This contest is organised by EAI as part of Smart Life Summit held in Bratislava, October 24–26, 2023 in an effort to harness the motivation, energy, creativity and initiative of the youth in promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics for sustainable development. It also aims to inspire young people to consider future career in computer science or other technical programs and share ideas about how each of us can make a difference in the world.

**Theme**

„Bright Young Minds“

How can science help us create better (more sustainable) future? How can young people using creative ideas and approaches contribute to better future? What obstacles will the humanity face and how can science help us overcome them?

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- **S** – science (management, natural sciences, medicine and etc.)
- **T** – technology
- **E** – engineering
- **M** – mathematics
Guidelines
Essays/posters may be submitted by anyone up to 30 years old in one of the following age categories:

a) Young Bright Minds — High school students (ages up to 18)
b) Academic Bright Minds — University students (ages 18–26)
c) Innovative Bright Minds — PhD students (26–30)

Essay instructions
1. Essays shall be within a page range 4–10 pages in English or Slovak. Essays must be typed, with your name and essay title included at the top of the first page.

2. There are no particular rules or guidelines regarding formatting (font style, size, line space, etc.). However, essays must be submitted in either PDF or MS Word (DOC/DOCX) format.

3. Applicants shall submit their work to summit@eai.eu, until September 30, 2023 with subject title – „EAI Bright Young Minds 2023.” Please, make sure you specify which age category you are applying to.

4. Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized papers will be rejected. University students are required to use quotations and include list of references if citing other authors.

5. Essays may be written by one or more authors. Co-authored essays will also be accepted.

6. By submitting your essay, you give permission to the organiser to publish it.

7. If you wish to present a demo, please send us a commented powerpoint presentation or a pre-recorded video presentation within time limit of 25 minutes. You may use ShareX from https://getsharex.com/ or any other recording program.

Poster instructions
Content:
— State your title, name, institution and e-mail address.
— Narrow down the topic. Including abstract is recommended.
— Present key findings and relevant literature.
— What was your hypothesis/subject?
— What data did you obtain?

Format:
1. Important information should be readable from about 3–5 meters away.
2. Title is short and draws interest.
3. Graphs, pictures make it more interesting.
4. Well balanced use of text (30–40%) and graphs/pictures (60%) + leave some space.
5. Sections make it more clear and understandable—introduction, methods, results, conclusion.
6. Do not use too many colours.
7. Include the most relevant references.

Deadline
September 30, 2023 (23:59 AoE).

Awards
The best essays or posters will be presented at the European Alliance for Innovation: Smart Life Summit, October 24–26, in Bratislava.

The winners will get the opportunity to travel to one of the most prestigious EAI conferences. (travel and accommodation costs covered by EAI).

1 year of mentorship from Prof. Imrich Chlamtac and honorary board members.

Announcement of results
October 18, 2023