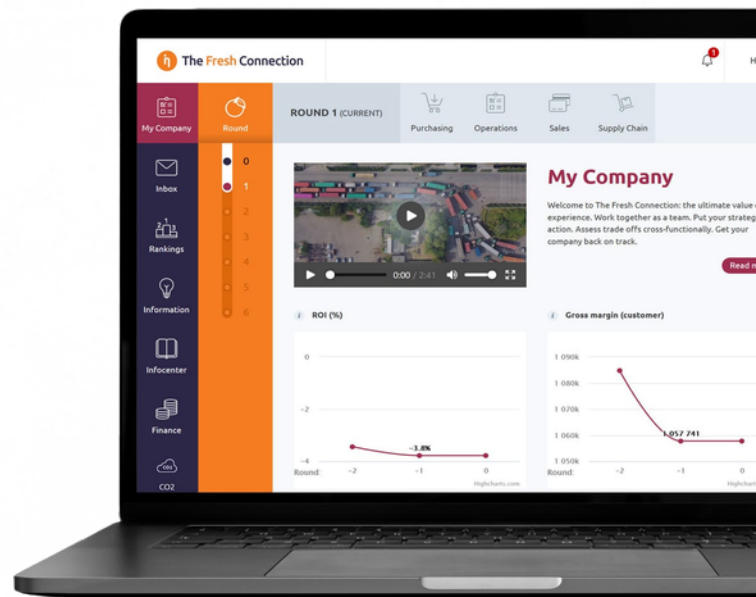


IPICS & SAPICS STUDENT CHALLENGE



Take The Fresh Connection Challenge!

Put your supply chain skills to the test in a competitive business simulation.

IPICS – The Supply Chain Management Institute, SAPICS and Inchainge are joining forces to offer third-level students an exciting opportunity to experience supply chain decision-making in action.



THE TOP 2 TEAMS ADVANCE TO:
THE QUALIFICATION ROUNDS OF INCHAINGE GLOBAL STUDENT CHALLENGE 2027

CHALLENGE DETAILS



WHEN

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13
October 2026



TIME

Ireland: 18:00–21:30 IST/BST
South Africa: 19:00–22:30 SAST



WHERE

Online via Zoom



FACILITATED BY

Professor Igor Lopes, Inchainge



Winners announcement takes place at the end of the second evening:
Tuesday 13 October 2026

COMPETE. COLLABORATE. MAKE DECISIONS. SEE THE IMPACT.



EXPERIENCE THE FRESH CONNECTION

Bringing supply chain decision-making to life.

The Fresh Connection (TFC) End-to-End Supply Chain is an immersive, web-based business simulation that brings supply chain decision-making to life.

Working in teams of four or five, students take on the challenge of optimizing sales, capacity management, inventory management and sourcing, all with one shared goal: achieving the highest possible return on investment (ROI).

As the simulation unfolds, students experience first-hand how decisions across sourcing, production, supply chain and distribution are interconnected, and the trade-offs that come with them. They explore the impact of supplier and customer relationship management and discover how effective collaboration can improve supply chain visibility, alignment and overall optimization.

Throughout the challenge, students will:

- Develop and execute a supply chain strategy through tactical decision-making.
- Create a customer value proposition aligned with their strategy and capabilities.
- Balance customer service and inventory while managing stock-outs and obsolescence.
- Optimize inventory across components and finished goods.
- Manage suppliers and SLAs while balancing Total Cost of Ownership.
- Improve production processes in line with the overall supply chain strategy.
- Collaborate across functions to improve overall business performance.

Details & Bookings

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