

Program 2026/2027

#1 Lab kick-off

18 - 22 Jan, 2027

A short get-together with your lab team, network coordinator, and academic coordinator. Meet your fellow students and ask any questions about your thesis assignment or the programme.

#2 Enrichment Session

9, 10 or 11 Feb, 2027 (2.5 - 3h)

Each lab organizes its own Enrichment Sessions to dig into its main challenge. Think masterclasses, guest lectures, panel discussions, site visits, or speed dates with experts. Curious students and experts from outside the Lab are welcome to join too!

#3 Kick-off

24 Feb, 2027

We will start the day with a welcome by LDE. You will get to know the other students, academic coordinators, network coordinators, and caseholder(s). We finish the day with drinks!

#4 Enrichment Session

9, 10 or 11 Mar, 2027 (2.5 - 3h)

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#5 Enrichment Session

23, 24, or 25 Mar, 2027 (2.5 - 3h)

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#6 Pressure Cooker Day: LEGO

6, 7 or 8 Apr, 2027 (Half-day)

Time to get creative with what you know about your lab's challenge! Using **LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®**, you will explore the whole system, create an envisioned future related to the challenge, and identify new directions of innovations. You will share your ideas with the other labs - and questions for the upcoming Round table session will emerge.

#7 Round Table

20, 21 or 22 Apr, 2027 (2.5 - 3h)

Halfway through the program, we have an elaborate discussion with the caseholders and invited experts. In a round table or panel discussion, you can share your ideas and questions with the caseholders, and vice versa.

#8 Bootcamp Day

11, 12 or 13 May, 2027

This workshop builds essential 21st-century skills. You'll practice critical reflection and learn to communicate your ideas creatively and effectively to your audience. You'll also take a moment to explore your own values and the role you want to play in the world. What do you stand for, and how does that shape your impact? Skills for your lab and for your Life!

#9 Enrichment Session

18, 19 or 20 May, 2027 (2.5 - 3h)

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#10 Prepare for the Final Event I

2 Jun, 2027

All labs come together to prepare for their end events. You will put together your final individual and shared (interdisciplinary) products. You will also focus on crafting critical questions to fuel meaningful discussions during the end event. Together with your fellow lab students, you will ensure everything is ready for a spectacular final event!

#11 Prepare for the Final Event II

week of 14-18, 2027

All labs come together to prepare for their end events. You will put together your final individual and shared (interdisciplinary) products. You will also focus on crafting critical questions to fuel meaningful discussions during the end event. Together with your fellow lab students, you will ensure everything is ready for a spectacular final event!

#12 Final Event

Week of 28 Jun - 2 Jul, 2027

During the final event you will share the knowledge you have gained with the caseholder(s). You will present your individual and interdisciplinary results. There will be room for discussion with other students, caseholder(s), academic coordinator, network coordinator and other invited stakeholders.