

CASSINI Hackathon Netherlands (24-26 April)

Participant Practical Information

Last publication date: 13.03.2026. This package will be updated regularly with new information relevant for participants.

1. Hackathon Information

The 11th CASSINI Hackathon: EU Space for Water challenges participants to develop solutions using Copernicus, Galileo, EGNOS data and other data sources to address water-related challenges.

Participants will work in teams and receive training, mentoring and technical guidance from experts.

Challenge areas:

- Securing equitable and efficient access to water
- Tracking and preventing water pollution
- Disaster risk monitoring

Ahead of the 11th CASSINI Hackathon, we will organise a series of pre-event. These online sessions are scheduled for:

- 1) 7 April (Disaster risk monitoring), 16:00-17:30 CET - [Read more and register here](#)
- 2) 14 April (Tracking and preventing water pollution), 16:00-17:30 CET - [Read more and register here](#)
- 3) and 22 April (Securing equitable and efficient access to water), 16:00-17:30 CET - [Read more and register here](#)

2. Participant Eligibility and Team Size

Participants must:

- Be 18 years or older at the start of the hackathon (24 April 2026)
- Reside in an EU country or non-EU country associated with Horizon Europe (or in ongoing negotiations for an association)

Students, researchers, developers, designers, entrepreneurs and professionals are welcome. No prior experience with space data is required. Participants must register [via TAIKAI](#) individually first. After registering, they may form or join a team through the Taikai platform if they already have one. We recommend forming teams before the start of the hackathon weekend. If needed, we facilitate last-minute team formation just before the hackathon begins.

All teams must have at least 3 team members and can go up to a maximum of 8 members.

[Access to Participant Playbook for more guidance on the Hackathon](#)

3. Venue

The hackathon takes place **only on-site** at CometLab, a prototyping and testing facility located at the NL Space Campus. Address: Eisingastraet 9, 2201 DJ Noordwijk, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands ([Google Maps](#)).

Equipment at CometLab ([see equipment available here](#)) can be used with guidance. If you have an interest in using equipment at CometLab, please contact us at hackathons@groundstation.space

4. Food & Drinks

Food and drinks will be provided during the hackathon, including:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Coffee, tea and refreshments

Participants do not need to arrange meals during the event. If you have dietary requirements, please contact us at hackathons@groundstation.space (include “CASSINI Hackathon” in email subject).

5. Accommodation & Bikes

Accommodation can be arranged in a nearby hotel in Katwijk.

- Two nights accommodation (24–26 April). Participant contribution: €30, to be paid to local organiser
- Bikes will be available for transport between the hotel and the venue

To request accommodation, please email:

hackathons@groundstation.space

Email subject:

CASSINI Hackathon NL – Accommodation Request

[Please note that travel costs cannot be reimbursed.](#)

6. Questions & Contact

If you have questions before the event: hackathons@groundstation.space

Participants can also ask questions via the CASSINI Hackathon Discord community.