FTP Lightning Talk Challenge

**Focus:** Presentation skills, public speaking skills

The Lightning Talk Challenge is a programme for young professionals to present their ideas on stage as part of the TNC Lightning Talk programme. Nominated by GÉANT project partners, participants undergo series of training to help them master presentation skills and increase the chance of their submissions to be accepted by TNC Programme Committee. The training events also prepare participants for an effective at the actual event. In addition, participants benefit by engaging with peers through webinar training events and building a professional and social network of peers. Finalists of the Challenge receive full financial support for delivering their talk at the conference.

**What’s included**

- Practical and interactive workshops under the guidance of a professional public speaking coach for all participants
- 1:1 coaching on public speaking for finalists
- Travel package + full conference pass to TNC20 for finalists

**Requirements**

- This challenge is open to individuals who are registered on any IT & networking (related) course(s) at a university, college or learning provider and must be nominated by the operating NREN/GÉANT Project Partner
- The Lightning talk idea must be associated with computer networking or any other technology-related areas.
- Lightning talk proposals must include: title, participant name, educational institution, short biography, five keywords, and short introduction of the idea (max. 500 words). Abstract must be marked [Topic title + FTP20]
- Participants commit themselves to the full programme and therefore must have access to a computer with a webcam to join the webinar
- Selected participants will present at TNC20
- High English language proficiency is required
- All participants are invited to share their experiences on social media.

**How to Apply (NRENs)**

**Step 1** Register your candidate online until 28 February 2020 with a brief description of the candidate’s topic.

**Step 2** All accepted candidates will become participants of the Future Talent Programme and will receive training. Your participant takes part in the e-workshops in March and April. Dates and Programme will be confirmed to you and your participant by email.

**Step 3** Participants submit their proposal to TNC Programme Committee by 09 March 2020, midnight CET.

**Step 4** Participants will be notified by the TNC Programme Committee of the acceptance or rejection of the proposal.

**Step 5** Selected candidates take further training and take centre stage at TNC20

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**Register!**

**Timeline**

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**Programme**

- Welcoming Meet Up, early March 2020, date tbc
  GLAD meets participants and mentors online.
- Training programme (dates are available for Public Speaking Training sessions)

**FAQ**

- FAQ NRENs.
- FAQ students (handout).

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