

Workshop

Battle of NLP Ideas

Manuela Hürlimann¹, Katsiaryna Mlynchyk¹ and Philipp Kuntschik²

ZHAW Centre for Artificial Intelligence¹, adesso Schweiz AG²

Description

In order to advance NLP in Switzerland and foster collaboration, it's crucial to bring together practitioners from different backgrounds and offer a setting in which they can come up with innovative ideas. The NLP Expert Group of the data+innovation alliance along with adesso, SwissNLP and the Centre for Artificial Intelligence at ZHAW are proudly hosting the Battle of NLP Ideas, which has been sparking lively discussions and coming up with exciting new ideas in the past.

The main goal of this workshop is to get people with different skills and perspectives to brainstorm about innovative ideas that advance NLP. These ideas should ideally then lead to real projects, whether in research, industry, or open-source work.

The past three editions have shown that participants enjoy the Battle of NLP Ideas and come up with great ideas. Many ideas have been pursued further to ideation workshops and joint project proposals.

Schedule

Introduction, 20 min: All participants welcomed, and the structure and the flow of the Battle of NLP Ideas workshop outlined.

Round 1, 20 min: A brainstorming session in the groups of 2-4 people to generate NLP-related ideas. The best idea(s) are voted for to be presented in Round 2.

Round 2, 30 min: The groups are merged within a room and the best ideas from the groups are presented. A discussion and new voting for the 2 best ideas are followed.

Final Round, 30 min: Best ideas from every room are presented. All participants vote for the best ideas. The winner is awarded the victory.

Follow-Up planning, 10 min: Participants get the opportunity to communicate on following the ideas up. Next steps and follow-up meetings scheduled.