



## PROGRAMMING OUR FUTURE

11 – 17 MAY 2019

**Tech Week** is one of the national STEM festivals in Ireland which celebrates new technology and envisages the power of digitisation to transform lives as the motivation for engaging with, learning to leverage and control innovation.

Get involved by organising a technology related event with your students during Tech Week. Ideas and resources to inspire you will be available from the website.

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Two main **National competitions** take place under Tech Week “umbrella”:



Bebas:

- introduces computational thinking and computer science to students from 8-18 years by allowing them to solve interactive tasks online in 45 min in their own school.
- provides certificates of achievement for all participants
- is an international competition that takes place in the same two weeks in November in 44 countries. You can schedule the challenge to take place during any school day between the **5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- The top achieving students across all age groups will be invited to attend a final round in Maynooth University during Tech Week 2019.

How to get involved:

- Register as a coordinator [online](#).

**HYPERLINK**  
**"[http://ie.beverwedstrijd.nl/index.php?action=user\\_competitions](http://ie.beverwedstrijd.nl/index.php?action=user_competitions)" TRY THE PRACTICE CHALLENGE!**



Scratch is a visual programming language that makes it easy for young people to create their own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art – and share their creations on the web. This national coding competition is brought to you by the ICS Foundation and supported by Lero - the Irish Software Research Centre.

Look out for the upcoming launch of the 2019 National Scratch Competition during EU Code Week (**6th – 21st October 2018**).

The closing date for receipt of Scratch projects is **Friday 22nd February 2019**.

All participants receive a Scratch completion cert with the top scoring projects going through to a grand final, taking place during Tech Week 2019.

For more information please see [www.ics.ie/scratch](http://www.ics.ie/scratch) and [www.scratch.ie](http://www.scratch.ie)