

Registration for the second edition of the **DigitalNerds** online programming competition has begun,

February 9, Brasov, Romania

The “**SUPPORT REGION CENTER**” association, in partnership with the European Academy of Regions (AER), Transilvania University Braşov, Danubius University Galaţi, Romanian-American University, announces the opening, on February 8, of the registrations for the second edition of the programming competition **DigitalNerds** (www.DigitalNerdsContest.ro).

The event, entirely **online**, proved to be a challenge for the 93 pupils and students who entered with entries in the previous edition, from Romania and four other European countries, held over 12 days, of which 4 dedicated to a series of conferences open to the general public, on topics such as: artificial intelligence, robotics, mechatronics, data management, technology-assisted agriculture, trades of the future, hardware, digital literacy, as well as e-health or cyber-bullying (intimidation / aggression in the online space).

This year's edition will be opened on April 4 by a series of lectures held for four days by experts from academia and partner technology companies, along with the submission of works in the competition, followed by 7 days in which the jury, consisting of professors and profile specialists nominated by the sponsors and partners of the event, will analyze the submitted works.

“We are moving towards a future backed by integrated smart technologies, a future that challenges us to be innovative in finding solutions for the use of all categories of conventional and unconventional resources.

The educational requirements that were valid before the pandemic are no longer valid now, both in terms of technological challenges and the skills needed by participants in the education system.

The requirements that will never change are given by the needs of models to be taken over and by the needs of the existence of human values to follow that we should support and develop in the current generation of students and pupils.

We are in the situation defined above, in which the main actors should collaborate for the development or (re) creation of the educational system, at national and global level.

In order to achieve these objectives, collaboration is needed for the realization of educational programs aimed at the development of future generations ", said Ec. MSc. Silvia-Daniela POHRIB, president of the SUPPORT REGION CENTER association and founder of the LearnEx Center.

Complete agenda of the event:

- ✓ 4th of April 2022 – Topic launch for categories Blocks Masters and Robotics KIDS
- ✓ 4th of April 2022 – 7th of April, 2022 – IT Conferences
- ✓ 8th of April 2022 – Topic launch for categories Software Dev and Embedded Systems (Hackathon)
- ✓ 10th of April 2022, 23:59 EET – Project upload deadline

The contest is open to all young people with programming skills and knowledge (whether or not included in the education system), aged between 7 and 23, from Romania and abroad.

Event partners:

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