



FIRST **TECH** **CHALLENGE** *BENELUX*

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FTC Benelux update

In our previous newsletter, you read about our fantastic 25% growth this season. As you can imagine, this means our workload is on the upswing.

To keep delivering top-notch quality, we're expanding our team! Starting January 2024, we'll be welcoming 3 new team members who can't wait to introduce themselves in the next newsletter. Get ready to meet the fresh faces bringing even more awesomeness to our team!

Past events

Together, we can proudly reflect on a successful series of the first 4 League Meets. In Eindhoven (November 25), The Hague (December 2 and December 3), and in Leek (December 9), all teams hit the playing field, marking a true celebration of skills and teamwork.

It was fantastic to witness all the teams in action with their robots—innovative designs that often worked seamlessly, though sometimes not without a glitch. Throughout the League Meets, continuous improvements were made as teams shared knowledge and supported one another. What an incredible vibe and so much fun! We take pride in all the teams, a fantastic group of students and coaches, each dedicated to working hard to make the most

out of their FTC experience. Thanks to the contribution of numerous volunteers and the hospitality of our host schools, the first round of League Meets for the Centerstage season got off to a wonderful start. The enthusiasm and engagement have laid a solid foundation for further growth and success in the upcoming events.

Here's to many more inspiring meetings and friendly competition in the rest of the season! 💡 🤖



Coming events

Mark your calendars for the upcoming competition events: 📅

- January 13rd 2024, League Meet, De Breul, Zeist
- January 20th 2024, League Meet, Pius X college, Bladel
- January 21st 2024, League Meet Pius X college, Bladel
- January 27th 2024, League Meet, Hasselt (Belgium).
- February 24th 2024, Benelux Championship, Avans Hogeschool, Breda

Everyone is welcome to come and watch our events. Let others also experience the fun of participating in *FIRST* Tech Challenge. For more details, we kindly refer you to our [website](#)

Side Event Benelux Championship

During the FTC Benelux Championship on February 24, 2024 an exciting side event awaits. The side event will host all kinds of interesting tech activities for kids (and adults) of all ages. We're actively crafting an engaging program. What can we tease for now?

For teams that didn't make it to the Championship, we've got exciting news! Several of these teams will receive an invitation to join a kind of FTC Scrimmage, where they can engage in robot matches alongside the Championship-qualified teams. More details on this special opportunity will follow soon.

But that's not all - expect immersive FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC) demonstrations by international teams and the spirited presence of enthusiastic FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) teams. This event will truly encompass the entire spectrum of the FIRST educational journey, providing a comprehensive view of the remarkable progression from FTC to FRC and showcasing the vibrant participation of young minds in the FLL program.

More updates on this exciting event are on the way – stay tuned! 🚀 🤖

Join our team of volunteers

For our events, we depend on the invaluable support of volunteers. Are you eager to join our team of dedicated volunteers, or do you know someone who would be interested? Send us a message at info@ftcnetherlands.eu and we'll be sure to get in touch with you. Your passion and commitment can make a significant difference and contribute to the success and vibrancy of our events.

Let's collaborate to create memorable experiences together!



We want to wish you all a joyful Christmas and Happy Holidays. Enjoy the well-deserved rest and the warmth of the holidays, and let's welcome the new year with enthusiasm together.

See you all in January!
Ron, Nicolle, Irene, Ronald, Bas, Roel, Ben

