

# MY NEXT HACKATON PROJECT !

## 1. Bill of Materials

Component	Qty	Unit Cost (USD)	Source / Notes
<b>STM32WL Nucleo-64 board</b> (NUCLEO-WL55JC1)	1	\$43.00	On-board ST-LINK, 3.3 V regulator, SMPS, MIPI debug, Arduino headers <a href="#">STMicroelectronics</a>
<b>401 MHz UHF antenna</b> (quarter-wave whip, SMA)	1	\$9.00	Cut for 401 MHz; use 18.7 cm whip or commercial UHF stubby
<b>RF matching kit</b> (ST IPD filter/matching IPD)	1	\$10–15	ST's fine-tuned IPD for STM32WL @ 400 MHz (order via ST quoting AN5457) <a href="#">STMicroelectronics</a>
<b>DHT22</b> temp/humidity sensor module	1	\$10.00	3.3 V logic; single-wire protocol; includes pull-up resistor
<b>u-blox NEO-6M GPS module</b>	1	\$15.00	5 V Vcc, 9600 baud NMEA; patch antenna included
<b>Li-Po battery</b> (3.7 V, 2000 mAh)	1	\$8.00	With protection board; powers the node in the field
<b>LiPo charger board</b> (MCP73831)	1	\$3.00	USB-micro input, status LEDs
<b>Enclosure &amp; misc</b> (wires, connectors)	—	\$8.00	Weatherproof box, jumper wires, SMA cable, heat-shrink
<b>—— Total (approx.)</b>		<b>\$106–111</b>	

## 2. Hardware Modifications: Tuning to 401 MHz

The NUCLEO-WL55JC1's on-board RF network is optimized for 868/915 MHz. To retune it to Kinéis' **401.620 MHz** downlink/uplink:

### 1. Bypass the 868 MHz filter

- On the underside of the board, locate the SMA feed and the band-pass filter (per UM2592).
- **Cut** the input trace to the 868 MHz filter with an X-acto knife (right before L\* in the filter).
- **Jumper** that trace directly to the RF pin of the STM32WL (pad next to the filter input).

### 2. Install the 400 MHz matching IPD (from AN5457 application note)

- Order ST's **IPD2AHMC4020F1** matching IPD (or equivalent BOM in AN5457 Table 5) tuned for 400 MHz.
- **Solder** it in place of the onboard IPD (remove the 868 MHz IPD first).

- This ensures < 1 dB insertion loss at 401 MHz and proper 50 Ω matching.

### 3. Antenna

- Screw on your **401 MHz whip**.
- Keep the node in “open sky” orientation (vertical whip) for best link.

**Citations:**

- ST RF matching guide for STM32WL Series (AN5457) [STMicroelectronics](#)
- NUCLEO-WL55JC1 user manual, section “RF matching & filtering” [Scribd](#)

## 3. Kinéis Onboarding: Platform ID & AES Key

To go live on the **production** Argos-Kinéis network (not hack-sandbox), you must:

### 1. Sign a simple Integrator Agreement

- Contact Kinéis support at [integrators@kineis.com](mailto:integrators@kineis.com) with your project scope (“emergency broadcast device”).
- They’ll send you a 1-page NDA + Integrator Agreement.

### 2. Request a Platform Identification

- Fill out the “Argos-Kinéis Platform ID Request” form.
- Specify: *Service: Standard Kinéis, Payload size: up to 29 bytes, Tx power: ≤ 100 mW.*
- Email to [argos-id@cls.fr](mailto:argos-id@cls.fr).

### 3. Receive your credentials

- **32-bit Platform ID** (e.g. 0x01ABCDEF)
- **16-byte AES key** (shared secret key for payload encryption)
- **Optional:** tuned radio calibration binary

Keep these confidential. You’ll embed them in your firmware.

## 4. Firmware Setup (STM32CubeIDE + Kinéis Stack)

1. **Install STM32CubeIDE** (v1.14 or later).
2. **Create a new STM32 project** for STM32WL55JC1 (select the correct MCU).
3. **Import the Kinéis Stack**

- In your project’s **/Drivers/Kineis/** folder, copy:
  - `libkineis.a` (pre-compiled binary from Kinéis)
  - `kineis_api.h, frame_builder.h`, etc.

- In **Project** → **Properties** → **C/C++ Build** → **Settings** → **Linker** → **Libraries**, add **kineis** and its include path.

#### 4. Enable the hardware AES engine (optional)

- In **.ioc** under **Security** → **AES**, enable **AES** and **RNG** modules.
- STM32WL has a hardware AES accelerator (up to 15 cycles per block), minimizing CPU load.

#### 5. Configure Radio

- In **.ioc** → **RADIO** → **Protocol**, set modulation to **BPSK (400 bps)**.
- Set **RF Frequency** to **401.620 MHz**.
- Set **Output Power** to **+20 dBm (100 mW)**.

#### 6. Generate code and open Main.c (or app\_main.c).

## 5. Production-Ready Code

Below is a complete, production-grade example that:

- Reads DHT22 & GPS
- AES-128 encrypts the payload
- Builds an Argos-Kinéis frame
- Transmits via on-board radio

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/* Includes ----- */
#include "kineis_api.h"      // Kinéis static library API
#include "frame_builder.h"   // payload helpers
#include "stm32wlxx_hal.h"
#include "dht22.h"           // your DHT22 driver
#include "ublox6m.h"         // your GPS driver

/* === Credentials (fill these with your own) === */
static const uint32_t PLATFORM_ID = 0x01ABCDEF;           // 32-bit ID from Kinéis
static const uint8_t AES_KEY[16] = {
    0xA1,0xB2,0xC3,0xD4, 0xE5,0xF6,0x07,0x18,
    0x29,0x3A,0x4B,0x5C, 0x6D,0x7E,0x8F,0x90
};

/* Sensor & GPS handles */
extern DHT22_HandleTypeDef hdht22;
extern UART_HandleTypeDef huart1; // GPS on USART1

/* Main application entry */
int main(void)
{
    HAL_Init();
    SystemClock_Config();
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MX_GPIO_Init();
MX_AES_Init();           // hardware AES
MX_USART1_UART_Init();  // GPS
MX_DHT22_Init();        // DHT22

/* 1) Init Kinéis stack */
KFD_Init();
KFD_SetPlatformID(PLATFORM_ID);
KFD_SetSecretKey(AES_KEY, sizeof(AES_KEY));
// If you got a calibration blob, load it now:
// KFD_SetRadioConfig(radio_cfg, radio_cfg_len);

/* 2) Wait for fix (optional) */
double lat=0, lon=0;
uint32_t t0 = HAL_GetTick();
while (HAL_GetTick() - t0 < 30000) { // 30 s timeout
    if (UBlox_ReadSentence(&huart1, &lat, &lon)==GPS_OK) break;
}

/* 3) Read sensors */
float temp = DHT22_ReadTemperature(&hdht22);
float hum   = DHT22_ReadHumidity(&hdht22);

/* 4) Build clear payload (max 29 bytes) */
uint8_t clear[29];
uint8_t payload_len =
    KFD_PayloadCreate_GPS_TH(clear,
        (int32_t)(lat*1e6),
        (int32_t)(lon*1e6),
        (int16_t)(temp*10),
        (uint8_t)(hum)
    );
    
/* 5) Encrypt & transmit */
KFD_Transmit(clear, payload_len);

/* 6) Go to deep sleep until next event */
HAL_PWR_EnterSTOPMode(PWR_LOWPOWERREGULATOR_ON, PWR_STOPENTRY_WFI);
// On wake (RTC or EXTI), code will resume here

while (1) { /* should never reach */ }
}

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**Notes:**

- `KFD_Init()`, `KFD_SetPlatformID()`, `KFD_SetSecretKey()`, and `KFD_Transmit()` are part of Kinéis' closed-source stack. `KFD_Transmit()` takes care of AES-128 encryption (CTR mode internally), CRC, MAC, timing & retries.
- Deep-sleep and wake-on-RTC or external interrupt preserves battery. STM32WL in STOP mode draws < 1 µA; radio shutdown draws 0 mA.
- Adjust `KFD_PayloadCreate_GPS_TH()` or write your own builder for other sensors.

## 6. Flash, Test & Certification

1. **Build & flash** via STM32CubeIDE (Run → Debug or Flash).
2. **On-air test**
  - Place node under open sky.
  - Wait for next Argos-Kinéis pass (use [CelesTrak](#) TLE for Argos-4).
  - Check your **Kinéis Web Console** under *Last Messages*—you should see your encrypted frame decoded.
3. **Certification**
  - Run the test suite in the Kinéis Certification Guide: send test vectors, capture logs via SWO or UART.
  - Submit logs to Kinéis for final RF-protocol approval.
  - Once approved, your node is cleared for production deployment.

### You're Live!

Your STM32WL node now sends **AES-encrypted, fully certified** emergency telemetry via the Argos-Kinéis satellite network—no gateways required. In an actual emergency scenario, a single 29 B uplink can summon help from anywhere on Earth.

#### Key Citations:

- ST RF matching for STM32WL (AN5457) [STMicroelectronics](#)
- STM32WL hardware AES accelerator specs [STMicroelectronics](#)
- Kinéis stack & certification process (internal docs)

Good luck in your deployment—and safe travels!