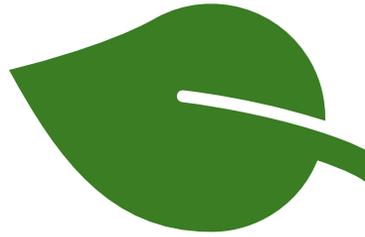




**URBAN**  
**FARM**  
**2026**

# The Challenge



Urban Farm **is an interdisciplinary student challenge** where groups of students collaborate to develop a requalification project for an urban area.

Launched in 2019, the challenge is now in its eighth edition.

The **proposed project must be economically, environmentally and socially sustainable.**

The more comprehensive and well-rounded the project, the greater the chances of winning the challenge!



## The Award

The winning team will receive the “**Young Mind Award**” from the **International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS)**.

This award includes a complementary 1-year membership to the ISHS for each team member.

# Past editions

We reached a total of about 750 students since 2019



17 countries

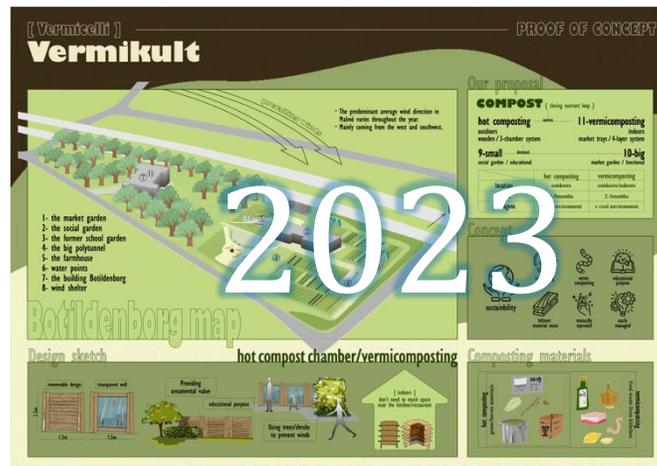


13 countries



15 countries

The students worked on 15 abandoned areas in 9 municipalities



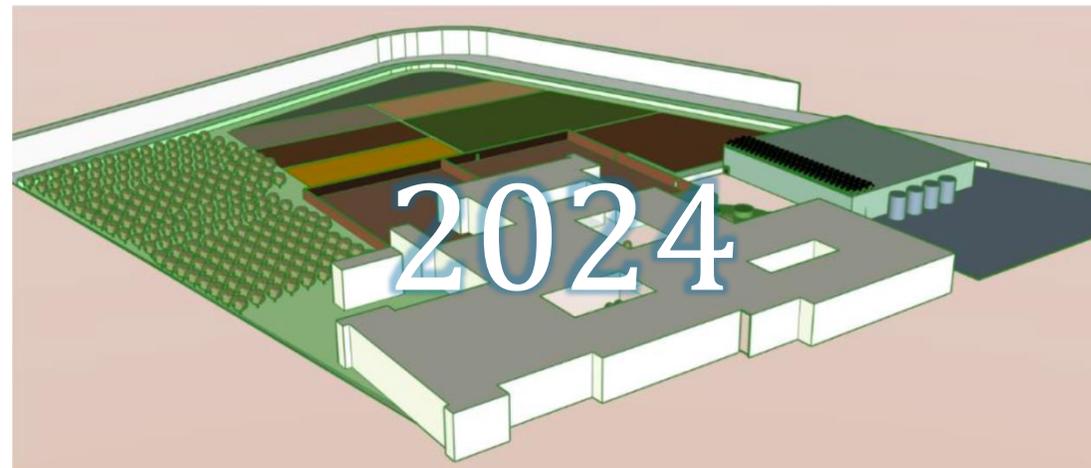
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14 countries



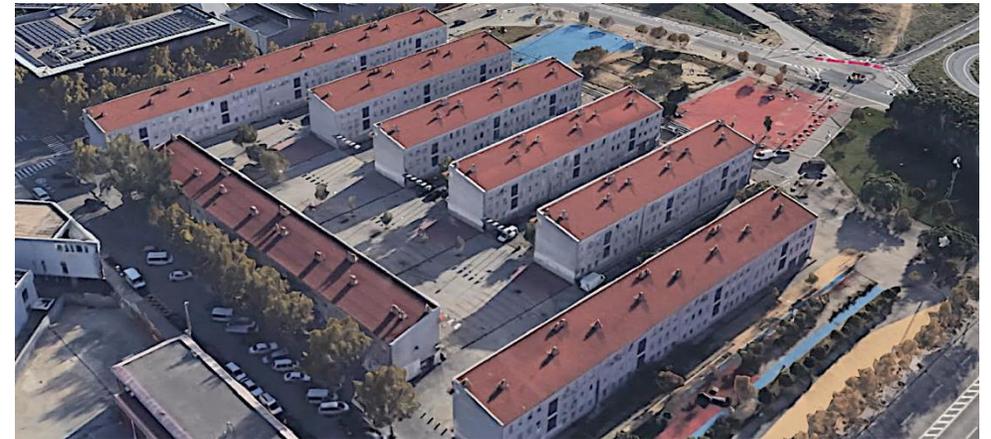
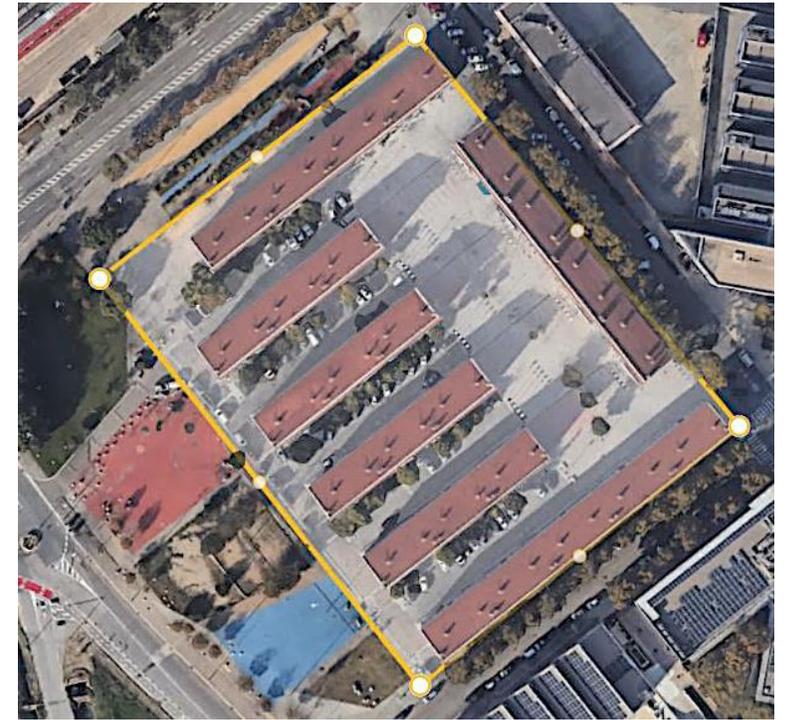
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25 countries

# The Location

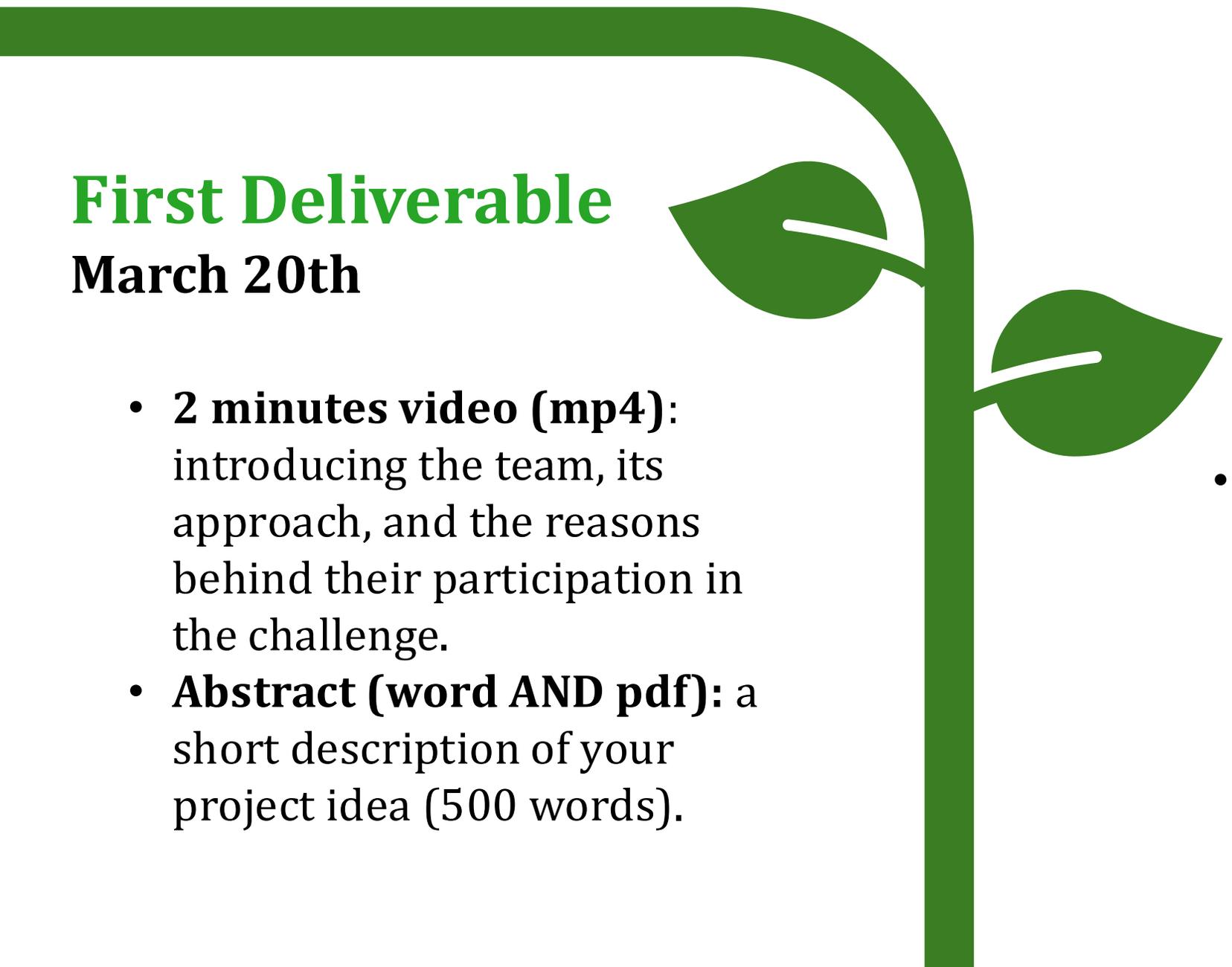
- Located inside the neighbourhood of Sant Cosme we find the 7<sup>th</sup> phase social housing.
- 7 housing blocs, housing 700 residents.
- 16000 m<sup>2</sup> area with parking and open space.
- Currently, struggling with access to fresh and healthy food, lack of local businesses.
- Great cultural identity but safety is an issue.



# Objectives



- Space **requalification**
- Activate the area
- An **economically viable** solution
- Increase job creation for locals
- **Enhance the safety** of the area
- Provide new services to improve the **food system** and value chain
- Increase **social integration and collaboration**.
- Promote food **production, recycling, composting**
- Design a sustainable market space and/or space for diverse activities
- Avoid reducing any natural areas and if possible, increase access and interest to green spaces for different age groups.
- Foster interactions with existing stakeholders and initiatives in the area.



## First Deliverable

**March 20th**

- **2 minutes video (mp4):** introducing the team, its approach, and the reasons behind their participation in the challenge.
- **Abstract (word AND pdf):** a short description of your project idea (500 words).

## Pitch presentation

**March 24th**

- Each group will have a 10 minutes slot:
  - 3-minute: presentation (powerpoint).
  - 7 minutes: questions and feedback from the jury.

# Final proposal

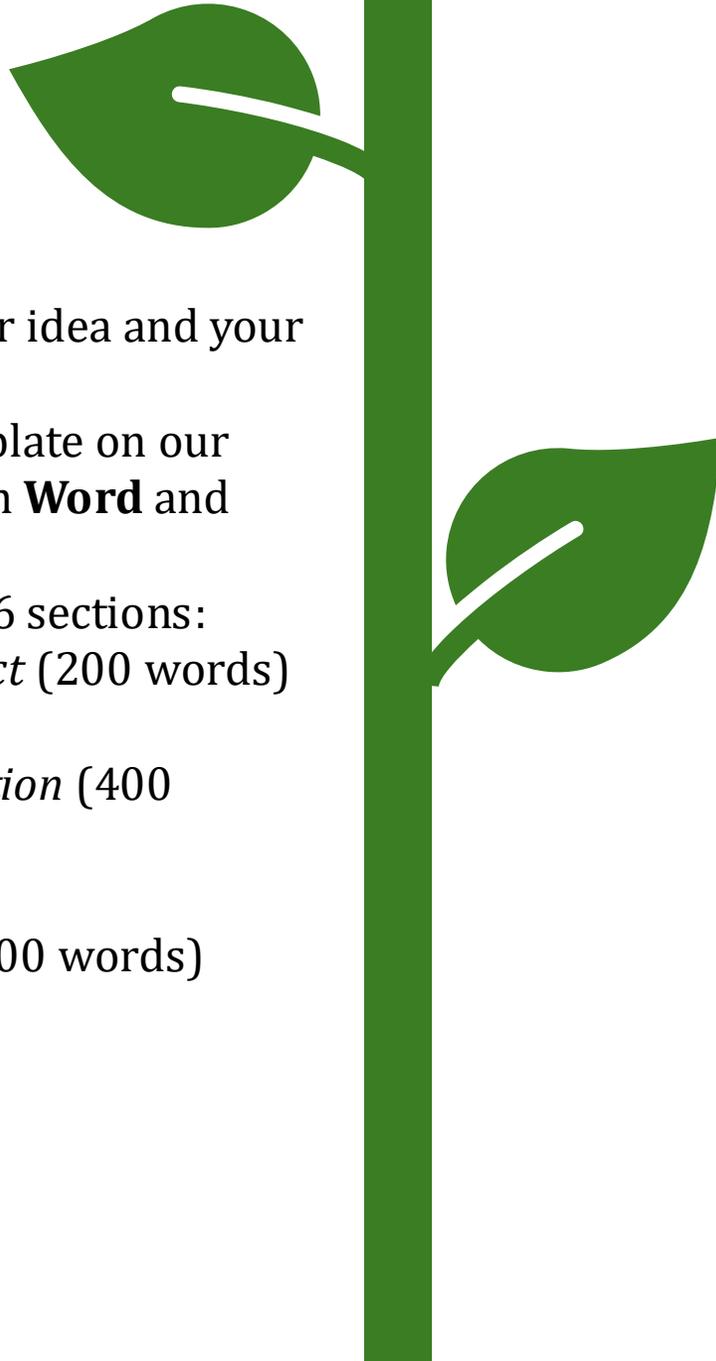
## April 27th

- **4-minute video (mp4):** describe your idea and your project.
- **Final project proposal:** find the template on our website, the document must be sent in **Word** and **PDF** format.
- The final project will be composed of 6 sections:
  1. *General introduction of the project* (200 words)
  2. *Agricultural section* (600 words)
  3. *Environmental sustainability section* (400 words)
  4. *Economic section* (400 words)
  5. *Social and educational section* (400 words)
  6. *Annexes* (max 5 pages)

## Video online voting

### From 27 April to 15 May

- The final videos will be upload on YouTube.
- The general audience will vote for their favorite video on the [UrbanFarm website](#).
- The video with the most votes will earn 5 extra points.





**Grand Finale**

**in Barcelona**

**May 21**



# For any other information check here:

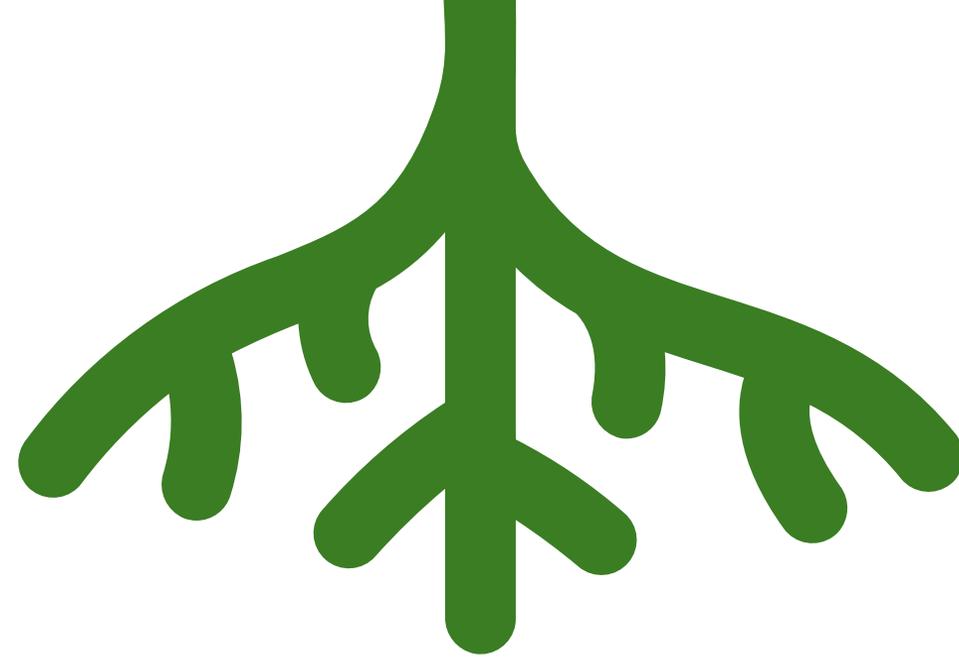


## Do you need help?

Contact us at:

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- On our [website](#) - find the guidebook with all the information that you need!
- Check also our [YouTube channel](#) for more inspiration for your videos!



**Any questions?**

