

Innovation competition in cooperation with FOSS

Dear educators and researchers, dear colleagues.

FOSS has collected a series of worldwide problems in the Food/Agri industry and together with DTU Skylab they challenge DTU students and FOSS employees in collaboration to come up with solutions 7th-9th November. (www.fosschallenge.com)

We would like to invite you to a kick off meeting Friday 10th October at 14.00, where we will tell about the challenges and you can meet with FOSS experts. In connection to this we would like to give you the opportunity to act as mentors before the competition preparing the students and potentially during the competition.

The meeting will be one hour and we will serve snack and wine.

The goals of the meeting are:

- 1. Explain about the challenges**
- 2. Inspire you to identify the right students for the challenges**
- 3. Meet and mingle with Foss employees who work daily with the food/agri industry**

The event is a large scale competition for students, copying the concept from “start-up weekends” in which DTU students and FOSS employees together in teams will try to develop ideas for solutions to the challenges. The last day finalizes with a presentation of the concepts, presented to a judge panel, and the winning team is rewarded with a price (50.000 DKK). The unique element in this competition is two-fold. 1) There is a cross-disciplinary focus, where the teams are made with a mix of FOSS developers and DTU students from various study lines. 2) The focus is on tech, hardware and science innovation, where the students can start develop three weeks in advance.

We would like to invite you to:

- Join us the 10th of October in a joyful setting in Skylab with snack and wine.
- Help us spread the word – so as many students as possible hear about the competition.
- Give us feed-back on the set-up for the competition, as well as the five FOSS challenges.
- Potentially act as DTU mentor for our FOSS innovation challenge weekend. Participating during the event, or before the event encouraging the students to participate and support/reflect on the ideas they might bring to you.

We hope this caught your interest, and we look very much forward to hear from you. Please forward the invitation to colleagues you think might have an interest.

Best regards,
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