

DefTech Forges Edition #1, June 2026

Terms & Conditions

Please read these Terms and Conditions ("Terms") carefully before participating in any activity associated with the DefTech Forges by:

- Applying to or participating in the DefTech Forges;
- Registering for and accessing the DefTech Forges Platforms (Airtable & Tally);
- Attending bootcamps or virtual events, becoming an active member of the online DefTech Forges community, or receiving any official communications.

The programme (the "Action") is implemented by a consortium comprising Civitta, Starburst Accelerator, and Darkstar on behalf of, and under contract with, the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS) (jointly referred to as "us", "we", "our", or the "Organisers").

Your registration, access, and participation in the Action are conditional upon your acceptance of, and compliance with, these Terms. These Terms apply to all visitors, applicants, and others who seek to participate or have already participated in the DefTech Forges. By applying for, accessing, or participating in the Action, or by accepting an invitation to the Action's events or Platforms, you agree to be bound by these Terms.

You confirm that you are at least 18 years old and are legally capable of entering into binding contracts. If you disagree with any part of these Terms, you may not apply for or participate in the Action.

1. Glossary

AIRTABLE: A cloud-based data management and workflow tool used by the Organisers to manage applications, evaluations, selection outcomes, onboarding, and reporting for the Action.

ACTION: The DefTech Forges programme implemented under the European Union Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS), including the call for participants, selection process, bootcamps, mentoring activities, testing, pitching, winner selection, and related follow-up activities.

DEFIS: Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space

EC: European Commission

EDA: European Defence Agency

EU: European Union

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM: It is a consortium of entities responsible to implement the DefTech on behalf of DEFIS. Led by CIVITTA, its partners are Starburst and Darkstar.

EUDIS: European Union Defence Innovation Scheme

LOCAL ORGANISER: Dedicated entities responsible for orchestrating the success of a specific DefTech Forge location. They provide access to military test sites, manage local logistics, and coordinate with regional defence ecosystems and end-users to ensure realistic proving ground conditions.

MoD: Ministry of Defence

MS: EU Member States

NO: Norway

PARTICIPANT: Startups, scale-ups, SMEs, mid-caps, academic or research-linked teams, and innovators capable of proposing defence-relevant solutions at TRL 4 or above, with the technical competence and motivation to address concrete military and dual-use challenges. Individual participants, without a legal entity are also permitted, as identified in the Terms of Reference. International teams, formed with both EU and Ukrainian participants organisations are highly encouraged and welcome.

TALLY: An online application and form-management platform used by the Organisers to collect participant applications and required declarations for the Call for Participants.

1. Introduction

1.1. Objectives

Organised by the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), this initiative is designed to bridge the gap between prototypes and validation. The programme targets solutions at **Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 or above**, placing them in end-user-driven environments to test assumptions and capture operational progress as evidence. It functions as a proving ground that combines a fast-paced bootcamp with a structured testing pipeline, creating a clear pathway for technologies to enter **Phase 2 Testing & Evaluation Campaigns**.

1.2. Participant

The programme is open to a wide range of innovators, including:

- **Startups, scale-ups, and SMEs.**
- **Mid-caps and academic or research-linked teams.**
- **Individual participants** without a formal legal entity.

Applicants must demonstrate the technical competence and motivation to address specific military and dual-use challenges. The formation of **international teams** consisting of both EU and Ukrainian participants is highly encouraged.

1.3. Code of Conduct

The Organisers maintain a strict code of conduct to ensure a professional and harassment-free environment. Key rules include:

- **Explicit Exclusions:** Activities promoting alcohol, tobacco, religion, politics, intolerance, violence, firearms, pornography, gambling, or illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.
- **Harassment Policy:** There is zero tolerance for harassment based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, or any other protected status.
- **Appropriate Imagery:** Sexual language and imagery are prohibited across all programme activities, including workshops, social media, and online events.
- **Sanctions:** Any participant violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the Action at the discretion of the Organisers.

2. Conditions of participation

2.1. Right of participation

The following section outlines the participation rights and eligibility requirements for the DefTech Forges Edition #1:

- **Inclusivity:** Participation is open to individuals, start-ups, or scale-ups established in any EU Member State, Norway, or Ukraine.
- **Non-Discrimination:** The Action welcomes all participants of legal adult age and maintains a

policy of non-discrimination based on race, religion, gender expression, age, disability, or marital status.

- **Expenditure:** Participation in the Action is free of charge. However, participants are responsible for covering their own costs, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, meals, insurance, and any other expenses incurred in connection with attendance at events, bootcamps, or mentoring sessions, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

2.2. Eligibility of Participation

EUDIS applies eligibility criteria aligned with the European Defence Fund (EDF) and specific tender specifications. Participants must meet the following mandatory requirements.

- **Establishment:** Must be established with their executive management structure located within the EU, Norway, or Ukraine
- **Ownership and Control:** Participants should not be subject to control by a country or entity established outside of the EU, Norway, or Ukraine¹
- **Derogation and Guarantees:** By derogation, companies established in the EU or Norway that are controlled by non-associated third-country entities may still be eligible if they provide guarantees approved under Article 9(4) of the EDF Regulation

2.3. Mandatory Participation Requirements

Participation in the Action is subject to compliance with the following mandatory requirements, which apply to all selected Participants and, where specified, to winning teams.

- Attendance at onboarding sessions
- Full participation in the in-person Forge event
- Mandatory participation in mentoring and bootcamps for winning teams
- Timely submission of required deliverables

3. Open Call

3.1. Application Process

The consortium will implement a EUDIS-validated ICT setup using Tally for application intake and Airtable for data management and workflow oversight.

3.2. The Application Process

- Tally serves as the universal interface for all DefTech Forge applications, ensuring a uniform experience regardless of the event location.

¹ 'Control' is to be understood as the possibility to exercise decisive influence on your company (notably in relation to its strategic business decisions), directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediate entities, 'de jure' or 'de facto' (guidance-participation- in-dep-he-edf-cef-dig-restricted-calls_dep-he-edf-cef-dig_en.pdf).

A company established in the EU and Norway, and controlled by non-associated third- country entity, is eligible to participate if it has already received a guarantee¹ approved by the country in which it is established (to participate in the European Defence Fund).

- Applicants use a unique link to submit a standard form based on evaluation criteria, allowing for the secure upload of pitch decks and supporting documents.
- Applications synchronise automatically with Airtable, which functions as the central database for tracking content, evaluation status, and selection outcomes.

3.3. Three-Stage Selection Workflow

To ensure rapid decision-making and identify high-potential solutions, applications are processed through the following stages:

- **Completeness & Admissibility:** Initial verification that all required information and declarations were submitted by the deadline.
- **Eligibility Verification:** A formal check against programme participation rules.
- **Quality Evaluation:** Assessment against Commission-approved criteria.

3.4. Final Selection and Onboarding

- The process supports a ranked reserve list, allowing for swift replacements if a selected team withdraws, ensuring the event schedule remains uninterrupted.
- Final selections are made collaboratively by the consortium to maintain consistent standards.
- Consolidated results and selection rationales are submitted for Contracting Authority validation before participants are confirmed.
- To ensure a consistent journey, the consortium provides online info sessions for all applicants, while local organisers deliver briefings on location-specific practicalities, such as venue access and local stakeholder involvement.

3.5. Selection Process

The participant selection process is structured as a three-stage workflow that maintains consistency across every edition and location by following a strict order: admissibility, eligibility, and quality scoring.

- **Stage 1: Completeness and Admissibility** The initial phase focuses on submission integrity, requiring all applicant teams to provide complete information for every team member and all mandatory declarations by the specified deadline. Applications that fail to meet these requirements are rejected to ensure equal treatment. While local organisers can request clarifications for existing information or missing attachments if permitted, they are strictly prohibited from completing or materially amending applications for any candidate. This stage results in a verified set of admissible applications that move forward to eligibility checks.
- **Stage 2: Eligibility Verification** The second phase ensures compliance with participation rules as defined by EDF and EUDIS regulations. Applicants must self-declare their compliance with mandatory conditions, including citizenship and residency status in an EU27 country, Norway, or Ukraine, and verify that they are at least 18 years of age. These declarations are vetted prior to confirmation through Commission-approved procedures, with all outcomes recorded as a separate, traceable step before qualitative evaluation begins.

The Organisers reserve the right to request additional documentation for eligibility verification purposes, including proof of identity, legal establishment, and representative authority of participating entities.

- **Stage 3: Ranking, Selection, and Reserve List** In the final stage, eligible applications undergo a structured qualitative review at the team level based on centrally approved quality criteria. Using standardised scoring templates, local organisers evaluate solutions against predefined dimensions such as relevance to DefTech Forge themes, innovation potential for defence end-users, and overall team capability. These scores, accompanied by concise written justifications, are recorded in Airtable to facilitate a ranked list of eligible teams. This ranking informs transparent selection decisions and allows for the creation of a reserve list to manage potential withdrawals or non-responses without impacting the event schedule.
- **Team-Level Requirements** Beyond individual eligibility, teams must demonstrate technical maturity by presenting a developed product classified at TRL 4 or higher. Selection prioritises those with the motivation to develop prototypes aligned with operational frontline needs and the technical expertise – such as software, hardware, or AI skills – relevant to the specific military challenge. Final decisions are consolidated through coordination between the consortium and local organisers to balance central consistency with local contextual relevance.

The Organisers will ensure an equal treatment of and equal opportunities for all Applicants.

The Organisers will avoid potential or existing conflicts of interests. If any member of the Selection Board has any stake or interest in or relation to any Applicants, she/he shall be replaced by another person in both the individual review, evaluation, and scoring, and the joint deliberation of the Applications of the concerned companies.

Following completion of the selection workflow, applicants are assigned one of three outcomes:

- Not selected / rejected: non-admissible or ineligible applications, and eligible applications not reaching the selection threshold once ranked.
- Selected: teams admitted for participation, subject to Contracting Authority validation where required and completion of onboarding steps.
- Reserve list (waitlisted): eligible teams ranked below the selection cut-off and held as replacements in case of withdrawals or non-confirmation.

All potential participants are then informed by the local organisers on the outcomes of the selection process. Approved participants are then moved on to the onboarding phase. In case of any participants deciding to challenge the decision, consortium will prepare escalation procedures for Contracting Authority's approval.

3.6. Rolling Admission

Applications are assessed on a **rolling basis** from the date of call opening until call closure. All applications undergo the **same admissibility, eligibility and award evaluation steps**, applied in accordance with the procedure described in this Call and using identical criteria, regardless of the submission date. Selection decisions are taken following completion of the relevant evaluation stage. Once the maximum number of participants per location is reached, additional eligible applications are placed on a **reserve list**.

3.7. Participants' onboarding

Following the selection process, admitted teams enter a structured onboarding phase to prepare for the **DefTech Forges** event

Onboarding Documentation and Deadlines

- **Reconfirmation:** Teams are required to reconfirm their participation within five business days from the date the selection confirmation email is sent.
- **Reserve List:** To protect delivery timelines and maintain credibility, any teams that fail to reconfirm or choose to withdraw are replaced by teams from the reserve list in ranking order.
- **Onboarding Pack:** Teams receive a comprehensive pack and schedule that covers technology themes, event rules (security, safety, and confidentiality), evaluation methods, practical logistics, and access to prototyping or ICT resources.
- **Final Deadline:** All onboarding steps and participation confirmations must be completed no later than one week before the event to allow organisers to finalise team support and operational planning.

The transition to active participation is managed through five distinct stages:

- **Discord Access:** Participants are granted access to the Discord platform, where local organisers manage the initial coordination for matchmaking.
- **Mentor Profile Introduction:** The consortium presents a comprehensive list of mentor profiles specifically selected as appropriate for the event.
- **Potential Lead Mentor Meetings:** The matchmaking process facilitates direct meetings between the participating teams and two to three expert mentors.
- **Selection of Lead Mentor:** Teams select the specific mentor best suited to their needs to guide them through the duration of the event.
- **Event Participation:** The selected lead mentor provides continuous guidance to the team throughout the DefTech Forges event.

No later than one week before the DefTech Forge, all participating teams complete the required onboarding steps and final participation confirmation, enabling organisers to finalise operational planning and team support arrangements.

3.8. DefTech Forges Event Format and Participation Obligations

3.8.1. Event format

The DefTech Forges are delivered as high-intensity, five (5) day, in-person events. Each DefTech Forge combines structured briefings, mentoring interactions, hands-on experimentation, and team-based technical work aimed at validating defence-relevant solutions under representative conditions.

Participation in the DefTech Forge requires full-time, in-person attendance for the entire duration of the event, in accordance with the official agenda communicated by the Organisers.

Participation includes the following mandatory components:

- participation in structured mentoring sessions and expert engagements with defence end-users, operational experts, technical specialists, and industry advisors;
- active engagement in team-based development, iteration, integration, and refinement of solutions;
- participation in Field Days, where applicable, during which participants demonstrate and test their solutions in controlled and representative environments, including military test sites or designated polygons, subject to applicable safety, security, and operational constraints;

- delivery of a final demonstration or presentation to the appointed Selection Board on the final day of the event, in accordance with the communicated evaluation criteria.

Field Days, where organised, constitute an integral part of the programme and form part of the evaluation basis.

The Organisers reserve the right to modify, reschedule, relocate, shorten, or adapt the programme format, agenda, locations, or specific activities where required due to force majeure, security or safety constraints, military operational requirements, actions of public authorities, or other events beyond their reasonable control. No compensation shall be payable for costs incurred as a result of such changes.

3.8.2. Winning Teams and Post-Event Obligations

- For each DefTech Forge physical location, a maximum of three (3) teams shall be designated as Winning Teams.
- A Winning Team is a participant team selected by the Selection Board, applying Commission-approved evaluation criteria, as demonstrating the highest potential for operational impact, technical relevance, and readiness for further structured testing and evaluation. Winning Teams are selected independently for each location. Selection decisions are final.
- Designation as a Winning Team is conditional upon continued compliance with programme requirements, including mandatory participation in the post-event mentoring programme, attendance at required mentoring sessions, bootcamps and onboarding meetings, and timely submission of all required reports, documentation and next-step roadmaps.
- Failure to comply with mandatory post-event obligations may result in the application of measures set out in Sections 3.8.2 (Prizes and Compliance), Termination, and Limitation of Liability.

3.8.3. Prizes and Compliance

- Each **Winning Team** is awarded a **monetary prize of EUR 120,000**.
- For each Winning Team, the **Organisers prepare a payment-readiness requirements pack** to ensure a defensible transfer of funds. This includes refreshed **eligibility, ownership and stakeholder verification checks**, ensuring a complete and auditable trail.
- All **payees and controlling entities** are screened against the **EU Financial Sanctions Database** and other applicable restrictive-measures resources. **Corporate verification** is conducted through official registers to confirm the legitimacy of legal representation and ownership structures.
- Upon completion of compliance checks, **prize funds are disbursed in a single tranche** through a **standardised payment instruction workflow**.
- Evidence of payment, including bank transfer confirmation and the Selection Board decision record, is retained in a **version-controlled prize payment evidence pack** for Commission review and for potential interfacing with subsequent Phase 2 activities.

3.9. Mentoring programme

The mentoring programme for winning teams of the DefTech Forges assists teams via a structured 10-week timeline (8 weeks mentoring programme and 2 weeks preparation phase (incl. matchmaking etc.)). The programme utilizes four complementary mentoring streams to address readiness for defence testing and evaluation:

- 1:1 Mentoring

- Online Workshops & Bootcamps
- Ecosystem Engagement
- Learning Materials & Knowledge Base

A total of **40 mentoring hours** (equivalent to 5 days) is provided to each winning team during the two-month phase. These hours are distributed across 1:1 mentoring, Workshops & Bootcamps, and general programme activities.

Progress is tracked through:

- **Bi-weekly sessions** with the Mentoring Programme Lead.
- **Structured logging** of all Lead Coach interactions.

The programme ends with the creation of a comprehensive mentoring report. This report summarizes achieved progress, current maturity levels, and remaining gaps, and is handed over to the **European Defence Agency (EDA)** to facilitate a smooth transition into formal testing and evaluation activities

4. General Clauses

4.1. Accounts

To participate in the Action, Participants must create an account ("Account") on the BraveTechEU DefTech Forges Platform, which is collectively the personal information and credentials inserted on the registration form, used by Participants to access the BraveTechEU DefTech Forges Platform. To create an Account, Participants must have read and accepted these Terms & Conditions and BraveTechEU DefTech Forges Platform Privacy Notice which can be found on the Action's website.

When you create accounts on our Platforms, you must provide us information that is accurate, complete and current at all times. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of the Terms, which may result in immediate termination of your account on our Platforms and your participation to the Action.

You are responsible for safeguarding the password that you use to access the Platforms and for any activities or actions under your password, whether your password is with our Platforms or a third-party service.

You agree not to disclose your password to any third party. You agree to be fully responsible for activities that relate to your account or your password. Organisers will never ask you to share these details with other persons. You must notify Organisers immediately upon becoming aware of any breach of security or unauthorised use of your Account.

You may not use as a username the name of another person or entity that is not lawfully available for use, a name or trademark that is subject to any rights of another person or entity other than you without appropriate authorisation, or a name that is otherwise offensive, vulgar or obscene.

4.2. Copyright policy

We respect the intellectual property rights of others. It is our policy to respond to any claim that Content posted on the Platforms infringes the copyright or other intellectual property of any person ("Infringement").

If you are a copyright owner, or authorised on behalf of one, and you believe that the copyrighted work has been copied in a way that constitutes a copyright infringement that is taking place through the

Platforms, you must submit your notice in writing to the attention of “Copyright Infringement” of info@bravetecheu-deftechforges.eu and include in your notice a detailed description of the alleged infringement, as well as the following information:

- Your name and address;
- Details of the alleged breach of copyright; and
- URL link to the alleged breach of copyright (if applicable)

You may be held accountable for damages (including costs and attorneys’ fees) for misrepresenting that any content is infringing your copyright.

4.3. Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information

By applying to and/or participating in the DefTech Forges (the “Action”), each Participant agrees to comply with the confidentiality obligations set out in this Section. These provisions apply throughout the application, selection, onboarding, mentoring, bootcamp, testing, pitching, and post-event phases of the Action.

For the purposes of this Section, each Participant may act as a **Disclosing Party** and/or a **Receiving Party**, depending on the context of the information exchange.

4.3.1. Definition of Confidential Information

For the purposes of these Terms, “**Confidential Information**” means any information, in whatever form (oral, written, electronic, visual or otherwise), disclosed in the context of the Action that is designated as confidential or that, by its nature, should reasonably be understood to be confidential.

Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to:

- technical data, designs, architectures, source code, algorithms, specifications, test results, prototypes and demonstrations;
- business information, including business plans, financial data, pricing, funding strategies, market analysis, customer or user information, and commercial roadmaps;
- operational, military, or end-user information shared during mentoring, workshops, field days, or testing activities;
- any materials, documentation or discussions shared during mentoring sessions, bootcamps, pitches, or evaluation processes that are not publicly available.

4.3.2. Non-Disclosure Obligations

Each Receiving Party shall treat all Confidential Information with at least the same degree of care as it applies to its own confidential information, and in any event no less than a reasonable standard of care.

Unless expressly authorised in writing by the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party shall not:

- disclose Confidential Information to any third party;
- reproduce or copy Confidential Information except as strictly necessary for participation in the Action;
- use Confidential Information for any purpose other than participation in the Action.

4.3.3. Obligations of Participants

Participants shall:

- restrict access to Confidential Information to team members, employees or contractors who have a strict need to know for the purposes of the Action and who are bound by confidentiality obligations at least as protective as those set out herein;
- refrain from publishing, disclosing, or exploiting Confidential Information for personal, commercial or competitive advantage;
- upon request, delete or return Confidential Information received in connection with the Action, unless retention is required by applicable law or regulatory obligations.

4.3.4. Exclusions

The confidentiality obligations set out in this Section do not apply to information that:

- was lawfully known to the Receiving Party prior to disclosure, without restriction;
- becomes publicly available through no breach of these Terms;
- is lawfully received from a third party without confidentiality obligations;
- is disclosed with the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party.

4.3.5. Duration

The confidentiality obligations under this Section shall remain in force **until 31 December 2028**, unless released earlier in writing by the Disclosing Party, or unless the Confidential Information lawfully ceases to be confidential.

4.3.6. No Rights Granted

Nothing in this Section shall be construed as granting any licence, right, title or interest in or to the Confidential Information of any Disclosing Party.

4.3.7. General Provisions

The confidentiality obligations set out in this Section:

- do not create any partnership, joint venture or employment relationship;
- are severable from the remaining provisions of these Terms;
- survive termination of participation in the Action;
- are governed by the **laws of Belgium**, with exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts of Belgium.

4.4. Intellectual property

- The Action, the Platforms, and their original content (excluding Content uploaded by Participants), features and functionality, including, but not limited to, text, graphics, logos, icons, images, sound clips, video clips, data compilations, page layout, underlying code and software are and will remain the exclusive property of Organisers. By continuing to use the Platforms, you acknowledge that such material is protected by applicable Belgian and International intellectual property and other laws. The Action and the Platforms are protected by copyright, trademark, and other laws of Europe. Our trademark and trade dress may not be used in connection with any product or service without the prior written consent of the Organisers. Nothing in these Terms constitutes a transfer of any Intellectual Property rights from us to you.
- You are permitted to use the Action and the Platforms only as authorised by us and you are prohibited from modifying or attempting to modify the Platforms in any manner of form, except

that you have the right to modify your self-generated Content. Our Intellectual Property must not be used in connection with a product or service that is not affiliated with us or in any way brings us in disrepute. You must not modify the physical or digital copies of any Content you print off or download in any way, and you must not use any illustrations, photographs, video or audio, or any graphics separately from any accompanying text.

- As a user of the Platforms, you are granted a limited, non-exclusive, revocable, non-transferable right to use the Platforms to create, display, use, play and download Content subject to these terms, for the purpose of featuring your Content on the Platforms.
- Any opinions, advice, statements, services, offers, or other information or content expressed or made available by any other users on the Platforms are those of the respective authors or distributors and not of us.
- Any images taken by the Organisers during the Action are and remain the property of the Organisers and EUDIS. You may not print, copy, reuse or distribute these images without the permission.

4.5. Personal data protection

- When submitting an application, you will be required to share personal data about yourself for the purposes of contacting you regarding the application and selection process. When submitting an application, you will also be required to share personal data about yourself and other individuals working for the company for the purposes of reviewing and evaluating your application. These data may be used in aggregated and anonymised form for statistical purposes to report on and improve the Action.
- All personal data that you share as part of your application will not be shared with any parties other than a limited number of staff employed by the Organisers, the European Commission, the European Defence Agency, and external members of the Selection Board, solely for the purposes stated above.
- By accepting these Terms & Conditions, you agree that your personal data shared as part of your application can be processed for the purposes stated above; and confirm that, for any personal data of other individuals shared as part of your application, you have obtained their explicit permission to share that personal data so that it can be processed for the purposes stated above.
- For any other uses of this personal data, explicit consent is requested during the application process.
- Please read the full Privacy Statements to learn what personal data is collected when you apply for the DefTech Forges in response to the Call for Applications, for which purpose it is used, and how it is processed.

4.6. Termination

- We may terminate your participation to the Action in written (by letter or e-mail) without limitation if you breach these Terms & Conditions. This termination will take effect immediately after such termination letter or e-mail has been sent, with the date indicated on post or time stamps as legal basis. Upon termination, your right to benefit from the Action will immediately cease.
- If you wish to terminate your participation to the Action, you may do so in written (by letter or e-mail). This termination will take effect immediately after such termination letter or e-mail has been sent.

- All provisions of the Terms & Conditions which by their nature should survive termination shall survive termination, including, without limitation, ownership provisions, warranty disclaimers, indemnity, limitations of liability and Non-Disclosure Agreements.
- We shall not be liable to you or any third party for any claims or damages arising out of any termination or suspension or any other actions taken by us in connection therewith.

4.7. Links to other sites

- Our Action and Platforms may contain links to third-party websites or services that are not owned or controlled by the Organisers.
- The Organisers have no control over, and assume no responsibility for, the content, privacy policies, or practices of any third-party websites or services. You further acknowledge and agree that the Organisers shall not be responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, for any damage or loss caused or alleged to be caused by or in connection with the use of or reliance on any such content, goods or services available on or through any such websites or services.
- We only provide links to external websites as a convenience, and the inclusion of such a link to external websites does not imply our endorsement of those websites. You acknowledge and agree that when you access other websites on the internet, you do so at your own risk.
- We strongly advise you to read the terms and conditions and privacy policies of any third-party websites or services that you visit.

4.8. Indemnification

- As a condition of your participation to our Action, and/or access to and use of our Platforms, you agree to indemnify us, our subcontractors and our successors and assigns for all damages, costs, expenses and other liabilities, including but not limited to legal fees and expenses, relating to any claim arising out of related to your participation to the Action and access to and use of the Platforms, or your breach of these Terms & Conditions and any applicable law or the rights of another person or party.
- This indemnification section survives the expiration of your registration and applies to claims arising both before and after the registration ends.

4.9. Limitation of liability

- You agree that we shall not be liable for any damages suffered as a result of participating in the Action and/or using the Platforms, as well as copying, distributing or downloading Content from the Action and Platforms.
- In no event shall we be liable for any indirect, punitive, special, incidental or consequential damage (including loss of business, revenue, profits, use, privacy, data, goodwill or other economic advantage) through your application to the Action on the Platforms, or through your participation in the Action, however it arises, whether for breach of contract or in tort, even if the possibility of such damage has been previously advised of.
- In no event shall we be liable for any claims by a third party in tort or contract, including, but not limited to, any misleading statements made and/or incorporated into any Content provided by third parties, such as manufacturers and wholesalers, and users of the Platforms. It is your sole responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the data inputted on the Platforms.

- You have sole responsibility for adequate security protection and backup of data and/or equipment used in connection with your usage of the Platforms and will not make a claim against us for lost data, rerun time, inaccurate instruction, work delays or lost profits resulting from the use of the Platforms. You must not assign or otherwise dispose of your account to any other person.

4.10. Disclaimer

- The Action and its Platforms are provided without warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, including, but not limited to, implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement, or course of performance. The Action and its Platforms are provided on an "AS IS" and "AS AVAILABLE" basis.
- The Organisers do not warrant that a) the Action or Platforms will function uninterrupted, secure, or available at any particular time or location; or b) the results of participating in the Action or using the Platforms will meet your requirements.
- We make no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about the completeness, accuracy, reliability, suitability, or availability with respect to the content contained on the Platforms for any purpose. Any reliance you place on such information is therefore strictly at your own risk. We dis-claim any express or implied warranty representation or guarantee as to the effectiveness or profit-ability of the Platforms or that the operation of the Platforms will be uninterrupted or error-free. We are not liable for the consequences of any interruptions or error in the Platforms.

4.11. Exclusions

Some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion of certain warranties or the exclusion or limitation of liability for consequential or incidental damages, so the limitations above may not apply to you.

4.12. Governing law

- These Terms & Conditions shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Belgium, with-out regard to its conflict of law provisions.
- Our failure to enforce any right or provision of these Terms & Conditions will not be considered a waiver of those rights. If any provision of these Terms is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court, the remaining provisions of these Terms & Conditions will remain in effect. These Terms & Conditions constitute the entire agreement between us regarding our Action and supersede and replace any prior agreements we might have between us regarding the Action.

4.13. Changes

- These Terms & Conditions and the documents integrated by reference express the entire agreement between you and Organisers relative to your use of the Platforms.
- We reserve the right, at our sole discretion, to modify or replace these Terms & Conditions at any time.
- If a revision is material, we will try to provide at least 30 days' notice prior to any new terms taking effect.
- It is your sole responsibility to periodically check these Terms & Conditions for any changes. If you do not agree with any of the changes to these Terms, it is your sole responsibility to stop

using the Platforms or participating in the Action. Your continued use of the Platforms or participation in the Action will be deemed as your acceptance thereof.

4.14. Contact us

If you have any questions about these Terms, please contact us at: info@bravetecheu-deftechforges.eu