

PERSEO CHALLENGE REGULATIONS

1. Background to the challenge

Iberdrola firmly believes that the transition to a carbon-neutral economy by 2050 is possible and makes economic sense. The decarbonization of the economy, moreover, is a tremendous opportunity to create wealth, generate employment and improve air quality.

Decarbonizing the economy and digital innovation entails building innovative distribution grids to cope with new models of electricity consumption. The bi-directionality, flexibility, digitalization and automation of smart grids make a new interconnected map possible that responds to the needs of energy users and producers. Smart grids also ensure the incorporation of more renewables and are positioned as a vital cornerstone of the energy transition. Furthermore, to apply energy efficiency solutions, whether it is for residential, commercial or industrial use, enable a more sustainable use of energy.

Along the 21st century, the data centers industry has grown exponentially as a core component of the digital economy and will continue to grow over time as cloud computing expands.

Today, data centers represent a growing source of power demand accounting for 200 terawatt hours (TWh) a year – around 1% of total global electricity demand. In some locations such as Ireland, where there is a huge density of data centers, this ratio could account for up to 14% of the electricity consumption.

Cooling at a data center converts energy used by servers and transfers it to an air or liquid stream that transports the heat out of the building, which is eventually discharged to the atmosphere. Two challenges come with trying to use this hot air: the low grade, i.e. low temperature of the waste heat, and the difficulty and cost in transporting the heat to an end user, i.e. through a district heating system. Worldwide despite 10,000+ or more large data centers being operated, fewer than 100 are participating in heat reuse.

2. Description of the challenge

In this context, Iberdrola in collaboration with Schneider Electric and Microsoft, through PERSEO – Iberdrola's International Startups Programme – is launching this challenge looking for innovative solutions boosting energy efficiency at data centers, allowing facility sites to improve their power usage effectiveness.

Those energy efficiency solutions might focus on areas such as:

- Subchallenge A: Heat & water recovery – Reusage of the heat generated by data centres (hot air stream at 32-40 Celsius degrees) for residential or commercial purposes or industrial processes.
- Subchallenge B: Smart Building – Smart cooperation between different energy management systems (e.g.: thermal & electrical).
- Subchallenge C: Demand-side response capability – even for the provision of flexibility and balancing services to grid operators.

The proposals received will be analyzed by expert from Iberdrola, Schneider Electric and Microsoft's experts teams and, among others, the following value propositions will be considered:

- The maturity, reliability and scalability of the solution
- Simplicity of installation
- Economic impact for data centers managers (cost vs revenue)
- Power usage effectiveness improvement, likely positive
- Energy Reuse Effectiveness, or ERE, a measure of heat reuse success
- Applicability of the solution for this and other industries

Proposals should specify what equipment and connections are needed to implement their solutions.

In order to understand the context of subchallenge A about heat recovery, the participants might take the following references into consideration:

- White Paper: Utilization of Waste Heat in the Data Center
- How to Reuse Waste Heat from Data Centers Intelligently
- Future views on waste heat utilization – Case of data centers in Northern Europe

3. Participants

Candidates taking part in this Challenge (the “**Participant/s**”) may be individuals or entities.

In either case, the Participants and/or team members must be at least 18 years old, be of legal age and have full legal capacity in the jurisdiction where they live.

If you take part in the Challenge through a team or a legal entity, the proposal must be presented by a representative who will be the only valid interlocutor during the Challenge and they will be empowered to represent the team and will be liable vis-à-vis the team or legal entity.

4. Overview

The Participant will submit the information to <https://connect.startus.cc/iberdrola-startup-challenge-boosting-energy-efficiency-at-data-centers> in relation to the Challenge described in section 2 (collectively referred to as the “**Proposal**”).

Each Participant may submit one or more Proposals.

Participation in this Challenge does not give any protection regarding intellectual property rights against third parties. We recommend that Participants take steps to protect their intellectual property rights before submitting their Proposal.

By submitting the Proposal, the Participant agrees to this regulation and declares, under their own responsibility, that they are the owner of or have rights to use any intellectual property rights relating to the proposal and there are no conflicts of interest.

Perseo and/or the relevant Iberdrola group company reserve the right to reject any Proposals that do not comply with this regulation.

5. Prize

The prize will consist of us signing a collaboration and proof of concept agreement with Perseo and/or with any other relevant Iberdrola group company.

Perseo and/or the relevant company will:

- i. assume the costs of the collaboration and the proof of concept;
- ii. provide the winner with the necessary technical support to test the solution proposed, giving access to equipment, appliances, infrastructure, high technology sites and joint work areas; and
- iii. provide the winner with a real environment and real data to test the solution.

If the assay or proof of concept is satisfactory, Perseo and/or the relevant company, directly or indirectly through another Iberdrola group company, may offer the Participant the opportunity to scale up the solution by means of commercial agreements.

Perseo may consider investing in the Participant and/or Challenge winner.

Winning the Challenge gives no rights other than the prize described.

Perseo may choose the winner according to its own criteria and may declare the competition void if none of the proposals fulfils its expectations.

6. Statements and guarantees:

By taking part in the Challenge, the Participant manifests and guarantees that:

1. The information contained in the Proposal presented is correct, reliable and complete.
2. The Participant holds all rights, including but not limited to all intellectual property rights and has obtained each and every consent, approval and licence necessary to present the Proposal and take part in the Challenge. No third party rights are infringed.
3. Perseo and/or the relevant Iberdrola group company do not need to verify the authenticity of the ownership of the rights over the Proposal and the exclusive responsibility for any problems arising from claims from any third parties that may arise rests with the Participants.
4. The Participant has not violated any laws to participate in the Challenge.
5. The Participant releases and exempts Iberdrola and/or the relevant Iberdrola group company and its subsidiaries, affiliates, employees and agents, from all responsibility for any injury, loss or damage of any kind derived from or related to the Proposal and the Participation in the Challenge.
6. The Participant has been notified of the zero tolerance to corruption by Iberdrola and complies and will comply with principles equivalent to those assumed by Iberdrola in its Code of Ethics, which is available at <https://www.iberdrola.com/corporate-governance/corporate-governance-system/purpose-values-code-ethics>.

7. Applications

Proposals will be submitted via <https://connect.startus.cc/iberdrola-startup-challenge-boosting-energy-efficiency-at-data-centers> and must be written in Spanish or English.

Each Proposal must include:

1) General information:

- Participant data. If the participant is a team or a legal entity, the representative submitting the application must identify themselves as such and will include a certificate of their power of attorney to represent the team or legal entity.
- Link to the website (optional).
- Address (city, country).
- Contact information (contact person, job title, email, telephone number).

2) Description of the Proposal:

- Description of the solution in 50 characters.
- Presentation of the company/organisation.
- Demo or video link (optional).
- Maturity of the solution (R&D, proof of concept, entire commercial proposal).
- Preliminary investment and improvements in times and CAPEX
- Description of required construction activities (see above chapter 2: “Description of the Challenge”)
- Contractual agreements.
- Reference numbers.

3) A list of all the intellectual property rights owned by the Participant, granted to the Participant under licence and/or created by or on behalf of the Participant and included in the Proposal.

8. Schedule

Proposals must be submitted between **09/05/2022 at 00:00 GMT** and **12/06/2022 at 00:00 GMT**. All Participants will receive confirmation that their Proposals have been received. Any proposals received after this period will be rejected.

Proposals will be evaluated internally by Perseo and/or by employees of the relevant Iberdrola group company.

Perseo and/or the relevant Iberdrola group company may contact Participants at any time to request such additional information as they consider necessary.

Participants should send their questions and suggestions by email to: IberdrolaChallenge@iberdrola.es.

The evaluation process will end by **June 2022**, when Perseo will notify the winner.

Perseo will declare the competition void if none of the Proposals meet Iberdrola’s expectations.

After notifying the winner, Perseo and/or the relevant Iberdrola group company will publish the name and details of the winner, with a description of the winning Proposal and the reasons that it has been chosen, on the Iberdrola website and on Iberdrola group social networks.

9. Changes to the Regulation

Perseo may amend this regulation at any time and at its own discretion. This includes changes to the deadlines established, modifications to events, locations and specifications of the Challenge. Perseo will publish/notify participants of any changes to this regulation on the

www.iberdrola.com/innovation/international-startup-program-perseo/energy-efficiency-at-data-centers website.

10. Cancellation, modification or suspension of the Challenge in case of irregularities

Perseo reserves the right to cancel, modify or suspend participation by unfair participants and/or the Challenge as a whole if it considers that a participant has cheated or has introduced a virus, worm, internet bot, etc., or if a catastrophic event occurs, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that cannot reasonably be controlled or anticipated (also called force majeure) which may affect the impartiality and/or integrity of this Challenge.

Perseo and/or the Iberdrola group company may disqualify or prohibit participation of any unfair participant in any future competition.

11. Data protection

Inversiones Financieras Perseo, S.L., with registered address at Plaza Euskadi 5, Bilbao 48009, Spain, hereby informs that the personal data of the Participant included when registering the Proposal will be processed by Perseo as the data controller for the purpose of operating this Challenge.

The legal basis for processing the Participant's data is the Participant's consent, granted when the Participant registers for the Challenge and accepts this Regulation. The Participant has the right to withdraw the consent given at any time without this affecting the legality of the data processing by virtue of the consent granted by the Participant before it was withdrawn.

If, as a result of the participation by the Participant in the Challenge, the Participant provides personal data belonging to third parties, before submitting this personal data, the Participant must inform those third parties that their personal data will be processed in accordance with the aforementioned documentation.

The Participant's personal data will not be communicated to any third parties. This notwithstanding, the personal data will be made available to service providers in connection with the management of the platform <https://connect.startus.cc/iberdrola-startup-challenge-boosting-energy-efficiency-at-data-centers>.

The personal data provided by the Participant will be stored for as long as needed to comply with the Challenge, as detailed above. Also:

- If the Proposal is not selected, the personal data will be deleted.
- If the Proposal is selected, the personal data processed by Inversiones Financieras Perseo, S.L. will be governed by the corresponding agreement.

However, the personal data provided may be kept, duly blocked, for the time required by law and the applicable regulations.

Perseo has implemented the necessary technical and organisational measures to protect Participants' data from accidental loss or unauthorised alteration, access, use or disclosure, and has also established procedures to react to any security incident that could affect Participants' data.

The Participant has the right to access their personal data being processed, as well as the right to request the rectification of incorrect data, or, where appropriate, request the deletion of their data when no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were obtained, and also has the right to object to or limit the processing of their data. Participants may also withdraw their consent at any time.

Participants may also exercise their rights, free of charge, by writing to the data protection officer at perseo@iberdrola.es.

If the Participant is not satisfied after exercising their rights, they may submit a complaint to the Spanish Data Protection Agency.

12. Costs and taxes

Participants will assume any costs and taxes related to their participation in the Challenge and to their receipt of the prize, if applicable. It is recommended that Participants check the costs, charges and taxes applicable in the laws of the jurisdiction in which they reside or in which they are obliged to pay taxes.

13. Limitation of liability

Perseo or the relevant Iberdrola group company are not liable for problems related to computers, networks or any other problems that could cause the delay, loss or damage of any participation.

14. Translation of this Regulation

This Regulation has been drafted in English, Spanish and Portuguese. In case of any discrepancies between the original and the translation, the Spanish version will prevail.

15. Applicable law and jurisdiction

This Challenge and its regulations are governed by Spanish law. The courts of Madrid, Spain will have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes.