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12th EDITION
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THE **12TH EDITION** OF THE **KOSICT FESTIVAL** HERALDED ITS ARRIVAL WITH AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP OF **30 SPEAKERS** AND MORE THAN **3,000 PARTICIPANTS**, ONCE AGAIN SOLIDIFYING ITS STATUS AS THE EPICENTER OF INNOVATION, KNOWLEDGE-SHARING, AND COLLABORATION IN THE TECHNOLOGY SPHERE IN **KOSOVO**

THIS REMARKABLE CELEBRATION OF TECHNOLOGY TOOK PLACE ON **OCTOBER 13TH AND 14TH, 2023**, AT THE VIBRANT VENUE OF **KLAN KOSOVA** IN PRISHTINA.

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2 STAGES	**30** SPEAKERS	**10** COUNTRIES
3.000 PARTICIPANTS	**+1 M** SOCIAL MEDIA REACH	**454** SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
14 START-UPs	**18** COMPANIES	**150** B2B Meetings

WHAT IS KOSICT?

KosICT is a tech festival that held its first edition in 2012 with the aim of bridging the gap between the local and international ICT markets by highlighting and bringing the latest technological trends and developments to the Balkans, through local, regional, and international experts who would share their experiences and knowledge with the audience comprised out of software developers, ICT enthusiasts and experts, C-level Executives, Academia Representatives, and Students.

Another very important goal of the KosICT tech festival is to promote the local ICT sector on an international scale through visitors from international companies attending KosICT, our partner associations, and renowned speakers that grace the stages of KosICT and act as ambassadors for Kosovo and the local ICT sector by promoting their experience here to their colleagues, business partners, etc.

As a technology festival, KosICT is enriched by a few different elements including two conference format stages highlighting some of the latest topics and trends in the ICT industry, an innovation fair focusing on some of the most prominent start-ups, a company fair, and a brokerage event bringing together local & international businesses and Business Lounge area where many of the company representatives had the chance to meet and create potential linkages for the future, future developer's corner, and last but certainly not least, two eSports tournaments highlighting the talents among STIKK member companies (CSR Tournament and professional tournament) with the aim of promoting the gaming community in Kosovo.

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SUMMARY

The **12th edition of the KosICT Technology Festival**, held at the vibrant **Klan Arena** in **Prishtina** on **October 13-14, 2023**, was a resounding success, leaving an indelible mark on the world of technology and innovation.

With a diverse and engaging program, the festival boasted a total of **12 captivating sessions on the Main Stage**, further enriched by **9 Dev Stage sessions** and an inspiring glimpse into the future with the "**Future Developers**" presentation.

The event was more than just discussions and presentations, offering thrilling entertainment through **2 e-sports tournaments** that showcased the gaming prowess of the participants.

A significant highlight of the festival was the presence of numerous companies and startups that brought their innovative ideas to the forefront. The **Trailblazers Fair featured 18 participating companies**, while the **Innovation Fair introduced 14 dynamic startups**, underscoring the spirit of entrepreneurship that drives the tech community.

The festival also fostered a spirit of collaboration with its **Business Lounge** in operation for 2 days, facilitating essential **B2B meetings**, totaling an impressive **150 over the course of the Brokerage Event**.

This dynamic gathering extended its influence beyond the convention halls with a **special workshop on AI designed for children**, nurturing the next generation of tech enthusiasts.

In terms of numbers, the festival attracted around **3,000 eager participants**, who had the privilege of engaging with **30 distinguished speakers**, including 13 local, 4 from the diaspora, and 13 foreign experts from **10 different countries**.

These vibrant discussions and exchanges were made possible through the support of **20 sponsors** and **6 partners**, who shared the festival's vision.

The 12th KosICT Technology Festival was an extraordinary success, embodying the spirit of technology, collaboration, and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

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SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

FACEBOOK STATS - KOSICT

POSTS ABOUT KOSICT: 91

USERS REACHED: 664.100

LINKEDIN STATS - KOSICT

POSTS ABOUT KOSICT: 91

IMPRESSIONS : 79.157

INSTAGRAM STATS - KOSICT

POSTS ABOUT KOSICT: 272

USERS REACHED: 336,497

TOTAL REACH

1,079,754

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AGENDA
Main Stage

09:15

Opening Remarks

Ermal Sadiku - Chairman of STIKK Board
H. E. Albin Kurti - Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo
H. E. Artane Rizvanolli - Minister of Economy
Përparim Rama - Mayor of Prishtina

10:30

Generative AI in the Real World: Practical Applications of Large Language Models

Fatos Ismaili - Senior Data & AI Solutions Architect, Microsoft

11:00

Navigating the Future: Challenges and Opportunities in Banking Services

Petru Jucovschi - Managing Director, Front-office line
of business applications and integrations, Quipu GmbH

11:30

Unmasking Cyber Threats: How Artificial Intelligence Fuels Advanced Phishing Attacks as a Gateway to Corporate Environments

PANEL DISCUSSION

Kujtim Kryeziu - CEO, Sentry Cybersecurity & Defense
Arian Sheremeti - Cybersecurity and Privacy Manager, PwC
Daniel Bohanon - Principal Security Researcher, Permiso Security
Egxona Ferati - Cybersecurity Expert, CIDR (Kosovo)
Lulëzon Jagxhiu - Advisor to the Prime Minister on Information
Technology

13:00

The Rise of the Cyborg Tech Lead

Ben Pitman - Director of Engineering Consultancy, Kin + Carta

13:30

Code: TRIBE. How to maintain the startup gene while growing and not turn into a bureaucratic corporation?

Marijus Plančiūnas - CEO, Paysera LT

14:00

Mastering Data Management and Unlocking the Power of Data Warehousing

Gabriel Tataru - Managing Director, IDS Consulting

14:30

Navigating the Future of Digital Transformation: Strategies, Challenges, and Innovations

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator
Dior Halili - ICT Sector Lead, USAID Kosovo Compete Activity
Elena Marinova - President, Musala Soft
Lucas von Zallinger - Director of Digital Innovation &
Transformation Customer Services, Siemens Healthineers
Celik Nimani - Managing Director, Kin + Carta

15:00

A Decade of Defense: First-Hand Observations from the Front Lines of Cyber Security

Daniel Bohanon - Principal Security Researcher, Permiso Security

16:00

Business Transformation in the Telecom Industry

Blerim Tahiraj - Product Developer, IPKO

16:30

Navigating the Investor Landscape: Securing Funding and Effective Investor Communication

PANEL DISCUSSION

Viktoriia Savitska - Peaceinvest
AnaMaria Meshkurti - Principal, Unorthodox Ventures
Manuel Barreiro Castañeda - Chairman and Founder,
Aston Group
Osman Rraci - Associate, EBRD

17:00

Bringing Buildings to Life: The Role of IoT, AI and Digital Transformation in Global Real Estate

Gentrit Gojani - CTO, KODE Labs

17:30

How can corporates build innovation ecosystem to tackle their sustainability challenges

Catharina van Delden - Founder, CEO Innosabi

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AGENDA

Developers Stage

10:00

AI-Powered Kosovo: Local Expertise, Global Monetisation

Arta Statovci - AI, Strategy, and Transformation Expert

10:30

IPsec in Radio Access Network

Ante Simovic - Tech Lead, Ericsson Nikola Tesla

11:00

AI in Speech Recognition / Shqip.ai usecase

Betim Drenica - CEO, Quantix LLC

11:30

Human Centered Computing: Incorporating HCC Principles in Product Management

Edona Haziraj - Vienna University of Technology

13:00

How to democratize AI

Lum Ramabaja - Co-founder & CEO, Open Cybernetics

13:30

From Chaos to Control: Multi-Tenant Kubernetes Cluster on AWS EKS

Fabian Berisha - Lead DevOps Engineer & Instructor, Appstellar

14:00

Opportunities in enabling the digital transformation journey for manufacturing companies with a focus on Wood and Food Processing sectors

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator
Shpend Ahmeti
Dior Halili - ICT Sector Lead, USAID Kosovo Compete Activity
Partin Imeri - CEO, Incodeks

14:30

Future Developers Presentations

American School of Kosovo
Finnish School
J-Coders

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Main Stage

KosICT 2023 kicked off on the 13th of October with an aura of anticipation and excitement. The event, hosted at Klan Arena in Prishtina, brought together a diverse and dynamic crowd of tech enthusiasts, industry professionals, and visionaries eager to explore the ever-evolving landscape of technology. The first day was marked by a series of compelling sessions, as well as engaging and informative activities.

The event commenced with a set of inspiring Opening Remarks delivered by a lineup of distinguished speakers. Mr. Ermal Sadiku, Chairman of STIKK Board, set the stage by emphasizing the pivotal role of technology in fostering innovation, economic growth, and sustainability. H.E. Albin Kurti, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, added to the discourse by sharing his insights on the transformative power of technology. H.E. Artane Rizvanolli, the Minister of Economy, joined the conversation, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation. Lastly, Mr. Përparim Rama, Mayor of Prishtina, underlined the potential for technology to drive positive change in the city and beyond. These Opening Remarks left a resounding impact, underscoring the event's central theme of collaboration, innovation, and the remarkable potential that technology holds in the contemporary world.

As the morning unfolded, attendees were treated to a variety of captivating sessions. Fatos Ismali, Senior Data & AI Solutions Architect at Microsoft, delved into the world of Generative AI in the Real World, elucidating the practical applications of large language models like GPT-4. His talk shed light on how these models are revolutionizing industries, from automated content creation to scientific research, providing a roadmap for leveraging generative AI in various professional fields.


Following this enlightening session, Petru Jucovschi, Managing Director of the Front-office Line of Business Applications and Integrations at Quipu GmbH, took the stage to discuss the Challenges and Opportunities in Banking Services. His presentation offered a deep dive into the intricate world of banking and its future challenges and prospects.

The mid-morning session presented a Panel Discussion titled "Unmasking Cyber Threats: How Artificial Intelligence Fuels Advanced Phishing Attacks as a Gateway to Corporate Environments." Moderated by Kujtim Kryeziu, CEO of Sentry Cybersecurity & Defense, this enlightening discussion explored the tactics malicious actors employ to exploit corporate defenses, emphasizing the urgency for companies to fortify their cybersecurity measures in the face of evolving threats.

Ben Pitman, Director of Engineering Consultancy at Kin + Carta, tackled the role of tech leads in the face of AI and GenAI in a session titled "The Rise of the Cyborg Tech Lead," providing valuable insights for those navigating the rapidly changing tech landscape.

Later in the day, Marijus Plančiūnas, CEO of Paysera LT, shared his wisdom in "Code: TRIBE. How to maintain the startup gene while growing and not turn into a bureaucratic corporation?" He offered insights on how startups can maintain their innovative spirit and flexibility as they grow into larger organizations.
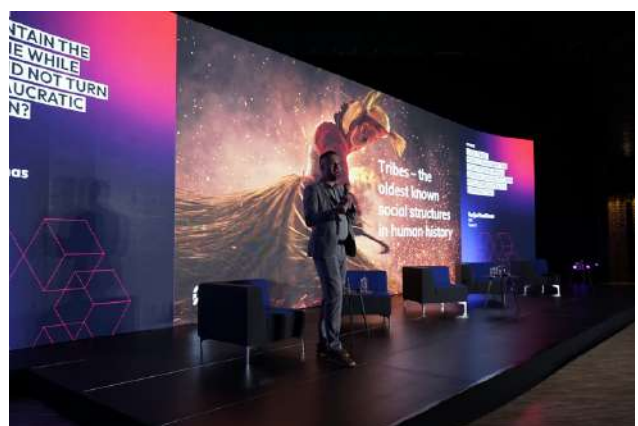
Gabriel Tataru, Managing Director of IDS Consulting, presented on "Mastering Data Management and Unlocking the Power of Data Warehousing." His keynote revealed the critical components for successful data management and how data warehousing can transform raw data into actionable insights, regardless of the level of expertise in data management.

The afternoon continued with a Panel Discussion titled "Navigating the Future of Digital Transformation: Strategies, Challenges, and Innovations." Moderated by Dior Halili, ICT Sector Lead at USAID Kosovo Compete Activity, the discussion revolved around harnessing technology to achieve business objectives, the role of leadership in guiding digital transformation, and the need for adaptability in today's dynamic landscape.

The day concluded with a remarkable keynote by Daniel Bohanon, Principal Security Researcher at Permiso Security. In his presentation, "A Decade of Defense: First-Hand Observations from the Front Lines of Cyber Security," he shared insights gleaned from his extensive experience in the field of cybersecurity, emphasizing the importance of community development efforts in Kosovo and Albania.

As the evening drew near, Blerim Tahiraj, a Product Developer at IPKO, shared his expertise in "Business Transformation in the Telecom Industry," highlighting strategies, challenges, and innovation in a dynamic sector.

Lastly, a Panel Discussion, "Navigating the Investor Landscape: Securing Funding and Effective Investor Communication," provided invaluable insights for entrepreneurs seeking to secure funding and build strong investor relationships.

Capping off the day, Gentrit Gojani, CTO at KODE Labs, spoke on "Bringing Buildings to Life: The Role of IoT, AI, and Digital Transformation in Global Real Estate," shedding light on the role of technology in reshaping the real estate industry.

The day culminated in an enlightening keynote by Catharina van Delden, Co-Founder of Innosabi, exploring the transition of corporations from traditional, closed innovation processes to dynamic Innovation Ecosystems, particularly focused on sustainability challenges. Her presentation demonstrated the transformative power of innovation ecosystems in the corporate world, inspiring attendees with the potential to address critical sustainability issues.

Developers Stage

As the second day of the 12th edition of the Kosovo International Computer Science and Telecommunications (KosICT) Festival dawned, the excitement continued to build. The Developer's Stage featured a lineup of renowned speakers and a fascinating panel discussion, making it a day of deep dives into the world of technology.

The day commenced with an inspiring keynote presentation by Arta Statovci, an expert in AI, Strategy, and Transformation. Her presentation on "AI-Powered Kosovo: Local Expertise, Global Monetisation" set the stage for a day of profound insights. Arta highlighted the thriving ICT sector in Kosovo but acknowledged a significant challenge: many Kosovars had the skills but lacked the expertise to monetize their offerings on a global scale. Her keynote showcased how AI could be the catalyst for Kosovo's digital transformation. She explained that AI had the power to empower Kosovo to establish a digital identity, streamline complex tech processes, reduce costs, and enhance profitability significantly. Arta's presentation was a rallying call to join the mission of building a digital Kosovo, powered by AI technology and the nation's dynamic spirit. Her keynote offered practical solutions and inspired attendees to shape Kosovo's digital future.

Next, the audience delved into the complex world of Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) in the Radio Access Network with Ante Simovic, a Tech Lead at Ericsson Nikola Tesla. He shared invaluable insights on the role of IPsec in ensuring the security of IP transport communication within the Radio Access Network. The significance of this layer 3 security protocol in encrypting, maintaining integrity, and authenticating communication was unveiled. Ante's expertise shed light on the vital role that security protocols play in securing communication within the telecommunications industry.

Betim Drenica, the CEO of Quantix LLC, took the stage to explore the intersection of AI and speech recognition. His presentation, "AI in Speech Recognition / Shqip.ai usecase," unveiled the innovative applications of AI in speech recognition, particularly focusing on Shqip.ai.

Betim's extensive experience as a software architect and startup advocate allowed him to offer unique insights into this evolving field. He shared not only the triumphs but also the challenges of entrepreneurship, encouraging the audience to transform their ideas into reality. Betim's keynote provided inspiration and practical knowledge to navigate the dynamic world of AI and speech recognition.

Edona Haziraj, a Master's student of Media and Human-Centered Computing at Vienna University of Technology, captured the audience's attention with her presentation on "Human Centered Computing: Incorporating HCC Principles in Product Management." She defined and explored the concept of Human-Centered Computing (HCC) and its role in modern product management. Edona emphasized the importance of bridging user needs and technology to develop interactive systems that prioritize accessibility, assistance, and intuitiveness. Her presentation offered practical strategies and real-world examples, making it a valuable resource for those involved in product management, development, or design.

Lum Ramabaja, the Co-founder and CEO of Open Cybernetics, took center stage to address the democratization of AI. With a background in artificial intelligence, decentralized systems, and bioinformatics, Lum shared insights into the emerging field of Decentralized AI. His mission to make AI accessible to all by developing open-source algorithms that reduce costs was evident. Lum introduced the audience to the challenges in the field and the innovative solutions being developed at Open Cybernetics.

Fabian Berisha, the Lead DevOps Engineer at Appstellar, delivered a captivating keynote on managing a Multi-Tenant Kubernetes Cluster on AWS EKS. His expertise in DevOps and Kubernetes was evident as he shared strategies to navigate the complexities of cloud and container orchestration. Fabian's presentation offered a clear path from chaos to control, empowering aspiring DevOps engineers.

The day continued with an insightful panel discussion on "Opportunities in enabling the digital transformation journey for manufacturing companies."

Moderated by Shpend Ahmeti, a Senior Consultant at Deloitte, the panel featured Dior Halili, ICT Sector Lead at USAID Kosovo Compete Activity, and Partin Imeri, the CEO of Incodeks. They discussed the findings from a report on Digital Transformation in manufacturing, emphasizing the opportunities and challenges in this dynamic field. The panel provided valuable insights into how digital transformation is reshaping the manufacturing landscape.

The day concluded with a showcase of exceptional young talent. Thirty kids, aged 8 to 12 years old, divided into 14 teams, presented their digital products developed with the help of AI. The presentations provided a heartwarming glimpse into the future of technology and innovation, as these budding developers showcased their creativity and ingenuity.

The second day of the 12th KosICT Technology Festival was a testament to the power of knowledge sharing and innovation. The Developers Stage brought together experts and emerging talent, offering valuable insights and inspiration to all attendees.
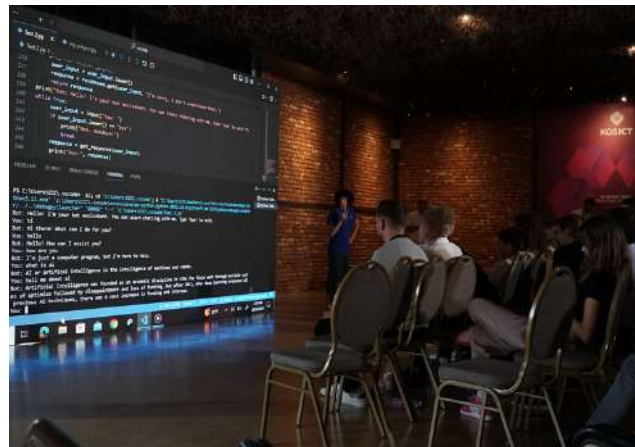
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The KosICT Technology Festival's 12th edition provided a platform for innovation, excellence, and collaboration, bringing together both established industry leaders and budding entrepreneurs through its much-anticipated Trailblazers' Fair and Innovation Fair.

Trailblazers Fair

A celebration of excellence, the Trailblazers' Fair shone a spotlight on Kosovo's most prominent and renowned ICT companies that have made a significant impact on the industry. These companies presented their work in intricate detail, opening up avenues for discussions on potential collaborations, partnerships, and investments. The fair, more than just a showcase of achievements, acted as a catalyst for growth and cooperation, creating an environment where participants could connect with industry leaders, exchange ideas, and explore potential avenues for mutual success. For budding entrepreneurs, investors seeking new opportunities, or simply technology enthusiasts eager to witness the cutting edge of technological advancements, the fair offered a wealth of inspiration and possibilities.

Participating Companies at the Trailblazers Fair

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The Fair provided a unique opportunity for these companies to showcase their achievements, fostering connections and sparking discussions that could pave the way for exciting future collaborations.

Innovation Fair

Stepping into a world of cutting-edge ideas, entrepreneurial spirit, and groundbreaking innovation, attendees at KosICT had the privilege of engaging with some of Kosovo's most promising ICT startups. The Innovation Fair enabled participants to delve deeper into the projects of these startups, gain valuable insights into their vision for the future, and even discuss potential partnerships and investment opportunities. For investors on the lookout for the next big breakthrough or technology enthusiasts eager to witness the birth of technological innovations, the Innovation Fair offered a captivating experience.

The startups featured at the Innovation Fair

The Lobby Boy	Termini	Blink	iSec	Creative UP B.I.	Visual Datas
Spare	LABVR	PikPik App L.L.C	FindQuick	MIDAS	PNC LLC
VeshDesh	Hapen Agency				

The fair provided an ideal setting for these startups to showcase their work, growth trajectories, and ambitious plans for the future, fostering an environment of collaboration, exploration, and excitement.

In collaboration with the Embassy of Finland in Kosovo, an exhilarating pitching competition was organized, offering an opportunity to secure two coveted tickets to the prestigious Slush Conference in Helsinki. In the final showdown, six exceptional startups showcased their innovative business ideas, aiming to impress the distinguished jury.

Each startup presented its visionary ideas, making it a challenging task for the judges to select the most promising contenders.

After careful deliberation and thoughtful consideration, the winners of the pitching competition emerged: "The Lobby Boy" and "Blink App." Their exceptional ideas and innovative approaches set them apart in a field of remarkable competitors. Heartfelt congratulations were extended to these deserving victors. The awards ceremony was graced by the presence of Ambassador Matti Nissinen and the Executive Director of STIKK, Ms. Vjollca Çavolli. They bestowed the SLUSH tickets upon the talented winners, opening doors to invaluable opportunities and international exposure.

This pitching competition not only added a layer of excitement to the Innovation Fair but also emphasized the significance of fostering innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. It was a testament to the festival's commitment to providing platforms for startups to flourish and engage with a global network of innovators.

Both the Trailblazers' Fair and the Innovation Fair embodied the spirit of KosICT, where technology and innovation come to life, and partnerships are forged, setting the stage for a brighter and more connected future in the world of technology.

Brokerage Event

At the 12th edition of the KosICT Technology Festival, the Brokerage Event proved to be a dynamic hub for seasoned entrepreneurs, startup enthusiasts, and business professionals eager to propel their endeavors to new heights. Serving as a pivotal bridge between like-minded individuals and companies, the Brokerage Event provided an environment fostering collaboration, innovation, and growth. It acted as the ideal platform for discovering fresh business opportunities, forging strategic partnerships, and expanding networks within the global tech community.

The venue itself exuded productivity with its dedicated business lounge, a haven thoughtfully designed for productive meetings and discussions. This inviting space set the backdrop for meaningful face-to-face interactions, allowing businesses to connect and engage in invaluable conversations that had the potential to shape their futures. To ensure that every moment counted, companies had the opportunity to register in advance through the efficient B2Match platform, a digital networking solution that elevated the entire networking experience.

The heart of the Brokerage Event was the B2B area, and it was instrumental in facilitating two distinct types of meetings, creating a synergy of collaboration. In collaboration with GERMIN, the Brokerage Event kick-started with a focus on business-to-business (B2B) meetings. These meetings brought together local companies and those from the diaspora to foster partnerships. GERMIN invited both diaspora-related and local ICT sector companies, creating an environment where they could explore common areas of interest and share ideas for potential collaborations. The aim was to increase cooperation between diaspora and local businesses. These productive meetings were held in alignment with the "Action of Municipalities for Reintegration and Diaspora" (MARDI) project, which is financed by Caritas Switzerland in Kosovo and implemented by GERMIN.

The Brokerage Event transitioned to more inter-sectoral B2B meetings between businesses. This phase of the event was conducted in collaboration with USAID Kosovo Compete Activity, an organization committed to fostering cross-sectoral collaboration within the Wood, Food, and ICT sectors. Extensive research and identification of potential gaps informed the recommendations provided by USAID Kosovo Compete Activity, supporting the Wood and Food Processing sectors with digital tools. As a further step in enhancing this collaboration, eight ICT companies participating in KosICT introduced their digital solutions to the Wood and Food Processing sectors.

In total, the B2B area at KosICT hosted a remarkable 150 B2B meetings, bringing together 40 companies to explore possibilities, initiate partnerships, and lay the groundwork for future collaborations. These meetings not only created bridges between businesses but also exemplified the essence of the KosICT Festival – a space where innovation meets partnership, and growth takes center stage.

Future Developers Corner

The Future Developer Corner stood as a testament to the commitment to foster and inspire the next generation of technology leaders within Kosovo. This extraordinary segment of the festival served as a captivating platform for the youngest minds, igniting their passion for ICT and providing them with the opportunity to showcase their talents.

The Future Developer Corner was not just an exhibition; it was a celebration of youthful brilliance and an affirmation of the promising future of technology in Kosovo. It served as a compelling reminder that innovation knows no age. Here, the tech enthusiasts of tomorrow had the chance to shine, sharing their achievements and creations with an enthralled audience. As we navigated the two days of this event, we embarked on a journey of discovery and encouragement, witnessing the potential of these young developers as they forged a path towards a future marked by their ingenuity and vision.

This year's Future Developer Corner was co-organized through a collaboration between jCoders Academy, the American School of Kosova, and the Finnish School of Kosovo, with generous sponsorship from Hyperactive. Thirty incredibly talented and enthusiastic young participants were welcomed, each brimming with innovative ideas and eager to harness the power of technology to create digital products. Over the course of the event, these budding developers dedicated themselves to the realization of their digital projects, showcasing remarkable resilience, creativity, and problem-solving skills.


The second day of the event ushered in a transformative workshop led by Arta Statovci. The workshop was designed to equip these young talents with the skills to develop their projects and present them, leveraging the capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI). It was an enlightening and hands-on experience, providing valuable insights and practical knowledge that would become instrumental in their journey as future developers.
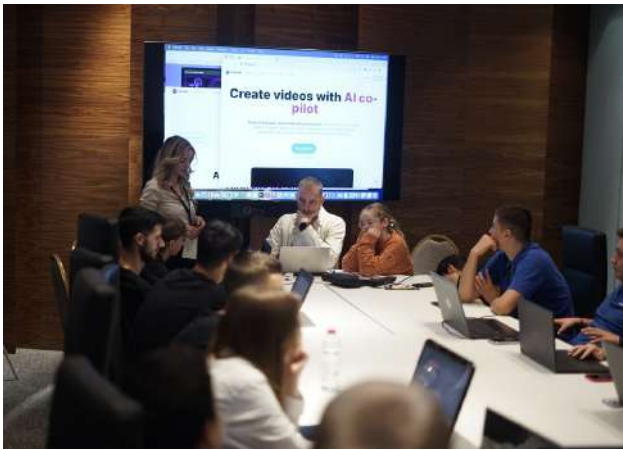
The climax of their efforts materialized as they took the coveted Developers Stage. Divided into 14 diverse groups, these young tech prodigies unveiled their creations to an eager audience. It was a testament to their passion, dedication, and collaborative spirit, as they showcased projects that ranged from innovative applications to ingenious solutions for real-world problems. The energy and enthusiasm within the Developers Stage were palpable, reflecting the boundless potential of these young minds.
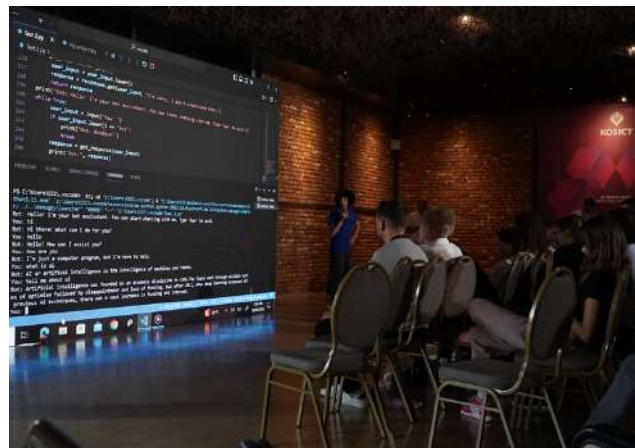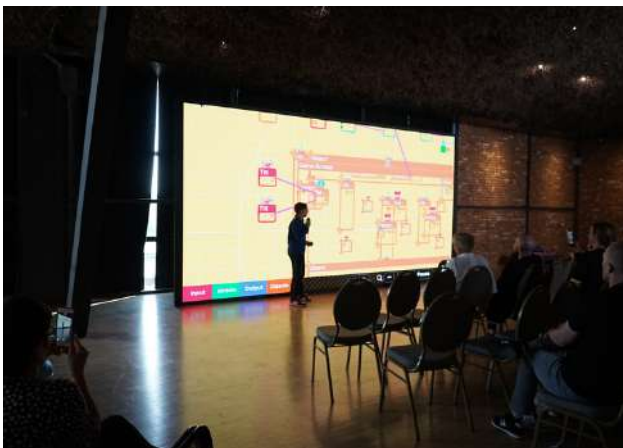
In recognition of their outstanding work, prizes and accolades were presented by Hyperactive, celebrating the creativity, innovation, and determination exhibited by these young developers. Their inspiring journey was a beacon of hope, illuminating the path for the future of technology and innovation in Kosovo.

The Future Developer Corner at KosICT 2023 served as an affirmation that with the right support and encouragement, the future of technology is destined to be brighter than ever. The festival remains committed to nurturing, empowering, and inspiring the generations that will shape the digital landscape for years to come. As we bid farewell to another successful year, we anticipate the remarkable contributions and innovations these young minds will bring to the world of technology.

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