



# First Ascent International 2023 brings Europe's top women computer science and engineering students to exclusive networking event in Milan

*Bending Spoons invites twenty participants to attend an all-expenses-paid event in Milan to network, meet fellow women students and professionals, and understand what to expect from a career in tech.*

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First Ascent International, the event created by Bending Spoons to celebrate European students in Computer Science and Software Engineering, is back. This year, it will focus exclusively on women. Bending Spoons will invite twenty impressive women students and recent graduates to Milan for a four-day retreat. They will meet fellow students and experienced industry professionals from Bending Spoons to make meaningful connections and learn about career opportunities in tech.

## **Applications are accepted until May 7, 2023**

Applications are officially open until May 7. All women students who are currently studying at a European university (including non-European citizens who are eligible to travel to Italy) or who graduated in Computer Science, Information Technology, or Software Engineering in 2022 or 2023 are invited to apply. Applications are also open to students from a different field who can demonstrate an impressive track record in programming. Successful applicants will pass through an online selection process. Upon submitting a CV and motivation letter, applicants will be asked to solve applied logic problems, with impressive performers progressing to an interview phase.

## **The event**

Twenty students will earn a trip to Milan to attend First Ascent from October 5 to October 8, 2023, sponsored and paid for in full by Bending Spoons. The four-day event will consist of tech talks, networking activities, and entertainment around Milan. A detailed program of the event will be made available to participants before the event begins.

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During First Ascent International, participants will be able to meet with other talented women students and experienced professionals, widening their network and exchanging knowledge. The four-day event will also be the chance to look behind the scenes of a successful tech company in Bending Spoons.

*"In previous editions of First Ascent International, students have always come away with interesting advice and exciting career opportunities. Our primary aim this year is to provide women who are starting their careers with valuable direction and support. We hope all participants will come away with a clear idea of what it means to build a career in the tech industry, and a passion to do extraordinary things,"* says Silvia Trebini, Senior Recruiter at Bending Spoons.

For further information please visit: <https://firstascent.io/international>

### **Bending Spoons**

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