

Regulation – QD Challenge 2026

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1. Scope

- 1.1. The QD Challenge 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the “Challenge”) is an initiative promoted by Quadrante, aimed at fostering multidisciplinary collaboration and innovative thinking in the fields of Engineering, Architecture, Sustainability, Technology & Data Science, and Management & Strategy.
- 1.2. The 2026 edition will cover the knowledge areas mentioned in point 1.1, maintaining the intensive one-day format, with a multidisciplinary case study designed to challenge participants’ problem-solving, decision-making, creativity, and teamwork skills.

2. Participants

- 2.1. The Challenge is open to higher education students, undergraduate or master’s level, enrolled in educational institutions in Portugal.
- 2.2. Participants must be enrolled in courses such as Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Architecture, Sustainability, Management, Strategy, Data Science, Technology, Digital, or other related fields.
- 2.3. Registrations must be submitted individually, with participants later assigned to multidisciplinary teams by the organizing committee.

3. Registration

- 3.1. Registration will be open from September 21 to October 30, 2026, through the official QD Challenge landing page.
- 3.2. At the time of registration, the following personal data will be requested: Full Name, Email Address, Phone Number.
- 3.3. This initial registration will only be considered valid if followed by the submission of a second form containing additional information, namely: University; Course’s field of study; Current Academic Year; Dietary Restrictions; T-shirt Size; How did you hear about the QD Challenge?
- 3.4. The number of available places is limited. Admission will follow a selection process that ensures multidisciplinary teams, using the order of registration as a tie-breaking criterion.

4. Challenge Format

- 4.1. The event will take place on November 13, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Alfrapark Auditorium.
- 4.2. During the Challenge, participants will work in multidisciplinary teams to address a case study and make strategic decisions throughout the different phases of the competition.
- 4.3. Teams will operate within a credit/points system and may use credits to access technical support, additional information, or other advantages throughout the Challenge.
- 4.4. The detailed structure, stages, and dynamics of the Challenge will be presented to participants on the day of the event.

5. Evaluation Criteria

- 5.1. Projects will be assessed according to three main categories, with the following weight distribution:
 - Quality of Outputs – 50%
 - Quality of Presentation – 25%
 - Collaboration and Teamwork – 25%
- 5.2. Within Quality of Outputs, the following parameters will be considered, each accounting for 20% of this category:
 - Innovation and Creativity
 - Technical Quality
 - Feasibility and Applicability
 - Critical Thinking
 - Impact and Sustainability
- 5.3. Evaluation will be carried out by a panel composed of representatives from Quadrante and/or invited external members.
- 5.4. The highest-scoring teams will be invited to undertake an internship at Quadrante and/or participate in a Mentoring Program. Results will be announced during the closing session of the event on November 13, 2026.
- 5.5. The jury's decision is final and cannot be appealed against by the participants.
- 5.6. Each evaluation criterion will have an associated score, allowing an objective determination of the winning team.

6. Data Protection

- 6.1. The personal data collected through the registration form will be used exclusively for organizational and communication purposes of the QD Challenge.

- 6.2. Images and testimonials may be collected during the event for promotional purposes.
- 6.3. Participants may request access, modification, or removal of their data at any time, through the contact indicated on the event's landing page.
- 6.4. Data will be processed in compliance with applicable data protection legislation.

7. General Conditions

- 7.1. Quadrante reserves the right to amend, suspend, or cancel the event in cases of force majeure, without any entitlement to compensation.
- 7.2. Any situation not covered by this regulation will be resolved by the organizing committee, with no right of appeal.
- 7.3. Quadrante will cover travel expenses for participants traveling more than 60 km to the event venue, exclusively for bus or train tickets.
- 7.4. Meals provided during the event will be fully covered by Quadrante.
- 7.5. Any other expenses not expressly mentioned above will not be subject to compensation or reimbursement by Quadrante.
- 7.6. Participation in the QD Challenge implies full acceptance of this regulation. By registering for the Challenge, all participants acknowledge and accept the terms set forth in this Regulation.