



**STARTUP
ALBANIA**

JUNCTION TIRANA

2026

Hack it Smart, Make it Last

Participants:

600–1,000

Age:

18–35 years

Duration:

48 hours



JUNE
19-21

TIME
10³⁰

LOCATION
**PYRAMID OF TIRANA,
INNOVATION HUB**

Junction Hackathon

Junction is one of the largest global hackathons based in Finland, and now in its fourth year in Albania. It connects young people from the region and beyond with innovation, emerging technologies, and an international network of leading companies and startups shaping the digital future.

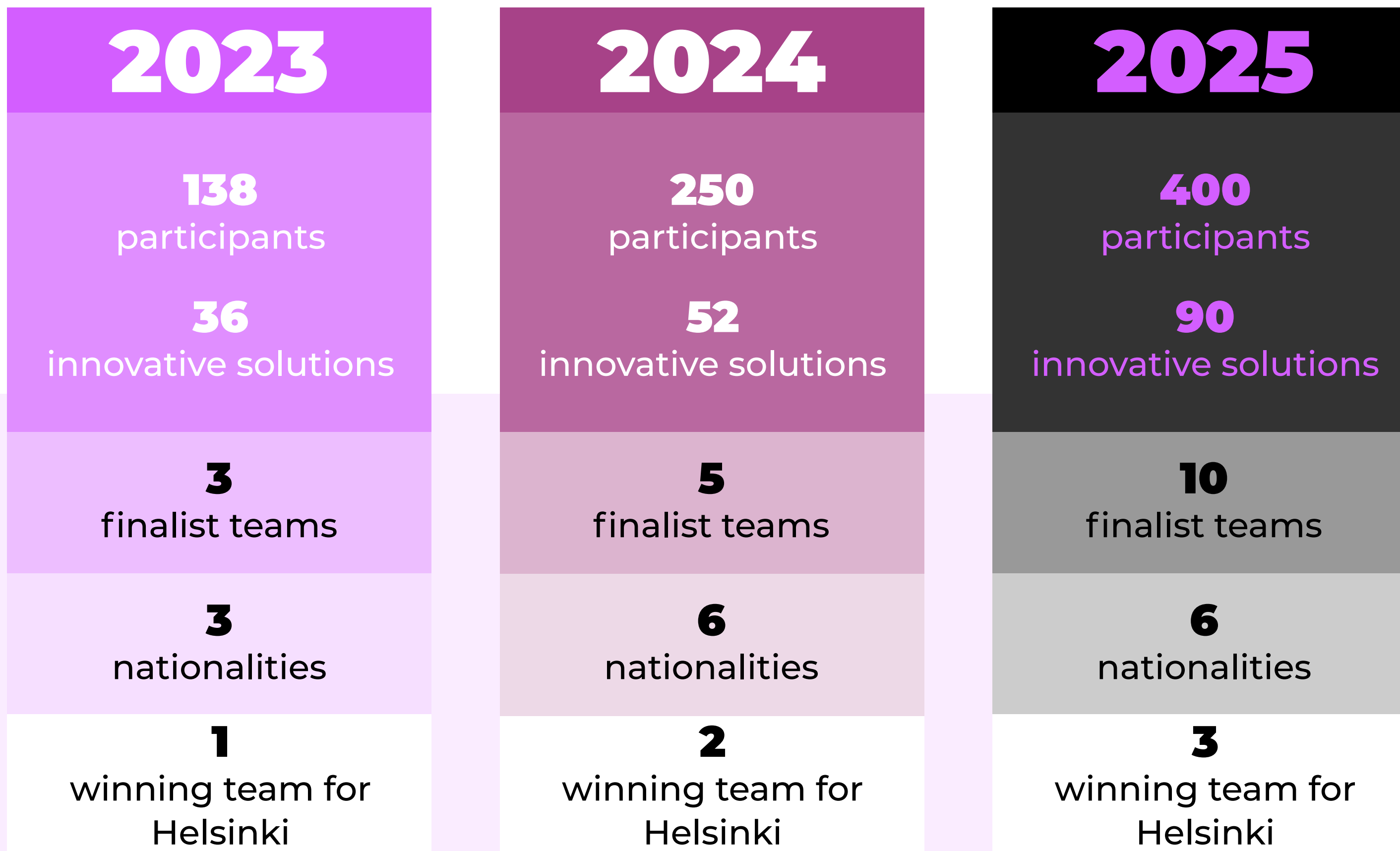
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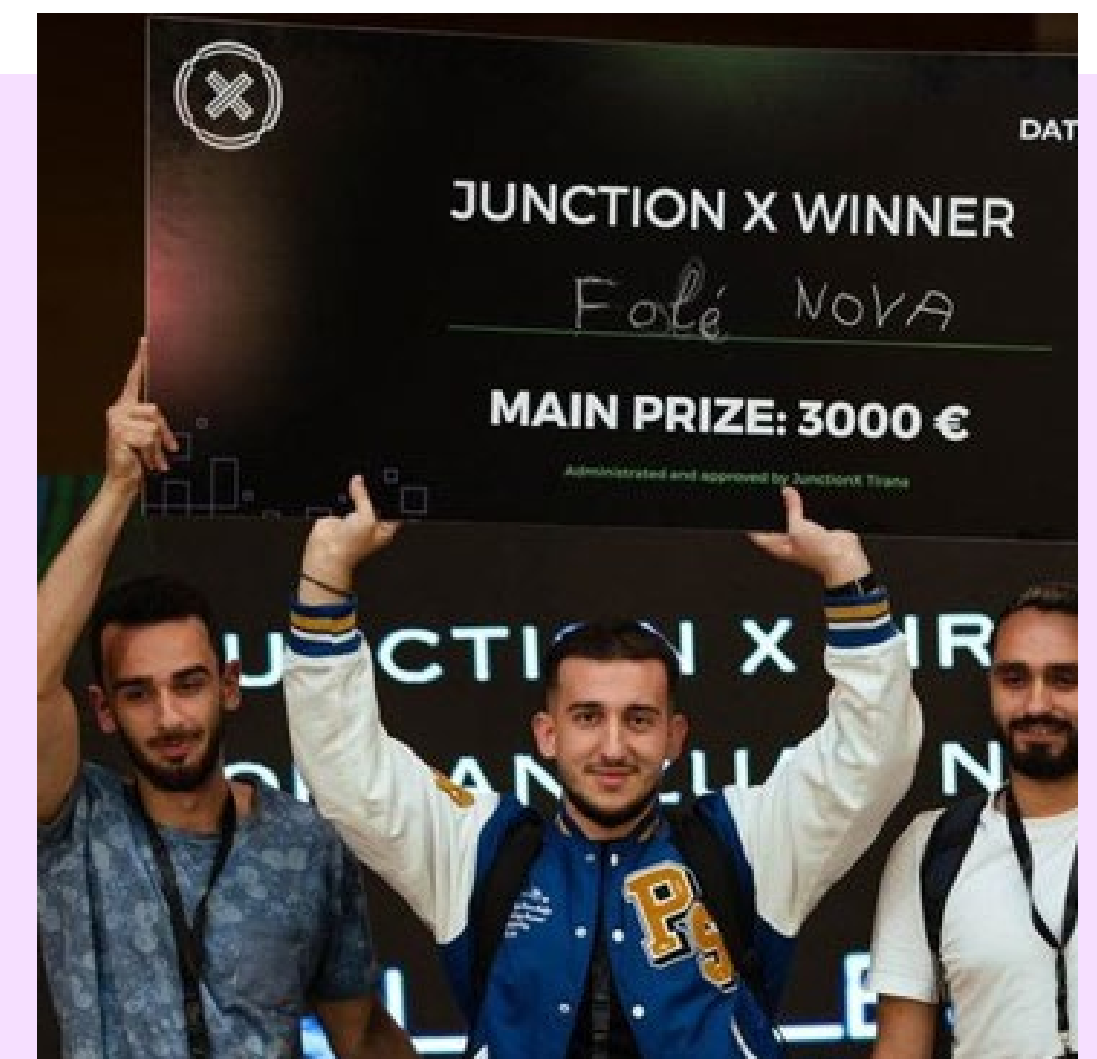
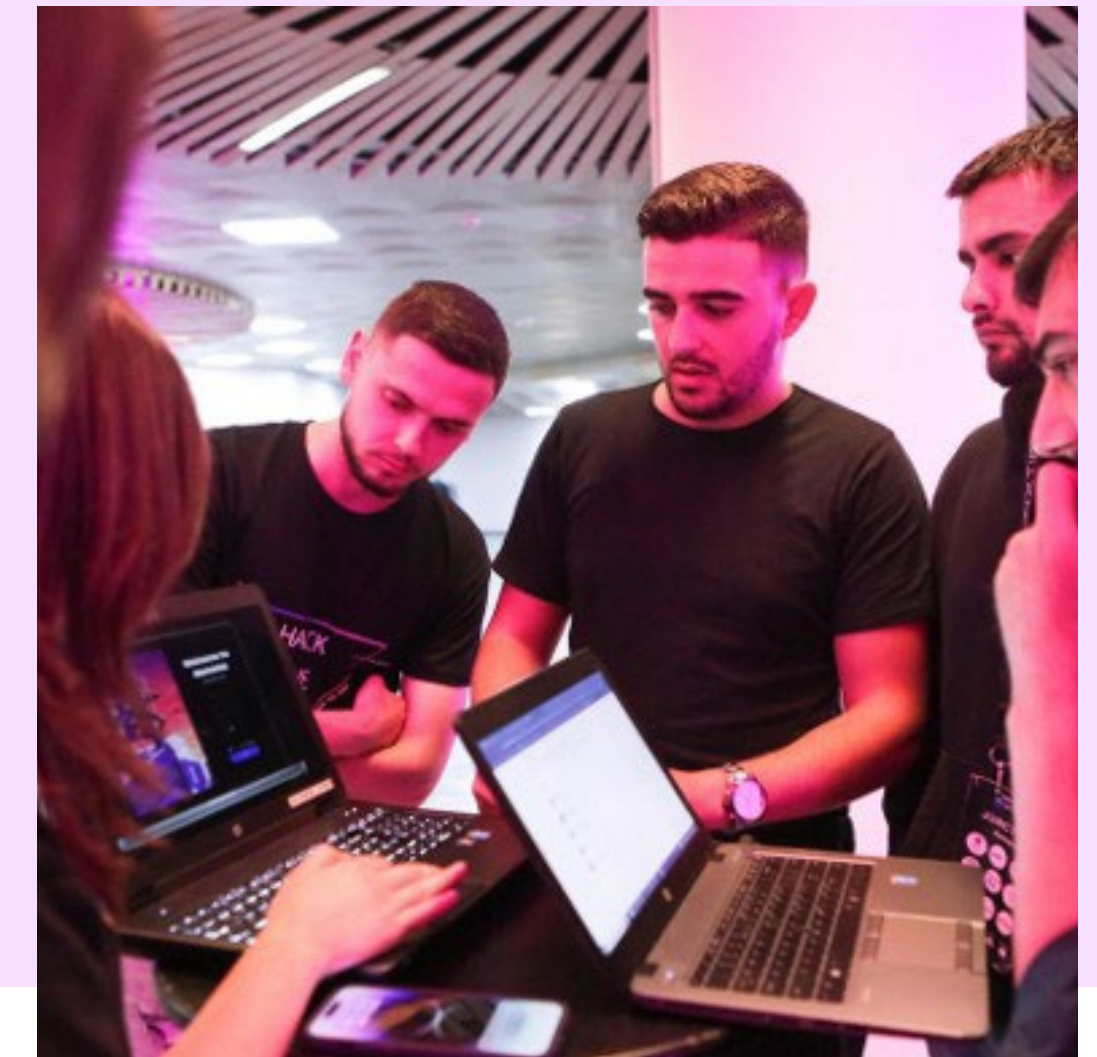
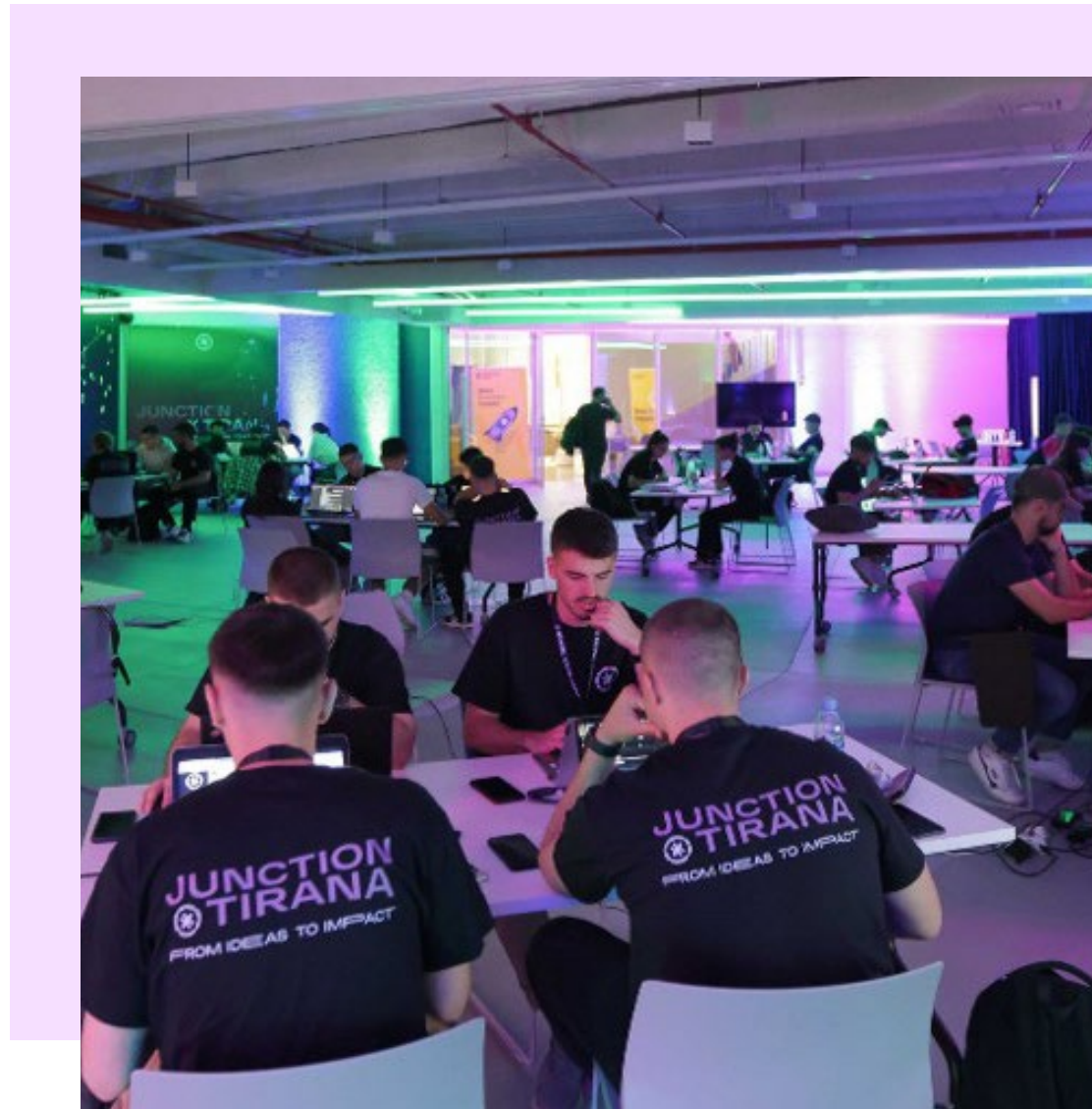
1. Empowering youth through innovation and technology.
2. Positioning Albania in the global tech ecosystem.
3. Connecting companies with talent and innovation.
4. Turning ideas into scalable real-world solutions.
5. Strengthening collaboration across the innovation ecosystem.



Junction Growth Overview

Applications increased from **513** in 2023 to **600** in 2025





Expectations for 2026



- 1 Growing participant numbers
- 2 Stronger international presence
- 3 More innovative projects
- 4 Expanded talent network
- 5 Higher partner visibility

Benefits

Participants

- Prize pool:

€5,000 – 1st

€3,000 – 2nd

€2,000 – 3rd

- Job & recruitment opportunities
- 3 Golden Tickets to Junction Finland
- Access to global tech ecosystem
- International exposure in a global event

Partners

- High visibility across the ecosystem
- Networking with regional & global companies
- Access to top talent & hackathon projects

Our Partners Over the Years



swiss
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program

