



Dear innovators and health professionals,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Barcelona edition of the [Sahlgrenska Global Health Hackathon](#), which will be held in Barcelona on **22 and 23 February 2025**. This unique global series of weekend innovation hackathons, spanning three continents and six countries, will bring together researchers, entrepreneurs, and technologists from around the world to tackle some of the most pressing challenges in global health, under the theme **“Co-action Addressing Global Health Challenges”**.

It is organised by Sahlgrenska Science Park together with global partners - AstraZeneca, Microsoft, Mölnlycke Healthcare, AFRY, Business Region Göteborg, Boston Consulting Group, GoCo Health innovation City, PRECISEU, Pristine Agency, Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg, Sahlgrenska University Hospital - and local organizing hosts - **Biocat (Barcelona)**, Alexion (Boston), 7BridgesGroup (Miami), mediq Innovation Experts (Göttingen), A.Catalyst Network & HealthTEC.sg (Singapore) and the EU Project **PRECISEU**, coordinated by Biocat.

Barcelona, known for its strong commitment to innovation, is one of nine selected locations to host this global health innovation marathon – an opportunity to transform health through multidisciplinary collaboration. After the event, the finalists will compete in the grand finale in Gothenburg, Sweden, in October 2025.

What is in it for you?

A representative from the team that comes up with the brightest idea from each hackathon location will be invited to present the idea in the grand final on 13 October at NLSDays 2025 in Gothenburg, Sweden!

As a participant, you will benefit from:

- Showcase your talent to leading organisations!
- Being inspired by professionals and mentors working in health innovation and life science, as well as experienced leaders from renowned startup incubators!
- Expand your professional network!
- Learning and mastering the application of Generative AI both as a tool and as a partner in the innovation process!
- Contributing to addressing global health challenges!

How does the hackathon work?

The Barcelona Hackathon, coorganised by **Biocat** and Sahlgrenska Science Park within the framework of PRECISEU, consists of the following stages:

- **Register:** Fill out the [registration form](#) on the platform.



- **Explore the challenges:** Discover the five key challenges in global health, focusing on areas such as health equity, cancer treatment, healthy aging, infection prevention, and sustainable healthcare.
- **Join / create a team:** Form or join a multidisciplinary team to work on an innovative solution.
- **Develop your solution:** Collaborate with your team during the in-person hackathon in Barcelona (22 and 23 February 2025).
- **Present your idea:** During the event, present a detailed proposal to the judges.

Who can participate?

This hackathon is open to researchers, developers, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, and anyone passionate about improving global health.

Key dates to remember

- **Registration closes:** 7 January 2025.
- **Hackathon in Barcelona:** 22-23 February 2025.
- **Announcement of local finalists:** 10 March 2025.
- **Grand finale in Gothenburg, Sweden:** 13 October 2025.

The **Sahlgrenska Global Health Hackathon** is more than just a competition. It's an opportunity to drive global health innovation, connect with an international network of professionals, and create disruptive solutions.

More information and registration [here](#).

Don't miss this chance to be part of the change in global health! We would appreciate it if you could share this invitation with anyone or any group who may be interested in participating.

This hackathon needs innovators and mentors. Choose your role and contribute to address global health challenges!

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