

TECHFEST MUNICH 2017 – A total success

- 330 delighted participants from 26 countries
- 72 hours of hacking, prototyping, workshops and partying
- 69 new ideas for the world we want to live in
- Three winning teams: A smart toilet, a headband with a 3D camera to help blind people get their bearings, and a system that turns everyday objects into joysticks

Garching/Munich, 11.09.2017. This year's TECHFEST MUNICH ended with the final TECHSLAM on Sunday. 330 hackers, techies, designers and artists from all over the world took just 72 hours to develop over 60 ideas for new products and services. State-of-the-art technologies plus the machines in the high-tech workshop Makerspace produced not only codes but real, tangible products.

A pair of augmented-reality welding goggles, a digital milkmaid that indicates when the milk is spoiled, a smart cooler for an uninterrupted cold chain when transporting food or an augmented-reality application which teaches electronic basics to children – The creative teams at the TECHFEST came up with a total of 69 ideas and projects. From all the projects submitted, the jury chose the three winning teams:

The first prize went to 'Winnie Loo': The team developed a sensor for toilets that automatically analyzes the urine values and provides suitable tips on nutrition and health.

The second prize went to SPAN (Spacial Navigation for Everyone): The team created a headband with an integrated 3D camera and haptic sensors that enables blind people to get their bearings.

The third prize was won by the team Freddie 'n' Friends: they developed a detachable orientation sensor that transforms everyday objects into game controllers.

The latest technologies, interdisciplinary teams - plus loads of creativity

In MakerSpace, the 1,500-sq m high-tech workshop at UnternehmerTUM, the participants were able to build their first prototypes. In the Hardware Library they were given the latest tech gadgets such as drones, arduinos and hololenses.

And on top of the MakerSpace and the Hardware Library, the participants were also really delighted at the chance to work together in interdisciplinary teams:

Yunyun Sun, founder from London: "I'm super happy to be here. I work here in a team with experts from lots of different areas – from biologists and hackers to database engineers and chemists. We develop things here that probably wouldn't ever be possible without all these people here."

André, Full Stack Developer from Munich: "I think the Makerspace is fantastic because it gives people the chance to use tools like these that they'd never normally be able to use. It's a place they can let off steam, experiment, and also make mistakes now and then too!

For the partners as well, TECHFEST MUNICH 2017 was a total success:

Dr. Norbert Linder, head of innovation management at OSRAM: "The TECHFEST has shown once again that creative and inspiring solutions and ideas can be achieved in just 72 hours when hackers, makers, developers and designers all work as a team. This is where new networks get created, and we high-tech companies regard that as a great source of innovation."

"Air Liquide only exists because two people with a knack for inventing things spent two years consistently pursuing their idea for liquefying air - by tinkering away in a Paris garage. There's a great mood and a creative atmosphere at the TECHFEST MUNICH, and we met a lot of fantastic people with precisely that same spirit of invention who have developed great approaches to current challenges," said Johannes Parzonka from the organization team of Air Liquide, the world leader in industrial gases.

Dr. Helmut Schönenberger, managing director of UnternehmerTUM, said: "I'm just absolutely delighted by the high-energy atmosphere of the TECHFEST, and by all the promising ideas that have emerged over the past three days. We look forward to continuing with the teams."

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XPRENEURS, UnternehmerTUM's 3-month full time incubation program, supports exceptional start-up teams turn technology driven business ideas into scalable companies. The accelerator programme

TechFounders coaches technology startups over a period of 20 weeks up to an initial venture round, and paves the way for joint ventures with established companies.

For industry partners, UnternehmerTUM is a unique platform for cooperation with new companies, and for expansion of their innovative strength and culture.

Covering 1500 square metres, 'MakerSpace', Europe's largest publicly accessible high-tech workshop, enables companies, startups and creatives to produce prototypes and small batches using state-of-the-art machines such as large 3D printers.

UnternehmerTUM was founded in 2002 by the entrepreneur Susanne Klatten. With more than 50 high-growth technology start-ups each year and its unique offering, it is the leading center for business creation in Germany.

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