WHAT IS CIEL?

CIEL is an interdisciplinary contest that aims to bring together students from all over the planet and from different backgrounds to cooperate on a common issue to solve. CIEL offers a growing experience to the students especially in terms of teamwork and also brings innovative ideas to the problem discussed.

CONCEPT & ORGANISATION

CIEL will take place at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and Université de Lausanne (Unil). This contest is organized by the association CIEL: its committee Clémence Thimonier, François Xavier del Valle and Thaïs Lindemann, all currently EPFL students, and all the 30 members of the association, both from Unil and EPFL.

The format is a 24-hour competition during which 6 teams of students will create a concept based on the given research topic. Each team will include 1 student from each school, ensuring that all teams have an equivalent skillset. The team compositions will be selected through random draw on Friday, May 3rd.

The teams will work together for approximately 24 consecutive hours, during which teambuilding activities and coaching by mentors and experts will help them to get to know each other and best develop their ideas. They will be allowed to use any software, book or other kind of equipment that they want, and should therefore bring any tool they think they might need. Each participant will be free to sleep at any time, a room will be specifically dedicated to resting and relaxing.

On Saturday, May 4th, each team will have 10 minutes to pitch their concept to an international and interdisciplinary jury. The winning team will be announced on the same day after the pitching session.

Due to its international nature, the official language of the contest is English. The pitch presentations and all associated communication media should therefore be in English.
THEME OF THE 2019 EDITION

The themes of CIEL’s contests will always be linked to current challenges that the world is facing. Taking one problem needing solving and narrowing it down to a subject that students can reflect on during an intense 24-hour brainstorm. This edition will put the light on the Olympic Village. The teams will have to imagine Tomorrow’s Sustainable Olympic Village.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The criteria with which the teams will be judged are the following:

Research and anticipation: The students understand the needs of the population and target areas are likely to evolve
- Relevance of research
- Quality of research
- Diversity of research

Solidity of reasoning: The students are able to explain and defend their choices
- Understanding and usage of the cause
- Coherence of reasoning
- Respect of the presentation material

Feasibility: The project is realistic and viable
- Financial feasibility
- Legal feasibility
- Operational feasibility

Teamwork: Each discipline represented within the group has served its purpose.

Jury members:
The deliberation will be discussed between seven jury members, amongst eight named hereunder, without alternates. The final decision will be taken by the Jury president.

1 - IOC member
2 - Olympic athlete
3 - Paralympic athlete
4 - EPFL Teacher
5 - Paris2024 member
6 - An architect or an urbanist
7 - One expert from technology, science, sociology of sport

Last but not least, an “Audience Award” will be given after a public vote.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Each team have to bear their own traveling costs to Lausanne. A grant may be awarded to whom might need it, in order to avoid that those costs do not hinder participation. Once arrived in Lausanne, all the costs of the stay are covered by CIEL.
FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

1:00PM - 3:30PM
KICK OFF & TALKS (PUBLIC) + TEAM COMPOSITION
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

3:45PM - 5:00PM
GOURMET COFFEE (PUBLIC) + TEAMWORK COACHING
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

5:00PM
STOPWATCH START
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

7:00PM
DINNER & WORKING NIGHT
INTERNEF, UNIL

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

8:00AM - 8:45AM
YOGA
DORIGNY UNIVERSITARIAN SPORT CENTER

9:00AM
BREAKFAST
INTERNEF, UNIL

12:15AM
LUNCH
INTERNEF, UNIL

1:00PM - 4:00PM
WORKSHOP FOR THE ACCOMPANYING STAFF MEMBERS
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

5:00PM
STOPWATCH END

5:45PM - 7:45PM
PITCHING SESSION
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

7:45PM - 8:15PM
JURY DELIBERATION
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

8:30PM
AWARDS & COCKTAIL
FORUM ROLEX, ROLEX LEARNING CENTER

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

11:30AM
BRUNCH
TO BE DEFINED

2:00PM-4:00PM
VISIT OF OLYMPIC MUSEUM
OLYMPIC MUSEUM, LAUSANNE

*small changes may be made
PARTICIPANTS

8 schools will be selected among the 20 invited ones according to three criterias:
› Speed of response
› Whether transportation is assured by the school or not
› Assuring interdisciplinarity within each team during the contest

6 students from each participating school must register to the Challenge. The students must be at least 18 years old and enrolled as a student at the time of the Contest in the same department. Alumni cannot take part in the competition. The communication and selection processes are organized at the discretion of the schools. The following information must be communicated to the organizers by mail at ciel@epfl.ch by the registration deadline of January 30th, 11:00pm GMT: each student’s ID card / passport copy and official certification of schooling.

Each school also designates 1 accompanying staff member (professor, lecturer, researcher, or any person of justified position to the matter) who will act as chaperone for its students during their travel and stay, as a mentor during the Contest.

DRESS CODE

The dress code of the Contest (including the opening and award ceremonies) is casual/business. In other words: sweaters, jeans and sneakers are fine, but ripped jeans, shorts, tracksuits and flip flops are forbidden.

PICTURES AND VIDEO FOOTAGE

The participants of the CIEL challenge accept with their participation, that pictures and video footage of them can be taken, used and published.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Any intellectual property created by the CIEL participants, anytime between their selection as participant and the completion of CIEL 2019, is solely and completely owned by all participants in the team with equal ownership rights among all of them. After the competition, the organizers will gather all the work produced to be published and exposed in an exhibition. The intellectual property rights will then be automatically yielded and transferred to CIEL’s committee who will always mention the author’s name while using one’s work. Any other use of the work produced besides the ones indicated above shall need the authors’ written statements expressing their agreement. Upon selection, CIEL participants automatically opt in into such an agreement.

DISCIPLINARY

Participants of the CIEL challenge must conduct themselves properly during the challenge. Any actions which could have a negative effect on the global operation of the challenge and on its organizers is forbidden. Campaigning (including political campaigning) during the challenge is not allowed. Any improper behavior or violation
of the terms of participation can result in the exclusion and disqualification of the participant.

LIABILITY

The CIEL committee is not liable for the theft or any damage of property occurring during the participation of the challenge. Any liability of the CIEL organizers for damages or personal injury, which is not caused by unlawful intent or gross negligence, during the participation at the CIEL challenge shall be excluded.

PARTIAL NULLITY

Should individual provisions of this contract be ineffective or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the unaffected parts of the contract. The invalid or unenforceable provision shall be replaced by a provision which comes closest to the purpose of the ineffective or unenforceable provision. The same applies in the event that parties retrospectively recognize a gap in the agreements reached.

JURISDICTION

In case of any disputes, the two parties shall come together and try with good faith to resolve the disputes out of court. If the parties do not come to an agreement, the ordinary courts in Lausanne have exclusive jurisdiction.

This contract is subject to Swiss law, excluding the norms of international private law. The place of jurisdiction shall be Lausanne.