Donostia / San Sebastian 2016 European Capital of Culture represents an enormous opportunity to turn the focus on culture and dialogue as the roads towards improved coexistence.

The San Sebastian 2016 programme is designed to leave a specific legacy for the future: a local community with greater freedom, humanism and respect towards human rights, a more participatory society that learns to solve its conflicts through culture and the arts. San Sebastian aims to become a benchmark in the sphere of creative processes and culture.

Inside the programme, we are organizing Codefest: Coding for Language Communities (http://codefest.dss2016.eu/en/dss2016eu/voices/codefest) event, that will take place from 4th to 8th of July 2016 in Donostia / San Sebastián.

*Codefest* summer-lab, based on "CIDLeS Summer School 2014: Coding for Language Communities" (http://www.cidles.eu/summer-school-coding-for-language-communities-2014/), aims to revitalise resource scarce languages by providing them with effective tools for electronic communication and by teaching their communities how to use them.
This one-week long hands-on course will give participants the opportunity to become acquainted with the latest language-based technologies and to develop different apps based on them. Partakers will work in a multidisciplinary coding bee that will team up linguists, software-engineers and students.

**Codefest** will take place from Monday to Friday in TABAKALERA, the International Centre for Contemporary Culture (http://www.tabakalera.eu/en), and will conclude over the weekend with an international Wikipedia *edit-a-thon* focused on minority languages.

**Aims**

- Providing resource-scarce languages with effective everyday tools for electronic communication.
- Bringing small languages to the fore as part of the European linguistic scenery.
- Promoting communal work.
- Connecting international agents.
- Promoting open source-based language technologies and resources.

**Projects and talks**

The summer school will focus on the practical implementation of projects. Therefore, a large part of the summer school will be reserved for working in teams together with the mentors, experienced software developers, linguists and so on. On the first day we will create the teams and each team will discuss a project to implement during the week together with its mentor. These are some of the proposals that will be developed as part of the *Codefest* project. *Codefest* is not a closed project —if you have an idea to be developed, send it to us: http://dss2016.eu/en/dss2016eu/voices/codefest/project-proposals-codefest

Each day will consist of one short main talk in the morning and practical teamwork during all the day. For the evening some social activities will be planned. Detailed information will be published soon on our website.

**Registration and Important Dates**

Registration to attend *Codefest* is now open. You can register online and you will receive information about the payment procedure. If you are staying in Donostia / San Sebastian we will also collect information to arrange your accommodation.

Early registration (early): May 10, 2015 at 11:59pm PDT
2nd Registration (if empty places): June 18

Registration details (Duration cost includes)

- Basic: 5 day participation in the summerlab, official dinner, t-shirt, printed programme with welcome bag. 40€.
- Full: 5 day accommodation (6 nights), in a double room, participation in the summerlab, official dinner, t-shirt, printed programme with welcome bag 260€.
- Full + Wikipedia edit a thon: 7 day accommodation (8 nights) in a double room, participation in the summerlab, official dinner, t-shirt, printed programme with welcome bag and participation in the Wikipedia edit a thon. 260€.

Scholarship

The Codefest scholarship is used to support students, minority language speakers and highly motivated people to participate in the two-week summer school.

Scholarship application deadline is May 10, 2016, at 11:59pm PDT. This is a very firm deadline, and applications submitted prior to this date will be much appreciated.

The scholarship is in amount of 220€ per person, which covers mandatory registration and housing costs for the full duration of the summerlab.

Please, if you are interested in a scholarship, include a short (less than one page) statement of interest. The statement might describe your personal interests in one or some of the proposed projects, new proposals, etc.

How to get there


More information

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