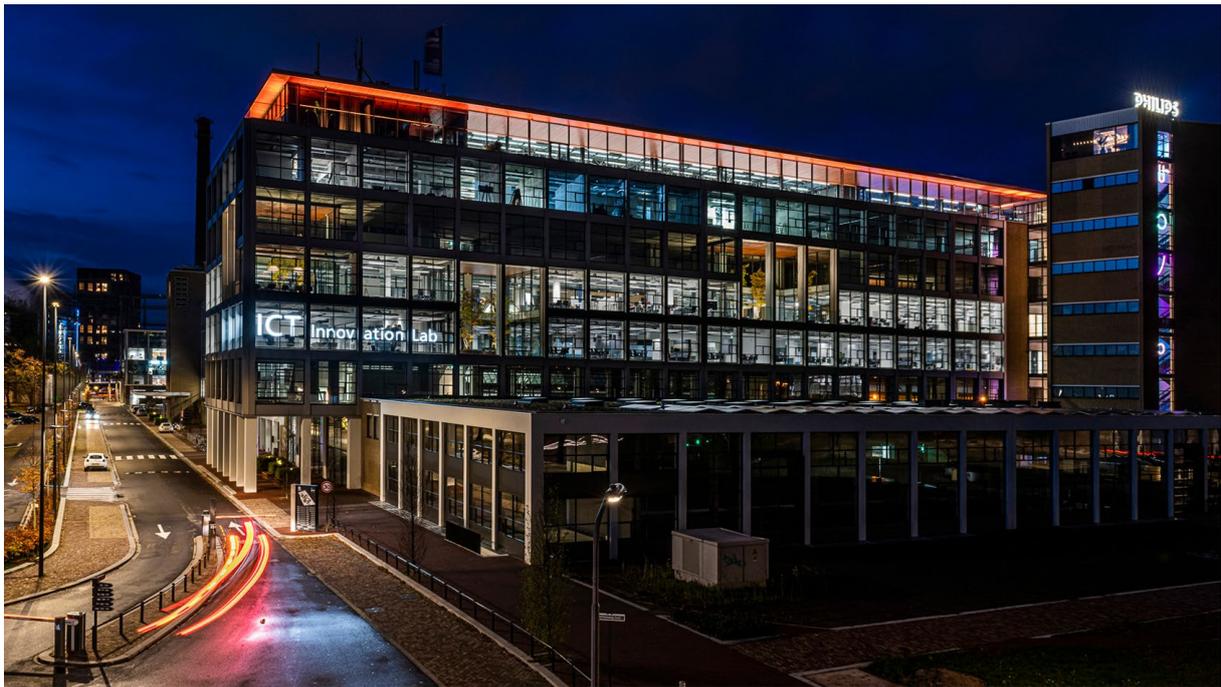


Fontys International IT Week 2026

"How to stay human in a technology-driven society"

Information and programme



Welcome to Fontys!

Dear students from our partner universities,

Welcome to the Fontys International IT Week 2026, where bright minds from various partner universities come together to explore and innovate within the digital landscape.

This year, our guiding theme is **"How to Stay Human in a Technology-Driven Society"**.

During this week you are going to work on a design challenge, together with students from 10 different partner universities and with different educational backgrounds.

Here you will find detailed information about the assignment as well as some practical information.

We hope you all enjoy working together on the assignment and that you have an educational, but most of all pleasant week.

Overall information

The Fontys International IT Week “*How to stay human in a technology-driven society*” will take place from **March 9th till March 13th, 2026**.

There are approx.. 60 students involved as well as 10 Fontys lecturers during the week who will provide inspiration sessions, instructions and daily feedback to the project groups.

Each of you will be assigned to a project group, consisting of students from different countries and with different disciplines. And of course also some Fontys ICT students will participate in this project week.

During the virtual session and at the start of the programme there will be time to get to know each other a bit better, and to get some insights and inspiration about the topic before you start working on the challenge.

Accommodation

We have recommended the Stayokay Blue Collar Hostel. If you have chosen this option some info.

The hostel is located at Strijp-S, an inspirational environment for the industrial heritage of Eindhoven with living, shopping and working. A creative hot-spot that continues to develop, a 5-10 minutes’ walk from the train station Strijp-S and Fontys ICT InnovationLab, TQ building.

Parking facilities at Strijp-S are paid, but when travelling by car you can park in front of the TQ building for free if you provide your license plate on forehand (free parking probably not available on Sunday, but for sure from Monday morning).

Stayokay Blue Collar

Klokgebouw 10, 5617 AA Eindhoven | <https://www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/eindhoven/prijzen>

To book individually or per group fellow students.

Participating Schools/Universities

A warm welcome to all participating universities!

- [AP Antwerp](#) Antwerp, Belgium
- [Cardiff MET](#) Cardiff, United Kingdom
- [Fontys UAS – Fpntys ICT](#) Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- [Haute école EPHEC](#) Brussels, Belgium
- [Howest Bruges](#) Bruges, Belgium
- [PXL Hasselt](#) Hasselt, Belgium
- [UCLL](#) Louvain, Belgium
- [Vilnius Kolegija/University of Applied Sciences](#) Vilnius, Lithuania
- [FH Technikum Wien](#) Vienna, Austria
- [Riga Technical University](#) Riga, Latvia

Fontys location and venue

SoMMedia

[Studio at T - Studio T - SoMMedia](#)

Achtseweg Zuid 157c, 5651 GW Eindhoven

Venue of this BIP except Tuesday



Fontys ICT InnovationLab

[TQ building](#)

Achtseweg Zuid 151c, Eindhoven

Venue of this BIP on Tuesday



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ICT Challenge

Get ready for an exciting challenge to explore and innovate within the digital landscape. This year, our guiding theme is: **"How to Stay Human in a Technology-Driven Society"**.

Context

Technology is leading the world toward a human-centered society that attempts to balance economic advancement while also resolving the many social problems we as a society face. How? By creating a system that highly integrates cyberspace and the physical space. But with both automation and artificial intelligence potentially replacing people as opposed to making them more productive we can ask ourselves how can we stay human in this technology driven society.

In this program we will dive into the world of logistics and the challenges these organizations face dealing with personnel shortages, lack of diversity, and their ever increasing environmental impact. You will be asked to collaborate and innovate, in order to find cutting edge IT solutions which could help this sector face their challenges in a human centered-way.

The objective, requirements and deliverables of the project assignment will be determined shortly.

Programme

The international week will be full of inspiration sessions, workshops and group work sessions. We are still preparing the final content of the programme, scheduling lecturers and arrange all facilities and practical matters. The full schedule will be available end February.

- **Monday:** Research and ideation.
- **Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday:** Prototyping and user testing.
- **Friday:** Final presentation.

Unleash your creativity and contribute to answering how we can stay human in a technology-driven society by developing solutions that bridge societal divides!

Virtual session

Wednesday February 25 | Online kick off

12:00 | We would like every university to hold a short talk about their school in an online meeting. Please assign one person from your school to do the talk. See the [PDF-document](#) for what we expect.

Cultural Tasting

For the Cultural Tastings it would be very nice to bring some specialties from your home town, like cheese, sausages, sweets, drinks, whatever you want. Or just some favourite international food or drinks. We shall taste your local and international favourites together at Fontys on Monday afternoon, so **bring it with you on Monday morning!**



Daily programme

Day 1 | Monday March 9 | Welcome at Fontys ICT and SoMMedia venue

08:45 | Arrival and reception at the venue

09:00 | Welcome at Fontys ICT

09:30 | Inspiration session by **TESLA** – Bart van Beurden

10:30 | Your **Society 5.0** assignment: Introducing the case – Paul Deckers

10:45 | Break with tea / coffee

11:00 | Inspiration session **Concepting** – Chris Geene, Pieter Wels

12:00 | LUNCH

13:00 | Workshop **Big Data** – Paul Deckers

14:00 | Inspiration session EATC, **European Air Transport Command**

15:00 | GROUP WORK: Selecting first ideas

16:30 | **Cultural Tastings**

18:00 | End of day 1



Day 2 | Tuesday March 10

08:45 | Daily kick-off

GROUP WORK today: Validate concept and check feasibility (in different timeslots and locations)

09:00 | Splitted groups: Mobile Escape Room / Guided Tour Strijp-S and Strijp-T / Group Work

09:00-09:45	group 1 Mobile Escape Room	group 3-4-5-6 Guided Tour Strijp-S and Strijp-T – Braintours, Sietske Aussems	group 2 and 7-8-9 Group work, corridor TQ-0
09:45-10:30	group 2 Mobile Escape Room		group 1 and 7-8-9 Group work, corridor TQ-0

10:30 | Inspiration session **Techno-philosophy** – Rens van der Vorst (**TQ-5 building**, 2nd floor Tribune De Visie)

11:30 | LUNCH - 2 groups take turns playing the Escape Room game

11:30-12:15	group 3 Mobile Escape Room	Lunch @TQ5-2.528 Tribune de Visie: Italian buffet I Fratelli and free time outside	
12:15-13:00	group 4 Mobile Escape Room		
13:00-13:45	group 5 Mobile Escape Room	group 1-2 and 7-8-9 Guided Tour Strijp-S and Strijp-T – Braintours, Sietske Aussems	group 6 and 3-4 Group work, corridor TQ-0
13:45-14:30	group 6 Mobile Escape Room		group 5 and 3-4 Group work, corridor TQ-0

14:30 | Inspiration session **Cybersecurity** – Stefan Roijers

15:30 | GROUP WORK: BUILDING POCS and adjusting concept

15:30-16:15	group 7 Mobile Escape Room	group 1-2-3-4-5-6 and 7 / 8 / 9 Group work - TQ5 2 nd floor
16:15-17:00	group 8 Mobile Escape Room	
17:00-17:45	group 9 Mobile Escape Room	DINNER @TQ outdoor food truck: Frietje on tour
17:00-18:15		

18:15 | End of day 1

Day 3 | Wednesday March 11

09:00 | Workshop **IoT** – Karin Dieleman

10:00 | GROUP WORK: Building time – REALISE

12:00 | LUNCH

13:00 | GROUP WORK: Building time – REALISE and VALIDATE

14:30 | Inspiration session **SDGs** – Monique Vissers

15:30 | End of day 3

Day 4 | Thursday March 12

- 09:00 | GROUP WORK: Building time – IMPROVE PROTOTYPE
- 11:00 | Workshop **Cloud** – Mark Klerkx, Tom Meulensteen
- 12:00 | LUNCH
- 13:00 | Inspiration session **AI** – Erdiñç Saçan
- 14:00 | GROUP WORK: Building time - Presenting concept and first POCS
- 15:30 | Walk Explore Eindhoven – Paul Deckers (*OPTIONAL*)
- 18:00 | Closing DINNER: **Happy Italy**, Catharinaplein 25, Eindhoven
- 20:00 | End of day 4
- 20:00 | [International Quiz Night](#) @Grand Café Centraal, Markt (*OPTIONAL*)

Day 5 | Friday March 13

- 09:00 | Prepare for play test event, demo and visit
- 10:15 | Project presentation pitches and questions by jury
- 12:00 | Award Ceremony & certificates
- 12:30 | LUNCH
- 13:30 | Closing and goodbyes