

About Intellectual Property Rights

1) Original ideas for fundamental societal challenges

You have been selected to join THE Port Hackathon because of your ability to think creatively, originally and independently. Therefore, we expect all participants to use and present material of which they are the author, or otherwise to credit the original author and respect his/her rights. If you are employed, we also expect you to make sure that you have the permission of your employer to contribute to THE Port Hackathon.

In other words:

By participating in THE Port Hackathon, you represent and warrant the following: you will not present or use content that is copyrighted, protected by trade secret or otherwise subject to third party intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights unless you are the owner of such rights or have permission from their rightful owner to present or use the content and to grant THE Port and partners all of the rights granted here.

We recommend using only third party works that are licensed through an open source (for software), open hardware (for electronics) or creative commons license (for all other works).

2) Hackathon participation – a win-win situation

You as participant (or your employee if applicable) should remain the owner of all works you create during THE Port Hackathon. If you are employed, please do make sure you respect your terms of employment vis-à-vis your employer in terms of ownership and declaration of intellectual property. The only thing we ask you in return is to allow us to use your works for non-commercial and promotional purposes, such as campaigns for future hackathons. An event of this kind can only grow and prosper if we can all show the world the benefits of such an event, in particular the concrete and real results achieved in 3 days of hard work.

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All submissions to and creations during THE Port Hackathon remain the intellectual property of the individuals or organizations that developed them. By registering for THE Port Hackathon, entering a submission and creating works during THE Port Hackathon, however, the participant agrees that the organizers and the partners receive an irrevocable, nonexclusive, royalty-free license to use, distribute to the public, and publicly display and perform such submission and works for non-commercial and promotional purposes.

3) Expecting the unexpected

The unique and interdisciplinary setting of a hackathon provides a fertile ground for new endeavours: it is not rare for a new product or business to see the light after such an event.

CERN as partner and host of THE Port Hackathon will gladly provide initial informal advice to teams during and after the event, to the extent that resources allow, on how to transform new ideas into real-world solutions.