

XAMK

Spring 2024 season

Demola info package

Innovation projects in diverse student teams

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All for the future.



Since 2008, Demola has facilitated more than 5,000 teams

Demola is a Finnish, internationally awarded service that, through concepts and demos, concretizes and demonstrates driving forces and opportunities of the future.

For **students**, Demola presents an opportunity to work in interdisciplinary teams on industry-driven strategic foresight projects, giving them valuable opportunities to develop skills applicable to their future careers. Student teams also own the rights to the results that they create.

Demola offers students:

- International and hands-on experience in innovation work
- Place to develop their expertise and creativity
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for project results
- Support and mentoring from Demola experts
- Structured process, tools and agreement management
- Creative Foresight Expert certificate
- Possibility for ECTS credit points



WHY

Meaningful innovation projects

All Demola project topics have a true connection to the real world. In Demola, **students can solve significant future problems and design and demonstrate what the future should look like.**

Projects range from topics in **sustainable development and business to shifts in society, working life and the use of new tech.**

This spring in XAMK, the project work follows a **10-week creative process in which we utilise design thinking, foresight and systems thinking** methodologies. It also unlocks our creative, curious and optimistic potential.

Demola is for all students who are interested in the project topic and motivated to tackle the problems and opportunities the topic presents. Our experts will help the teams through each step of the process.



UNIQUE PROJECT COURSE EXPERIENCE

Top 5 reasons why students do Demola projects

Perceived impact on skills development

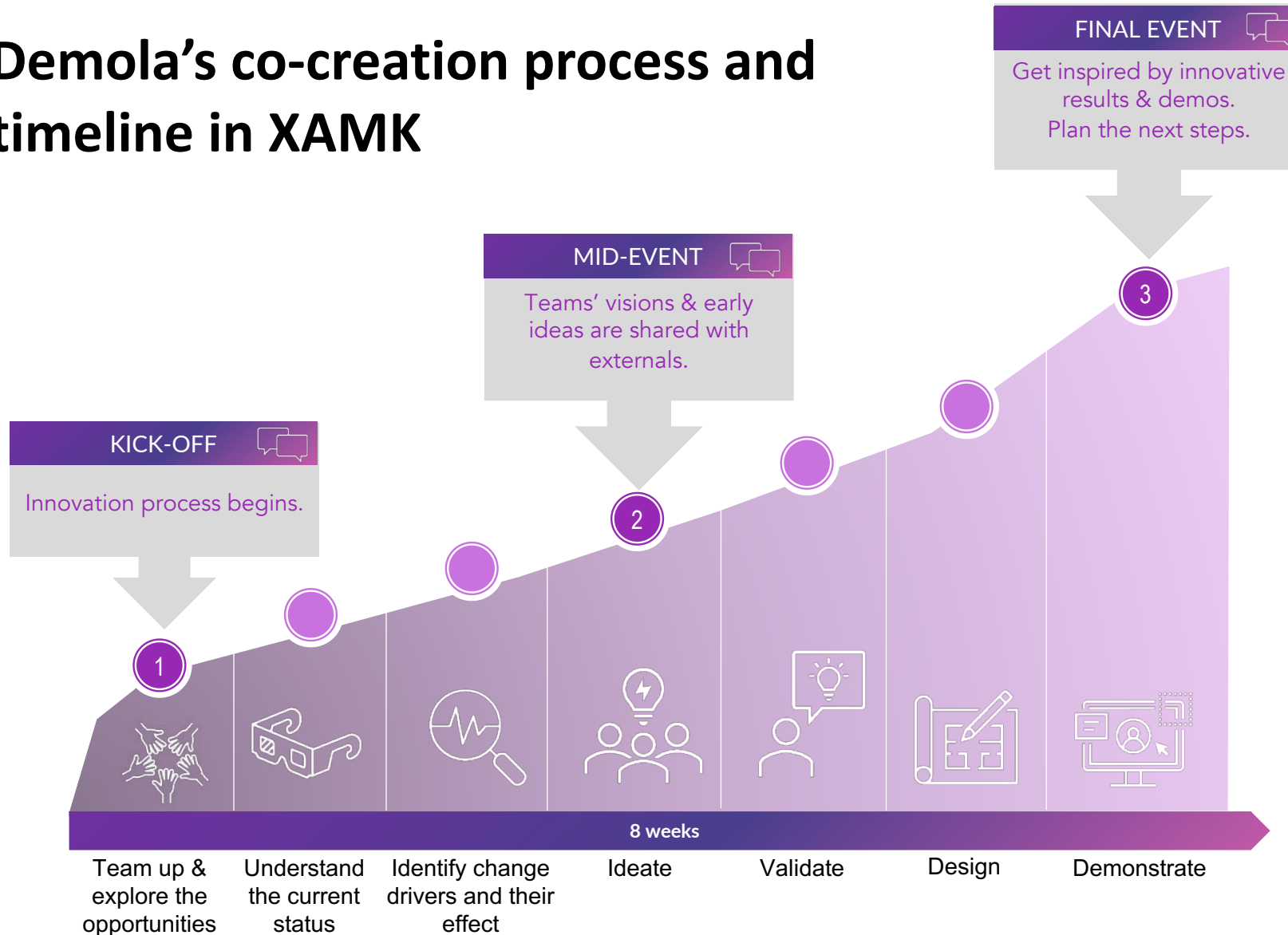
2 272 people took part in the survey.



"It was an amazing journey. Very informative, very practical, and fostered open and creative thinking. It pushed my limits in terms of teamwork, dedication, responsibility, loyalty and time management. Definitely brought a new feel of confidence."

Demola student (2023)

Demola's co-creation process and timeline in XAMK



XAMK Spring 2024

Application period ends: Feb 25

Full-day events:

Kick-off (2 days): March 11–12

Mid-event (2 days): April 8–9

Final event (2 days): May 20–21

Weekly independent teamwork in between events.

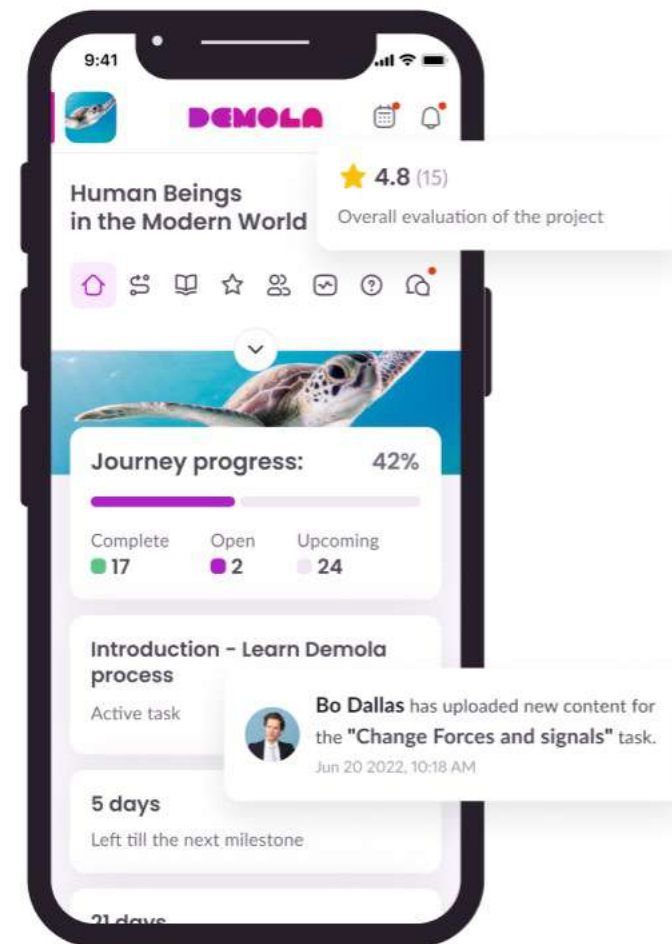
All events take place at XAMK campus (Patteristonkatu 3, Mikkeli)

How to be part?

It's simple:

- **Hop over to Demola's website portal.demola.net and choose XAMK as your location**
- **Set up or log in to your Demola account**
- **Apply to one or more innovation projects in XAMK by 25 Feb 2024!**

Demola experts will build the teams based on the received applications. We can't accept everyone, so it's a good idea to briefly explain in your application why you're interested in joining the project you applied to. You may apply to more than one project.



Create

Create a Demola account and add basic information about your studies to your profile.



Apply

Browse the project catalogue and apply to projects that interest you.

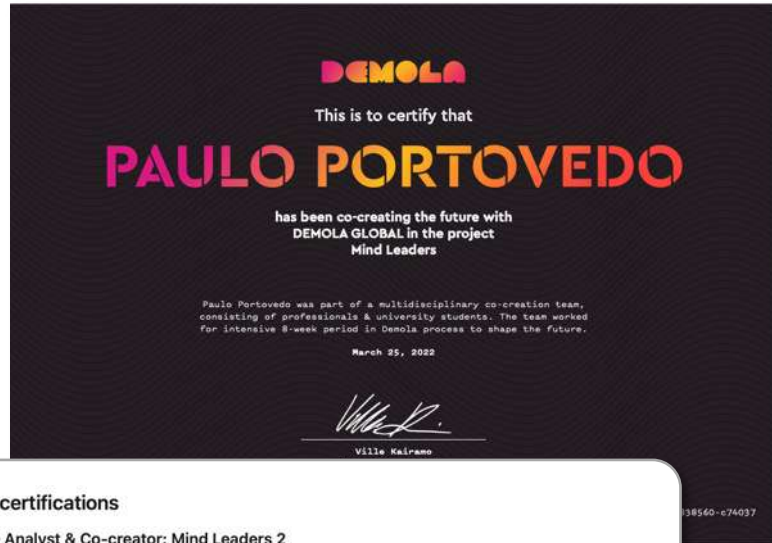


Approve


If you get in to a project, confirm your place on the team to start your Demola project.



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Licenses & certifications

 **Future Analyst & Co-creator: Mind Leaders 2**
Demola Global
Issued Mar 2022
Credential ID 033908838560-c74037

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You can add a Demola Certificate to your LinkedIn profile and share it online.

Course ECTS

One step on the study path

Demola project course may be part of your studies, and you may be entitled to credits for the approved project performance. Apply through Demola's website first. Once you get selected, you can apply for course equivalency.

In XAMK, Demola projects yield 4-8 ECTS credit points, depending on the amount of work you put in to the project.

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FAQ

What's the working language?
English.

How many hours per week does the project work take?

Usually around 10-15 h/week. While some weeks may be lighter, towards the end of the process, you might need to invest more time. We don't require you to report your hours and the amount of time teams dedicate to the project may vary. If you aim to receive credit points from the project, it's advisable to align your hours with the number of credits you wish to earn (27 hours ≈ 1 ECTS credit point).

Is it possible to join if I have already graduated / am a first-year student / am in a PhD programme / taking a gap year?

Yes, it is. Everybody, regardless of their study experience or background, is welcome. Just make sure you are available for all the in-person events and weekly meetings with your team. The weekly team meeting times are scheduled by the team.

What are the requirements for becoming selected in the programme?

Your motivation is key when it comes to writing the application. You don't need to master the project topic in advance; we are more interested in your personal thoughts, experiences and your curiosity towards creating something new.

More Q&A:

<https://portal.demola.net/help>



Contact us

More info about the program:
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