

Academics for Technology vzw (hereafter: NEXT)

Terms and condition

NEXT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE PLEASE READ THESE TERMS OF USE CAREFULLY. BY CLICKING “ACCEPT” OR ACCESSING THE SITE AND/OR USING THE SERVICES, YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND BY GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE BOUND BY THESE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE, YOU MAY NOT ACCESS OR USE THE SITE OR SERVICES. BY ACCEPTING THESE TERMS OR BY ACCESSING THE SITE OR USING THE SERVICES, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE INCLUDING THE PRIVACY POLICY REFERENCED BELOW. IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE OR DO NOT AGREE TO THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE, THEN YOU DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE SITE OR USE THE SERVICES.

1 - PURPOSE

These general terms and conditions (the "General Terms and Conditions") apply between NEXT, with registered office , 3000 Leuven (Belgium), Naamsestraat 61/bus 4049 (company number: 0565.941.154) and you as a user ("User") of the NEXT Platform (together the "**Parties**").

The purpose of these general conditions is to define the terms and conditions of use of the Services offered on the NEXT Platform (hereinafter: the "**Services**"), as well as to define the rights and obligations of the parties in this context.

We recommend that you read these Terms and Conditions carefully before using the NEXT Platform and keep a copy of them. In particular, they are accessible and printable at any time via a direct link at the bottom of the home page of the site.

They may be supplemented, where appropriate, by conditions of use specific to certain Services. In case of contradiction, the special conditions prevail over these general conditions.

2 - CONTACT DATA

NEXT can be contacted at the following coordinates:

Mailing address: Naamsestraat 61/bus 4049, 3000 Leuven (Belgium)

Email: info@nextleuven.be

3 – DEFINITIONS

1°) **NEXT**: a non-profit organization under Belgian law that fosters entrepreneurship and technological innovation among students. NEXT offers a platform for events, workshops, mentorship, and networking opportunities to support students in developing entrepreneurial skills and launching innovative projects.

2°) **User**: any student, recent graduate, aspiring entrepreneur, or partner who engages with NEXT's services. This includes participation in events, access to the Innovation Portfolio, collaboration on entrepreneurial projects, or seeking guidance from NEXT's network of Expert Mentors. A Partner may be an individual, organization, or company that collaborates with NEXT to support its mission, contribute resources, or engage with Users through mentorship, sponsorship, or joint initiatives.

3°) **Standard Services**: the core offerings of NEXT, including access to events, workshops, the Innovation Portfolio and trips. These services are intended to support Users in developing their entrepreneurial ideas and skills but do not constitute formal business consulting or legal advice.

4°) **Particular Service**: a tailored matchmaking effort by NEXT to connect a User with an Expert Mentor or industry professional not yet affiliated with NEXT, based on the specific needs or domain of the User's project.

5°) **Focus Domain**: a thematic area of interest supported by NEXT, including but not limited to Artificial Intelligence, MedTech, or FinTech, as indicated on NEXT's website. These domains guide the organization's programming.

4- ACCESS TO THE SITE AND SERVICES

The Services are accessible, subject to the restrictions provided on the website, to any natural person with full legal capacity to undertake under these general terms and conditions. The natural person who does not have full legal capacity may only access the Site and the Services with the agreement of his legal representative.

5 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS

The acceptance of these general conditions is materialized by a checkbox in the registration form. This acceptance can only be full and complete. The User who does not agree to be bound by these terms and conditions must not use the Services.

6 - NO RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

The right of withdrawal of Directive 2011/83/EU is not applicable.

8 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES AND CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

The services offered by **NEXT Leuven** include access by the **User or Partner** to a platform and ecosystem that supports student entrepreneurship and innovation. This includes participation in events, workshops, trips, and collaborative projects designed to foster skills in technology, business, and creative problem-solving.

NEXT facilitates connections between Users and Partners through its platform and events. Users may share project materials, business ideas, or technical documentation to receive feedback, mentorship, or collaboration opportunities. All shared content remains the responsibility of the User, and NEXT does not interfere with the advice or guidance provided by Partners.

The User acknowledges that NEXT Leuven acts solely as a facilitator and does not participate in or guarantee the outcomes of mentorship, project development, or business advice. NEXT provides the infrastructure and community that enable these relationships to flourish, but the content and direction of such engagements are determined by the parties involved.

The User has access to the Services described on the site, in a form and according to the functionalities and technical means that **NEXT** deems most appropriate.

10 - DATA

The User expressly acknowledges and accepts:

- (i) that the data collected by NEXT Leuven, including project submissions, mentorship interactions, event participation, and related communications, stored on NEXT's digital infrastructure, serve as valid evidence of the activities and engagements carried out under this agreement;
- (ii) that these records constitute the **sole admissible form of proof** between the parties, particularly for determining any fees, contributions, or service usage metrics owed to NEXT Leuven.

The User may request access to relevant data by contacting NEXT Leuven directly via the official communication channels provided on its website.

11 - OBLIGATIONS OF THE USER

Without prejudice to the other obligations provided for herein, the User undertakes to comply with the following obligations:

11.1 The User undertakes, in his use of the Services, to comply with the laws and regulations in force and not to infringe the rights of third parties or public order.

11.2 The User accepts that the NEXT platform will only be used for non-commercial purposes and on his own behalf and that of the children in his custody.

11.3 The User acknowledges having read on the site the characteristics and constraints, in particular technical, of all the Services. He is solely responsible for his use of the Services.

11.4 The User is informed and accepts that the implementation of the Services requires that he be connected to the internet and that the quality of the Services depends directly on this connection, for which he is solely responsible.

11.5 The User undertakes to immediately inform NEXT of any unauthorized use of his account or any other violation of the security of his account of which he is aware.

11.6 The User undertakes to provide **NEXT** with all the information necessary for the proper performance of the Services. The User is responsible for the accuracy of the information he provides when registering to access the NEXT platform and when using the Service. NEXT cannot be held responsible for any damage that may occur due to incorrect or outdated information provided by the User.

11.7 The User is solely responsible for the content of any kind (editorial, graphic, audiovisual or other, including the name and/or image possibly chosen by the User to identify him on the site) that he disseminates as part of the Services (hereinafter referred to as: the "**Content**").

He guarantees NEXT that he has all the rights and authorizations necessary for the dissemination of this Content.

He undertakes to ensure that said Content is lawful, does not infringe public order, morality or the rights of third parties, does not infringe any legislative or regulatory provision and more generally, is in no way likely to bring into play the civil or criminal liability of NEXT.

The User is thus prohibited from disseminating, in particular and without this list being exhaustive:

- Content that is pornographic, obscene, indecent, offensive or unsuitable for a family audience, defamatory, abusive, violent, racist, xenophobic or revisionist,
- infringing Content,
- Content that infringes on the image of a third party,
- Content that is deceptive, misleading or that proposes or promotes illegal, fraudulent or misleading activities,
- Content that is harmful to third party computer systems (such as viruses, worms, Trojan horses, etc.),
- and more generally Content that may infringe the rights of third parties or be harmful to third parties, in any way and in any form whatsoever.

11.8 The User acknowledges that the Services offer him an additional but not alternative solution to the means he already uses elsewhere to achieve the same objective and that this solution cannot replace these other means.

11.9 The User shall indemnify and hold NEXT harmless from any damages, losses, costs, expenses, claims (of third parties) and other liabilities incurred by NEXT as a result of the User's failure to comply with its obligations under these Terms, it being understood that NEXT will make reasonable efforts to mitigate any potential harm it may suffer.

11.10 These General Terms and Conditions cover the normal use of the Service by the User. NEXT reserves the right to restrict, suspend or terminate the provision of the Service in the event of abnormal or inappropriate use by the User.

12- USER'S GUARANTEE

The User guarantees and holds harmless NEXT against any complaints, claims, actions and/or claims whatsoever that NEXT may suffer as a result of the User's breach of any of its obligations or guarantees under these terms and conditions.

He undertakes to indemnify NEXT for any damage it may suffer and to pay it all costs, charges and/or convictions it may have to bear as a result.

13 - PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

13.1 It is strictly forbidden to use the Services for the following purposes:

1. the exercise of illegal, fraudulent activities or activities that infringe the rights or safety of third parties,
2. breach of public order or violation of the laws and regulations in force,
3. intrusion into the computer system of a third party or any activity likely to harm, control, interfere, or intercept all or part of the computer system of a third party, violate its integrity or security,
4. the sending of unsolicited emails and/or prospecting or commercial solicitation,
5. manipulations intended to improve the referencing of a third-party site,
6. aiding or abetting, in any form and manner, one or more of the acts and activities described above,
7. and more generally any practice diverting the Services for purposes other than those for which they were designed.

12.2 Users are strictly prohibited from copying and/or misappropriating for their own purposes or those of third parties the concept, technologies or any other element of the NEXT website.

12.3 Are also strictly prohibited: (i) any behavior likely to interrupt, suspend, slow down or prevent the continuity of the Services, (ii) any intrusion or attempted intrusion into NEXT's systems, (iii) any misappropriation of the site's system resources, (iv) any actions likely to impose a disproportionate

burden on the latter's infrastructures, (v) any breach of security and authentication measures, (vi) any acts likely to infringe the financial, commercial or moral rights and interests of NEXT or the users of its site, and finally more generally (vii) any breach of these general conditions.

12.4 It is strictly forbidden to monetize, sell or grant all or part of the access to the Services or the site, as well as to the information hosted and/or shared therein.

14 - PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

In the event of a breach of any of the provisions of these general conditions or more generally, of a violation of the laws and regulations in force by a User, NEXT reserves the right to take any appropriate measure and in particular to:

1. suspend or terminate access to the Services of the User, author of the breach or infringement, or having participated in it,
2. delete any content posted on the site,
3. publish on the site any information message that NEXT deems useful,
4. notify any authority concerned,
5. initiate any legal action.

15 – RESPONSIBILITY OF NEXT

15.1 NEXT undertakes to provide the Services diligently and according to the rules of the art, it being specified that it is subject to an obligation of means, to the exclusion of any obligation of result, which the Users expressly acknowledges and accept.

15.2 NEXT is not aware of the content posted by Users as part of the Services, on which it does not carry out any moderation, selection, verification or control of any kind and in respect of which it intervenes only as a hosting provider.

Consequently, NEXT cannot be held responsible for the content, whose authors are third parties, any possible claim must be directed in the first place to the author of the content in question.

15.3 NEXT declines all responsibility in the event of any loss of the information accessible in the User's Personal Space, the latter having to save a copy and not being able to claim any compensation in this respect.

15.4 NEXT undertakes to carry out regular checks to verify the functioning and accessibility of the site. As such, NEXT reserves the right to temporarily interrupt access to the site for maintenance reasons. Similarly, NEXT cannot be held responsible for any difficulties or temporary impossibilities of access to the site that have their origin in circumstances that are external to it, force majeure, or that are due to disruptions to telecommunications networks.

15.5 NEXT does not guarantee to Users (i) that the Services, subject to constant research to improve their performance and progress, will be completely free of errors, defects or defects, (ii) that the Services, being standard and not offered solely for the benefit of a given User according to his own personal constraints, will specifically meet their needs and expectations.

15.6 NEXT undertakes to make reasonable efforts (obligation of means) to ensure the availability of the NEXT platform and the proper functioning of the Service. NEXT may determine on its own initiative the technical and other resources necessary for the provision of the Service.

16 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The systems, software, structures, infrastructures, databases and content of any kind (texts, images, visuals, music, logos, brands, database, etc ...) operated by NEXT within the site are protected by all intellectual property rights or rights of database producers in force. All disassemblies, decompilations, decryptions, extractions, reuses, copies and more generally, all acts of reproduction, representation, dissemination and use of any of these elements, in whole or in part, without the authorization of NEXT are strictly prohibited and may be subject to legal proceedings.

17 – PERSONAL DATA

NEXT, acting as the controller of the User's personal data on the NEXT platform, uses this personal data in order to provide the Services.

The personal data protection policy is explained in detail in the document entitled "Privacy Policy", which the User is expressly invited to read and accept at the time of registration on the site.

18 - FORCE MAJEURE

NEXT shall not be liable for any delay or failure to provide the Service when they result from unforeseeable events beyond its control that make it impossible to perform the Service in whole or in part ("Force Majeure"), including, but not limited to, a cyber-attack, actions or omissions of legislative

or governmental bodies (including the adoption of laws or regulations or other acts of regulatory bodies or public authorities that prevent the provision of the Service).

In the event of an event of force majeure, NEXT has the right to suspend or limit the provision of the Service without the User being able to claim any damage. In this case, NEXT will make every effort to limit the duration and impact of the Force Majeure event.

19 - MODIFICATIONS

These General conditions and Terms of Use (including the Privacy Policy) constitute the entire agreement between NEXT and the User pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

NEXT reserves the right to modify these General Conditions at any time.

The User will be informed of these changes by any useful means.

The User who does not accept the modified general conditions must unsubscribe from the Services.

Any User who uses the Services after the entry into force of the modified general conditions is deemed to have accepted these modifications.

20 - LANGUAGE

In the event of a translation of these General Conditions into one or more languages, the language of interpretation will be the English language in the event of a contradiction or dispute over the meaning of a term or provision.

21 - APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

22.1 The contract between NEXT and the User for the use of the platform is governed by Belgian law.

In the event of a dispute over the validity, interpretation and/or execution of the contract, the parties agree that the courts of Brussels will have exclusive jurisdiction to judge them, unless mandatory procedural rules to the contrary.

22- ENTRY INTO FORCE AND UPDATES

These general terms and conditions were updated on 23/09/2025.