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The new edition of *Gigas for Schools* is now upon us, this year with national outreach

Gigas and Educsi - Jesuit Education are seeking out the best idea for business or social development across schools from all over Spain

Ground-breaking initiative that targets education as the key driver of innovation, enterprise and future prosperity

***Gigas for Schools* was conceived with the aim of training the entrepreneurs and tech leaders of tomorrow**

Gigas (GIGA.MAB), a Spanish multinational cloud computing service company, and Educsi - Jesuit Education have just launched the second edition of their *Gigas for Schools* programme to help train future generations of entrepreneurs and tech leaders in Spain.

The initiative stems from the partnership between Educsi - Jesuit Education and multinational cloud computing firm Gigas. Now in its second outing, the competition is open to schools from anywhere in Spain. It also features a brand new website dedicated to the programme: www.gigasforschools.org.

Gigas for Schools is a competitive and practical training programme that aims to inspire and arouse a passion for technology among future generations (pupils aged 15 to 18 who study at Jesuit educational centres from all over Spain). The initiative will achieve this goal by targeting enterprise, social commitment and R&D, which are all key factors shaping the development of these youngsters' future careers.

The programme also hopes to inspire students from all schools to choose careers and jobs in technology, where male students currently outnumber female students by a considerable margin.

Meanwhile, students will have the opportunity to chat with renowned entrepreneurs, who will motivate them and inspire them to create a tech business project that is commercially viable.



Participants will also receive tutored practical training in key areas such as marketing, business planning, product development and sales and strategy, delivered by both Educsi - Jesuit Education and Gigas. The awards panel will then choose a winning project from among the entries received from all over Spain, basing its final decision on the technology employed in the project, while also relying on market analysis and feasibility studies and appraising the project's future potential.

Last time around, the award went to 'Smart Plant'; an innovative irrigation system developed by students from the Revillagigedo Technical School in Gijón. In its first outing, the competition attracted some twenty projects, which received universal acclaim from the panel for the maturity and originality of the ideas put forward and for the quality of the presentations.

About Gigas.com

Gigas is a Spanish cloud computing company listed on the Mercado Alternativo Bursátil (Spanish Alternative Equity Market, or MAB) (ticker: GIGA.MAB). Founded in 2011, it has become one of the world's leading providers in the sector, according to Gartner's "Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service" report. Gigas, which offers cloud computing solutions to large corporations and SMEs alike, is widely known for its cutting-edge technology and unrivalled technical support. The company has data centres in Madrid, Miami and Santiago de Chile and offices in Spain, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Miami, Panama and Mexico.

About Educsi – Jesuit Education

Educsi is the educational arm of the Society of Jesus in the Province of Spain. It has 69 traditional educational centres with upwards of 75,000 pupils and 6,000 teachers. The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) has been educating people for over four hundred and fifty years and has a global network of 4,000 educational centres around the world. It draws inspiration from the Christian vision of Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the order, who sought to give subjects the experience and internal belief needed to transform the world by giving thanks to the Lord and to our brethren, in the conviction that humanity means brotherhood.

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