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**INNOVATIONS IN SMART ANYTHING EVERYWHERE**

**INNO - SAE 2019**

**PROGRAM RULES**

#### Article 1

The program Innovations in Smart Anything Everywhere 2019 (INNO-SAE 2019) is organized by the Center for Technology Transfer and Innovations – INNOFEIT at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. Its main target is to stimulate innovations among students and support development of proof-of-concept solutions that may evolve towards commercial products.

INNO-SAE 2019 specifically focuses on the Smart Anything Everywhere (SAE) initiative of the EC. The objective of this initiative is to ensure that any industry in Europe – big or small, wherever situated and in whichever sector – can fully benefit from digital innovations to upgrade its products, improve its processes and adapt its business models to the digital age.

INNO-SAE 2019 is open to all interested students from UKIM without any restrictions.

#### Article 2

The program INNO-SAE 2019 starts with the beginning of the summer semester in the school year 2018/2019, i.e. from the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The program INNO-SAE 2019 will be published on relevant social media of INNOFEIT and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies (FEEIT) – Skopje.

All relevant materials for the program will be timely published on the INNOFEIT's web page ([inno.feit.ukim.edu.mk](http://inno.feit.ukim.edu.mk)).

The program INNO-SAE 2019 comprises 3 parts:

- Submissions – from 18.02.2019 to 10.05.2019
- Evaluation – from 11.05.2019 to 31.05.2019
- Development work - from 1.06.2019 to 25.08.2019

### Article 3 - SUBMISSIONS

The program INNO-SAE 2019 solicits submissions from student teams with preferential treatment of interdisciplinary teams formed from students studying on different faculties of UKIM.

The student teams can be up to 5 students.

Each team submits an idea with clear elaboration (objectives and outcomes) and a list of necessary equipment and consumables for realization of the idea into a viable proof-of-concept.

The ideas must show innovation component and have sufficient novelty.

### Article 4 – NETWORKING AND ORIENTATION DAYS

To ease the communication within the interdisciplinary teams formed from students studying at different faculties, INNOFEIT will organize 2 networking and orientation days on:

- 29th March 2019 at 17:00 and
- 16th April 2019 at 17:00.

These events will be held in INNOFEIT's premises. All interested students are invited to participate and gain more information regarding the program INNO-SAE 2019.

### Article 5 – TECHNOLOGY PARTNER

The program INNO-SAE 2019 is technically backed by Nokia Networks. Nokia will provide free access to its IMPACT cloud platform. All submissions are encouraged to showcase the usage of the IMPACT platform in the proposed solutions.

### Article 6 - EVALUATION

A selected jury of people from academia, industry and business support organizations will conduct the evaluation phase. The names of the jury members will be published in due course.

The evaluation will specifically focus on the viability of the proposed idea and its market potential.

The evaluation will result in a selection of 6 teams that will proceed to the development work phase. INNOFEIT in coordination with UKIM will select a mentor for each of these selected teams. The mentor will be responsible for

monitoring the development work and guaranteeing the development of a proof-of-concept solution.

Each of these 6 teams will be reimbursed up to 30.000 MKD for the equipment and consumables costs (receipts needed) for the development.

Financial reimbursement is foreseen only for the 6 teams that will be selected in the evaluation phase.

#### Article 7

The developed proof-of-concept solutions by the 6 teams will be publicly presented at a special event organized at INNOFEIT's premises in September 2019.

If one of these 6 teams decides to form a startup, then INNOFEIT will cover its expenses up to 60.000 MKD to participate at an international startup competition (to be selected in due time).

If there are 2 or more teams that will be transformed into startups, then the jury for the evaluation phase will be used to select a winner that will be sent at an international startup competition (to be selected in due time).

All teams that will be transformed into startups will receive support from INNOFEIT to prepare applications for funding from domestic and international sources.