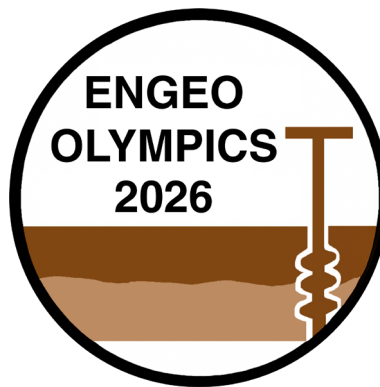


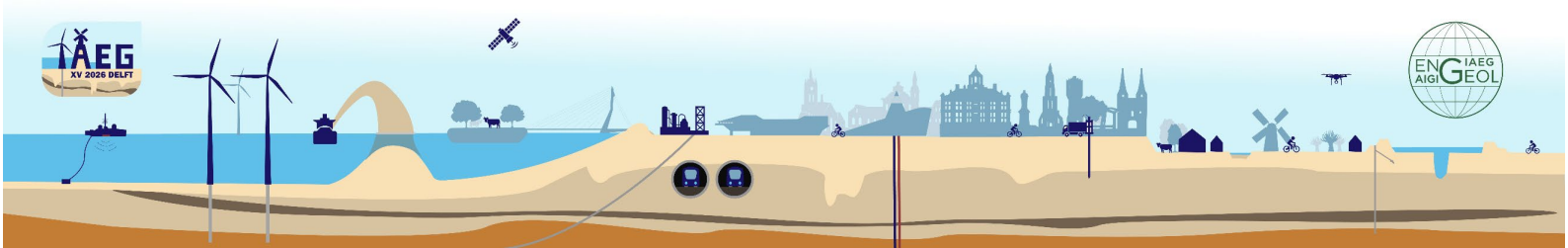
EnGeOlympics Rules 2026

Site Investigation Contest



Organisation





The **EnGeOlympics** are Engineering Geology Games for future makers. They consist of several contests, among them the Site Investigation contest. The EnGeOlympics are organized as part of the **XV IAEG World Congress 2026**, hosted at Delft University of Technology, Delft, the Netherlands. The competition is coordinated by the EnGeOlympics Organising Committee.

1. General Rules and Regulations

1.1. Eligibility

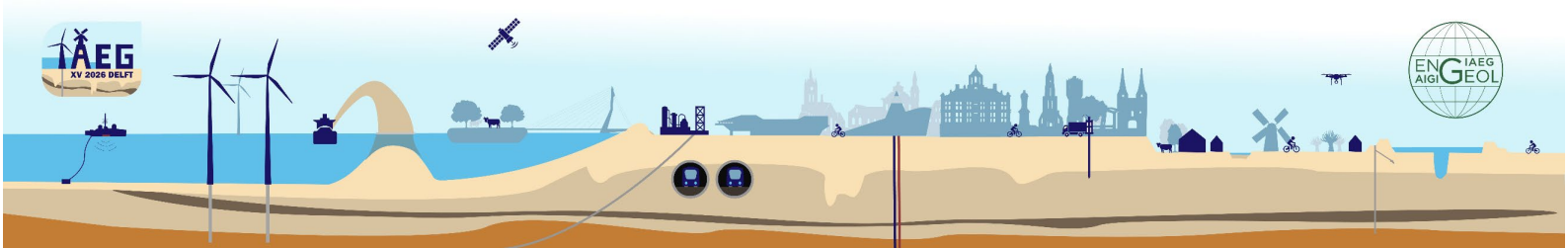
- All players must be enrolled as an **undergraduate or full-time graduate student** (BSc or MSc level).
- There is no cost to register or participate in the EnGeOlympics.
- The contest will take place online on Monday, October 5th, 2026, before the XV IAEG World Congress 2026.

1.2. Communication

- All communication and disclosure rules before and during the contest will be held exclusively in English.
- Announcements and news about the contest will be communicated on the XV IAEG World Congress 2026 website: <https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/engeolympics>

1.3. Awards

- Prizes will be awarded exclusively to the winning participants. Each member of the winning team will receive a prize.
- The winning team will:
 - Be announced during the closing ceremony of the XV IAEG World Congress 2026.
 - Receive an Official certificate of achievement.



2. Registration Guidelines

- Participants may register either as a team or individually via an online form available on the EnGeOlympics webpage:
<https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/engeolympics>
- Participants who register individually will be assigned to a team by the EnGeOlympics organising committee after the closure of registration.
- A maximum of 12 teams will be allowed to participate in the Site Investigation Contest, with each team consisting of 3 members. Team slots (including those formed by the organisers in case of individual registrations) will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Registration for the EnGeOlympics will close on **15 September 2026 at 23:59 CET**. If the maximum number of participants is reached earlier, new registrations will be placed on a waiting list, and a notice will be posted on the EnGeOlympics webpage.
- Proof of enrollment in a university or applied university will be requested from the participants after registration.
- Participants with questions about registration or the contest may contact us at : iaeg2026@tudelft.nl, using the subject line "Site Investigation Contest - Questions".

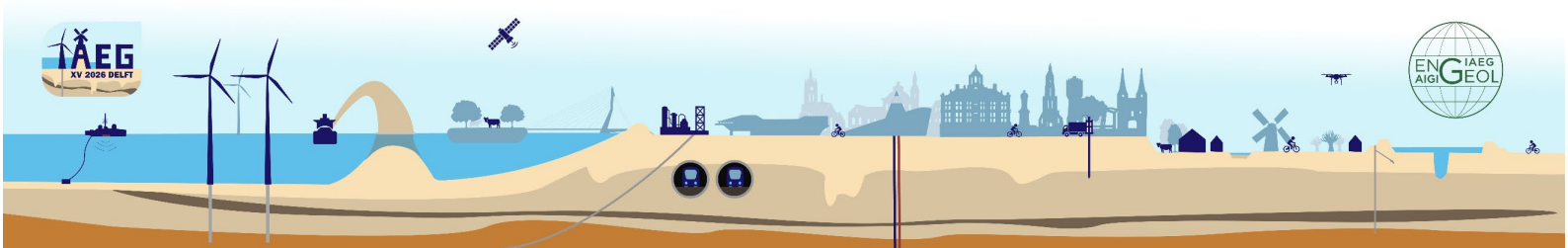
3. Rules of Contest

3.1. General Rules

- In case of non-attendance of a team on the date and time of the EnGeOlympics, the team will be disqualified.
- The players are responsible for their conduct during the contest. Any dishonesty, cheating, or behavior inconsistent with the spirit of the contest, as determined by officers of the contest, will result in exclusion. Teams that fail to comply with the rules will be disqualified.

3.2. Contest Format

- Teams will conduct a virtual site investigation for an infrastructure project. This will be done in a **3-hour online, interactive session** during which teams can order site investigation data. They must rely on their engineering geological knowledge to place the boreholes and related investigations in optimal locations. Using this information, they will then prepare a geological cross section and conduct geohazard analyses.



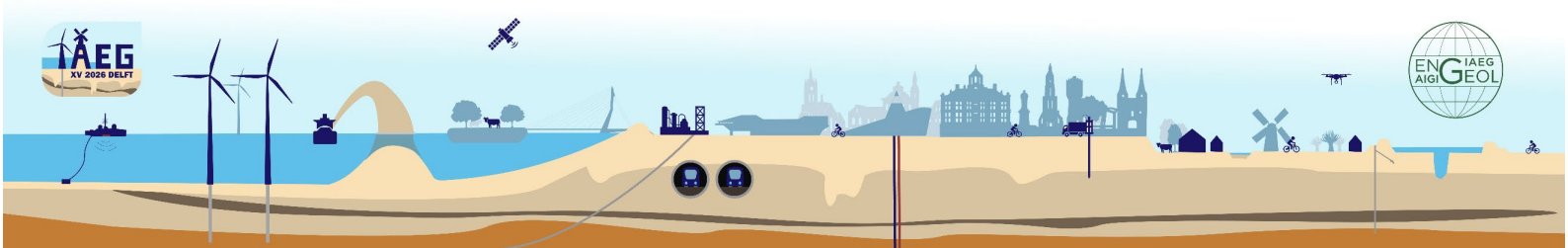
- Before the contest, a kick-off session will take place online via Zoom on **Thursday, October 1st, 11:00-12:00 CET**. During the kick-off session, team members will (a) meet each other, (b) designate a captain, who will be responsible for the team and all communication with the EnGeOlympics Organisation Committee of the contest, and (c) create a team name. The contest format, deliverables, and additional details will also be given to the competitors.
- The online interactive session will be held on the Zoom platform on **October 5th, 11:00-14:00 CET**. Participating teams will receive the Zoom link by email once registration has closed. During the session, each team will work in a designated breakout room.
- After the interactive online sessions, teams will have until **October 7th, 11:00 CET** to finalize their report and drawings. Teams must submit their report and drawings through email to iaeg2026@tudelft.nl, using the subject line "Site Investigation Contest – Report Submission - [replace this field with contestant name or team name]".
- More information about the contents of the Site Investigation contest can be found at <https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/engeolympics>.

3.3. Equipment

- Participants must use their own computer to take part to the contest. A stable internet connection is required to join Zoom, and the computer must be equipped with a camera, microphone, and speakers.
- Drawing materials (paper, pencils, and protractors) are needed for the contest. Calculators and reference materials are allowed.

3.4. Contest Officials, Jury, and Evaluation

- During the contest, moderators will be assigned. The moderators are responsible for reading the team questions, consulting the judges when necessary to assess whether the answers are correct, granting and deducting points, and enforcing the rules of the contest.
- The submitted reports will be evaluated by a jury of 5 judges appointed by the EnGeOlympics Organising Committee. Each report will be assessed independently based on predefined criteria, including technical accuracy, quality and depth of site investigation interpretation, clarity of methodology, soundness of engineering judgement, innovation, and overall structure and presentation of the report. Consideration will also be given to the team's ability to justify assumptions and provide clear, well-supported conclusions. Scores from all judges will be compiled to produce a final ranking. In the event of a tie, additional discussion among the judges will determine the outcome. All decisions of the judging panel shall be final and not subject to appeal.



4. Important Dates

- Registrations will close on **September 15th, 2026, 23:59 CET.**
- The online kick-off will take place on **Thursday, October 1st, 2026, from 11:00 CET to 12:00 CET.**
- The online interactive session will take place from **Monday, October 5th, 2026, 11:00 CET to 14:00 CET.**
- Teams have until **Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, 11:00 CET** to finalize their reports and drawings. By this date and time, all material must be submitted to the jury.

Any cancellations or cases of inability to attend should be communicated before **Thursday, 17 September 2026**, allowing sufficient time to invite new participants from the waiting list.

5. Changes in the rules

- The competition rules are subject to modification if approved by the IAEG 2026 EnGeOlympics Committee.
- Any changes, clarifications, or announcements will be published on the EnGeOlympics webpage: <https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/engeolympics>