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# YESDGs Hackathon 2025:

On June 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2025, the YESDGs Hackathon: **Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development Goals** took place in Potenza, Italy, hosted by our partner **ASCAE**.

Organized by PFE in collaboration with the entire YESDGs consortium, this international event was designed to inspire young people and youth workers to collaborate, innovate, and take action on some of the most pressing global challenges of our time.

## What makes the YESDGs Hackathon unique?

### **Cross-Border Collaboration**

Participants worked in international teams, exchanging ideas and perspectives shaped by different experiences and cultural backgrounds.

### **Real-World Challenges Linked to the SDGs**

The teams tackled four global challenges, each directly connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda.

## Challenges:

- *Common Ground - Planting Seeds of Well-being in Everyday Spaces*  
(Linked to SDG 3 and SDG 11)
- *Fast Fashion - Understanding Its Impact and Proposing Sustainable Alternatives*  
(Linked to SDG 12 and SDG 13)
- *Youth Voices for Peace - Young People as Key Actors in Peacebuilding*  
(Linked to SDG 16 and SDG 10)
- *Greener Lands - Solutions to Combat Deforestation*  
(Linked to SDG 13 and SDG 15)



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The teams worked on their assigned challenges by developing innovative solutions and producing tangible results throughout the event days. The final ideas were presented creatively to an **external jury**, which evaluated each project.

**One team was selected as the winner and received the official Hackathon award 🏆**  
**Each participant received a certificate of participation and will also be awarded the Youthpass.**

### The YESDGs Manifesto

The outcome of these three days of activities was embodied in a Manifesto, which was presented to an audience composed of local authorities, civil society organizations, and young people!



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