New Technology Division

What is HISTHACK?

HISTHACK is a programming marathon that brings together new technologies and historical education, creating a one-of-a-kind event. To date, two editions of the competition have been held.

The competition consists of two stages. The first takes place remotely and involves forming a team and submitting an entry electronically. Sixteen teams, one from each voivodeship (Poland's administrative regions), are invited to participate in the second stage. This stage is held on site, where participants are tasked with designing a competition project. The first edition took place at the National Stadium in Warsaw, while the second was held at the Central History Stop at 107 Marszałkowska Street in Warsaw.

See the First Edition



Pierwszy historyczny maraton programowania HISTHACK za nami5



Pierwszy historyczny maraton programowania HISTHACK za nami49



Pierwszy historyczny maraton programowania HISTHACK za nami2



Pierwszy historyczny maraton programowania HISTHACK za nami13

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Second Edition of HISTHACK Has Come to an End

Until 12 October 2025, teams from secondary schools across Poland submitted their entries. From all the submissions, the jury selected the 16 best projects to qualify for the final round, which took place from 4 to 6 November. We would like to thank all participants for taking part. It was an amazing experience!



Grupa finalistów trzyma znak histhack



Zastępca Prezesa IPN dr Karol Polejowski przemawia podczas wydarzenia.



Zastępca Dyrektor Biura Nowych Technologii IPN Adrianna Paradowska przemawia.



Uczestnicy skupieni na pracy.

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Winners of the HISTHACK 2025 Competition

Here are the winners of the second edition of the nationwide HISTHACK competition:

First place went to the team from the Hipolit Cegielski School Complex of Communications in Poznań for its project *The Centenary of Gdynia*.
Second place went to the team from the Mechanical and Electrical School Complex in Tarnów for its project *Four Faces of Communist Poland*.
Third place went to the team from the General Stefan Rowecki “Grot” School of Economics in Opole for its project *HistOn*.

The awards were presented by Dr Karol Polejowski, Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), and Magdalena Hajduk, Director of the IPN New Technology Division.

HISTHACK: Exciting Activities, Healthy Competition and an Opportunity to Learn

All participants had the opportunity to explore the New Technology Zone at the Central History Stop, engage in healthy competition with other teams and enjoy a memorable adventure. The event celebrated not only technical skills and knowledge, but also teamwork, communication and the joy of learning together. Participants competed for prizes worth nearly PLN 130,000 in total.

Once again, congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all the teams for taking part in this unforgettable event.