Registrations are open for Hack4SDS 2023 with its Data Science challenges aimed at young talents to climb the leaderboard and showcase themselves for job opportunities.

May 10, 2023 - **Open Data Playground**, an innovative hackathon and data challenge platform, announces **Hack4SDS 2023**, the first national hackathon sponsored by the **Statistical & Data Science Group** (SDS) of the **Italian Statistical Society** (SIS), scheduled for June 10, 2023, with the support of **ION Group** and **Accenture Italy**.

The hackathon will take place online on **June 10, 2023**, on Open Data Playground and will last for 24 hours. The **team-based hackathon** is open to all students from Italian universities with a passion for data analysis. The event has received support from various institutional bodies that have granted their patronage, such as the **Agenzia per l'Italia Digitale (AGID), Regione Campania**, **Provincia di Caserta, Confindustria Campania** and **Provincia di Ancona**.

The event will focus on an **exploratory analysis** of the data collected by Open Search Network on **Human Resources** graduates in **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines for the Italian market. The competition has been technically developed by the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli using data from Open Search Net, a boutique headhunting firm specializing in the Italian STEM field since 2013.

Specifically, participants will be required to perform a **skills classification task** based on the information extracted from the database.

Participation is completely free, and **registrations are already open** here: https://opendataplayground.com/challenge/hack4SDS2023.

Participants, before registering, must form a **team of 3 people**, consisting of at least 2 students from an **Italian university's Data Science course**. The third team member can come from a different field of study as long as they are enrolled in an Italian university.

Given the growing importance of the topic and the need for companies to engage and find future talents, the competition is aimed at **students from Italian universities with a passion for data analysis**, allowing them to **test their skills and acquire new knowledge**. There is no better way than gamification and a simulation of real challenges to tackle such a complex and stimulating theme.

Aldo Razzino, CEO of Open Data Playground, stated, "The paradox of the Italian STEM market predicts that these talents are in high demand by companies, but in 60/70% of cases, their recruitment is difficult due to a lack of candidates. Hackathons can help bridge this gap

by providing young talents with an environment where they can showcase their skills and find employment while having fun."

The event has been entirely organized by **Open Data Playground** and the **Statistical & Data Science Group** (SDS) of the **Italian Statistical Society** (SIS), which aims to represent statistical skills for research and teaching in the field of Data Science.

Other important technical partners who have contributed to the event's realization include:

Talent Garden: With its 23 campuses in 8 countries, it is a leading company in Europe offering innovative coworking spaces, training, and major events.

24ORE Business School: Operating in the education and managerial training market for over 25 years, it is a reference point for anyone seeking the right skills to excel in the world of work.

CodeNet: Organizes team building/team boosting experiences with customizable sports sessions and activities in different locations.

ZeroCO2: A benefit corporation certified as a B Corp, committed to developing innovative nature-based solutions to mitigate the climate crisis, safeguard ecosystems, and support people.

AWorld: The official platform supporting ACTNOW, the United Nations campaign for individual action on climate change and sustainability.

Tech4Future: A journalistic publication committed to disseminating and promoting knowledge of emerging technologies by analyzing their possible impacts on our potential and alternative futures, as a media partner.