

Privacy policy

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEXT is a non-profit organization with company number 0565.941.154, located at Leuven, Belgium. Our commitment is to put students first. We strive to be transparent about how we collect and use your information, to keep your information secure and to provide you meaningful opportunities.

This Privacy Policy is meant to help you understand what information NEXT and its partners collect, why we collect it and what we do with it. This policy applies to NEXT and all of its branches and to all NEXT's partners (we will collectively refer to these as 'services').

Contact Information

- Address: Naamsestraat 61/bus 4049, 3000 Leuven.
- Email: info@nextleuven.be

NEXT ensures that your privacy is respected and acts in accordance with the Regulation (UE) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons regarding the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (hereafter « GDPR ») on the processing of personal data.

This Privacy Policy explains how we handle your data, and how your privacy is respected when using NEXT's services. This Privacy Policy applies only to NEXT. This Privacy Policy does not apply to practices of companies that NEXT does not own or control, or to people that NEXT does not employ or manage.

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WHAT PERSONAL DATA DO WE COLLECT?

We collect different types of personal data depending on your interaction with NEXT. This data includes:

A. INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE TO US

We may collect the information that you provide to us, such as:

- **When visiting our website:** Our systems automatically collect technical information, such as your web browser, operating system, and time of site access.

- **When registering for our services:** We collect data that you directly provide, including:

1. Name
2. Surname
3. Email address

When registering for our newsletter: Only your email address is collected

NEXT analyzes and stores all communications content, including email content from incoming and outgoing mail. This allows us to deliver, personalize and develop relevant features, content, advertising and Services.

B. INFORMATION FROM OTHERS

We collect information about you when we receive it from other Users, third parties and affiliates, such as:

1. When you apply for an internship at one of our partners.
2. From publicly-available sources.
3. When we obtain information from third-parties or other companies, such as those that use our services. This may include your activity on other sites and apps as well as information those third parties provide to you or us.

HOW DO WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA?

We collect your personal data in the following ways:

- Directly from you when you register on our website, complete a contact form, or communicate with us.
- Automatically through your use of our website via cookies and other tracking technologies.

LEGAL BASIS FOR COLLECTING YOUR DATA?

Personal data is processed based on Article 6.1.(a) – consent - and (b) - required for the implementation of an agreement - of GDPR for non-sensitive data and on Article 9.2. (a) for sensitive data.

- Article 6.1.(a) – consent

Most of the information we collect is based on your consent, such as when you enter your details to register, or contact us. Your consent is given by an affirmative act by which you check the box acknowledging that you have read and accepted this Privacy Policy. Be aware that you can revoke at any time any consent you have already given us. To do so, all you are required to do is send us an informal notification via e-mail. This shall be without prejudice to the lawfulness of any data collection that occurred prior to your revocation.

- Article 6.1. (b) - required for the implementation of an agreement

We collect, process, and use personal data concerning the use of our website (usage data) only to the extent that this is necessary to make it possible for users to utilize the services and to bill for them. These actions are taken based on Art. 6 Sect. 1 lit. b GDPR, which permits the processing of data for the fulfilment of a contract or pre-contractual actions.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE(S) IS YOUR PERSONAL DATA USED?

We use your personal data for the following purposes:

1. Analyze your content and other information
2. Fulfill your requests.
3. Provide, maintain, improve and develop relevant features, content and services.
4. Match and serve targeted advertising (across devices and both on and off our services).
5. Help NEXT's partners reach out to you for possible internships and other recruitment purposes.
6. Advertise NEXT on social media.
7. Contact you with information about your account or with marketing messages.
8. Associate your activity across our services. We may associate activity and accounts under a single user ID.
9. Conduct research and support innovation.
10. Create analytics and reports for external parties, including partners, and the public regarding the use of and trends within our services and ads, including showing trends to partners regarding general preferences, the effectiveness of ads and information on user experiences. These analytics and reports may include aggregate or pseudonymized information.

HOW WE SHARE THIS INFORMATION

NEXT shares information within its network and on social media. We also share information that we have about you for the purposes described in this Privacy Policy, including to provide services that you have requested. We do not sell, license, or share information that individually identifies our customers with companies, organizations, or individuals outside of NEXT and its partners, unless one of the following circumstances applies:

1. **With your consent:** We will share information with companies, organizations, or individuals outside NEXT when we have your consent. With your consent we will share information received from you to our partners for recruitment purposes.
2. **Within NEXT:** Information may also be shared within NEXT, including other NEXT services/branches.

3. **With Partners:** We may share your information with non-affiliated companies who are:
 - i) Trusted Partners. We provide user information to trusted partners who work on behalf of or with NEXT.
4. **For legal purposes:** We may access, preserve and disclose information to investigate, prevent or take action in connection with:
 - (i) legal process and legal requests; (ii) enforcement of the Terms;
 - (iii) claims that any content violates the rights of third parties;
 - (iv) requests for customer service; (v) technical issues; (vi) protecting the rights, property or personal safety of NEXT, its users or the public; (vii) establishing or exercising our legal rights or defending against legal claims; or (viii) as otherwise required by law.

This may include responding to lawful governmental requests.

5. **New ownership:** If the ownership or control of all or part of NEXT or a specific Service changes, we may transfer your information to the new owner.

HOW DO WE STORE YOUR PERSONAL DATA?

We store your data through professional web hosting services using the highest security standards to protect your information:

- Data Hosting Provider: **Airtable**
- Security Measures: Data transmission is encrypted using SSL/TLS protocols. You can recognize an encrypted connection by checking if the address line changes from "http://" to "https://" and by the lock icon in your browser.

We store your personal data for as long as you are a registered user of our services. If you decide to delete your account or unsubscribe, all services will be stopped and all information will be solely managed by you, with no retention period unless required by law.

DATA PROCESSING AND TRANSFERS

When you use or interact with any of our services, you consent to the data processing, sharing, transferring and uses of your information as outlined in this Privacy Policy. Regardless of the country where you reside, you authorize us to transfer, process, store and use your information in countries other than your own in accordance with this Privacy Policy and to provide you with Services. Some of these countries may not have the same data protection safeguards as the country where you reside.

NEXT may process information related to individuals in the EU/EEA and may transfer that information from the EU/EEA through various compliance mechanisms, including data processing agreements based on the EU/EEA Standard Contractual Clauses. By using our services, you consent to us transferring information about you to these countries.

YOUR DATA PROTECTION RIGHTS

We want to make sure that you are fully aware of all your data protection rights. This document is designed to provide all the necessary information of your data protection rights, which are detailed in Articles 12 to 23 of the GDPR. Each of you is entitled to the following:

Right to access:

- You have the right to request for copies of your personal data. You are at all times entitled to access your personal data and request for copies of your personal data.
- Right to rectification:
 - You have the right to request that we correct any information you believe is inaccurate. You have also the right to request us to complete the information you believe is incomplete.
- Right to erasure:
 - You have the right to request that we erase your personal data, under certain conditions, according to Article 17 of the GDPR.

Right to restrict processing:

- You have the right to demand the imposition of restrictions as far as the processing of your personal data is concerned. To do so, you may contact us at any time at the address provided in section "General information." The right to demand restriction of processing applies in the following cases:
 - If you should dispute the correctness of your data archived by us, we will usually need some time to verify this claim. During the time that this investigation is ongoing, you have the right to demand that we restrict the processing of your personal data.
 - If the processing of your personal data was/is conducted in an unlawful manner, you have the option to demand the restriction of the processing of your data in lieu of demanding the eradication of this data.
 - If we do not need your personal data any longer and you need it to exercise, defend or claim legal entitlements, you have the right to demand the restriction of the processing of your personal data instead of its eradication.
 - If you have raised an objection pursuant to Art. 21 Sect. 1 GDPR, your rights and our rights will have to be weighed against each other. If it has not been determined whose interests prevail, you have the right to demand a restriction of the processing of your personal data.
 - If you have restricted the processing of your personal data, these data – with the exception of their archiving – may be processed only subject to your consent or to claim, exercise or defend legal entitlements or to protect the rights of other natural persons or legal entities or for important public interest reasons cited by the European Union or a member state of the EU.
- Right to object to processing: If data are processed based on Art. 6 Sect. 1 lit. e or f GDPR, you have the right to at any time object to the processing of your personal data based on grounds arising from your unique situation. This also applies to any profiling based on these provisions. To determine the legal basis, on which any processing of data is based, please consult this Data Protection Declaration. If you log an objection, we will no longer process your affected personal data, unless we are in a position to present compelling protection worthy grounds for the processing of your data, that outweigh your interests, rights and freedoms or if the purpose of the processing is the claiming, exercising or defence of legal entitlements (objection pursuant to Art. 21 Sect. 1 GDPR).
- If your personal data is being processed in order to engage in direct advertising, you have the right to at any time object to the processing of your affected personal data for the purposes of such advertising. This also applies to profiling to the extent that it is affiliated with such direct advertising. If you object, your personal data will subsequently no longer be used for direct advertising purposes (objection pursuant to Art. 21 Sect. 2 GDPR).

Right to data portability:

- You have the right to demand that we hand over any data we automatically process on the basis of your consent or in order to fulfil a contract be handed over to you or a third party in a commonly used, machine readable format. If you should demand the direct transfer of the data to another controller, this will be done only if it is technically feasible

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact us at: info@nextleuven.be

Changes to our privacy policy

We keep our Privacy Policy under regular review and inform you about any updates. This policy was last updated on 23/09/2025.

How to contact us?

If you have any questions about our Privacy Policy, the personal data we hold on you or would like to exercise one of your data protection rights, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Email : info@nextleuven.be

How to contact the appropriate authorities

In the event of violations of the GDPR, data subjects are entitled to log a complaint with a supervisory agency, in particular in the member state where they usually maintain their domicile, place of work or at the place where the alleged violation occurred. The right to log a complaint is in effect regardless of any other administrative or court proceedings available as legal recourses.

For your information, the competent authority in Belgium is The Data Protection Authority (DPA). The introduction of a complaint must be done to the following address:

Autorité de Protection des données

Rue de la Presse 35, 1000 Bruxelles

Phone: +32 2 274 48 00

Fax: +32 2 274 48 35

Email address: contact@apd-gba.be

COOKIE USAGE AND MANAGEMENT

Cookies are text files placed on your computer to collect standard Internet log information and visitor behavior information. Cookies do not cause any damage to your computer and do not contain viruses. The purpose of cookies is to make our website more user friendly, effective, and more secure.

Most of the cookies we use are so-called “session cookie”. They are automatically deleted after your leave our site. Other cookies will remain archived on your device until you delete them. These cookies enable us to recognise your browser the next time you visit our website.

You can adjust the settings of your browser to make sure that you are notified every time cookies are placed and to enable you to accept cookies only in specific cases or to exclude the acceptance of cookies for specific situations or in general and to activate the automatic deletion of cookies when you close your browser. If you deactivate cookies, the functions of this website may be limited.

Cookies that are required for the performance of the electronic communications transaction or to provide certain functions you want to use (e.g., the shopping cart function), are stored on the basis of Art. 6 Sect. 1 lit. f GDPR. The website operator has a legitimate interest in storing cookies to ensure the technically error free and optimised provision of the operator’s services.

Here are the three types of cookies used on our website:

Strictly Necessary Cookies:

These cookies are essential to enable you to browse around our website and use its features.

Performance Cookies:

These cookies collect information about how you use our website. These cookies allow us to collect data which will be used to carry out statistics and measurements of frequentation according to the way you interact with our website. These statistics are used to monitor your browsing (for instance number of visits, pages visited, number of pages visited, content and sections visited) in order to obtain an overview of your visit to our website. This data may be used to help optimize our website and make them easier for you to navigate. These cookies don’t collect information that identifies you. All information these cookies collect is aggregated and therefore anonymous.

Functionality Cookies:

These cookies allow our website to remember choices you make while browsing (for instance your user name, language chosen, area you are located in). These cookies also allow our website to remember preferences such as text size, fonts, and other customizable site elements. The information these cookies collect will not personally identify you, and they cannot track your browsing activity on other websites. A mix of first-party and third-party cookies are used.

What do we use the cookies for?

Authentication

We use cookies to recognize you when you visit our website. These cookies allow you to log in to your account.

Security

We use cookies to make your interactions with our website faster and more secure.

Preferences – features

We use cookies to enable the functionality of our website, such as helping you to fill out forms more easily and providing you with features, insights and customized content. We also use these technologies to remember information about your browser and your preferences.

Customized content

We use cookies to customize your experience on our website (for instance remember previous searches, remember language chosen, remember area).

Manage your cookies:

You can set your browser not to accept cookies.

To opt-out of cookies, click on the following link

Please keep in mind that without cookies you may not have access to certain features on the site, including access to your profile or account and certain personalized content.

Privacy Policy of other websites

This website contains links to other websites.

Note that our Privacy Policy applies only to our website, so if you click on a link to another website, you should read their Privacy Policy.