

Hackcess = hack + access

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Train travel could certainly be a better experience for travelers with disabilities, heavy suitcases or small children. Instead of passively standing by for larger infrastructural changes to remedy this, [SNCF](#) – the French mobility group – and [OpenStreetMap France](#) are teaming up to see what technology and data can do to start solving real-world issues now.

Here is what has been happening so far:

- Non-profits, developers, thematic experts, etc. put all their brainpower in one room for a full day of trouble-shooting and [defining the specific use cases](#) at hand.
- SNCF has started opening up fresh [data sets](#).
- OpenStreetMap is [mapping the indoors](#) of Greater Paris train stations.

And here is what is happening next: SNCF is inviting startups, specialists, designers and developers who are passionate about mobility and assistive technologies to come help make a difference at a co-creation event called ["Hackcess" from November 15-17](#).

Hackcess is a new accelerator program to help spur innovation at the intersection of mass transit and assistive technology. Redefining personalized mass transit is no small challenge and this time we're sending invitations all across Europe. All teams that present prototypes of technology of interest to SNCF will receive funding to continue to developing their work for two months. At the end of that time span, the teams demo the product to determine (alongside SNCF) if/how to best move forward (funding, incubation, contracted work, etc.).

If you have got a project/product/idea you think can solve problems and spur innovation in this field, [come to Paris with your team from November 15-17!](#)

- See more [here](#).