exclusive visit:** join a **tour of a hydropower facility (FMHL) near Lausanne** and **Chillon Castle**, offering a chance to learn about renewable energy and connect with other teams in a relaxed setting. (Please indicate in the registration form if your team is interested in this visit.)

Joining the Sustainable Innovation Challenge is not only a chance to compete, but also to learn, connect, and transform ideas into impact. Whatever your background, SIC offers an inspiring environment to turn your passion for sustainability into meaningful action.