

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Deeptech Trial by Fire'23

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General provisions

1. The Regulations define the terms and conditions of participation in the Deeptech Trial by Fire'23 Competition, hereinafter referred to as the Competition.
2. The main objective of the Contest is to select 10 finalists to participate in the final of the Deeptech Trial by Fire'23.
3. The specific objectives are:
 - to select 10 finalists who will show up at the final of the Competition, held on 25 May in Warsaw, Poland and be judged by the Jury,
 - to select the winner who will receive financial support from the Startup Poland Foundation to travel to the Web Summit in Lisbon (13-16 November 2023).
4. Information about the Contest, together with the application questionnaire, is posted on the website (www.startuppoland.org), hereinafter referred to as the Contest website.
5. The Startup Poland Foundation based in Warsaw, Poland (hereinafter referred to as "Organizer").
6. Participation in the Contest is free of charge.
7. The Competition is directed to owners of startups, defined as:
an innovative business run by a person or a group of people, not older than 5 years and aimed at operating in the area of deep-tech innovation
8. Once a startup has qualified for the competition part, the applications are evaluated by the Startup Poland Foundation team. However, during the final (25 May 2023) the startups will be evaluated by the Jury.
9. The Organizer and members of Startup Poland Foundation team are obliged to keep confidential and not to disclose any information concerning the projects submitted by the creators described in the application to the Contest, as well as to secure and protect it from access by unauthorised persons. Only authorised persons will have access to such information.
10. The Organizer may use the information concerning the projects described in the Contest applications for the purpose of the Contest, but also for other statutory activities of Startup Poland Foundation.
11. The Startup Poland Foundation team will evaluate and select applications, choosing the Finalists of the Contest, who will be judged by the Jury during the Final (May 25, 2023 in Warsaw).
12. The Competition is held on the territory of the Republic of Poland.

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Competition rules

1. The evaluation and selection of applications, will be carried out based on four stages:
 - a) Stage I of the Competition - Recruitment, initial diagnosis and screening of projects

Filling in by the Participants of the Competition by filling in the fields of the application form on the Competition website; more information in the instructions for filling in the application form on the Competition website; formal assessment includes the criterion of fulfilling formal requirements and will be conducted according to Formal Assessment Sheet

b) Stage II of the Competition - Content-related Evaluation and Verification, Ranking, Selection of Finalists; the evaluation will result in a ranking list on the basis of which the highest ranked projects will move to the next stage

c) Stage III of the Competition - Presentations and evaluation of the speeches of the 5 Finalists.

Maximum 3-minute presentations by the Finalists, followed by answers to questions (no more than 3 minutes), evaluation by the Jury during the Event, determination of the Winner.

d) Stage IV of the Competition - Awarding of the prize to the Winners during the Final.

2. Deadlines for the Competition:

13 April - 13 May 2023: (until midnight): Period for accepting entries to the Competition by completing the entry form found on <https://startuppoland.org/en/>,

12-14 May 2023: period of formal and substantial evaluation of applications, selection of participants admitted to the competition,

15-16 May 2023: period of notifying participants of their qualification for the finals; informing them of the need to prepare a presentation for the stage and to submit the startup's logo by **22 May, 11.59 p.m.**

17-24 May 2023: period of technical preparation of presentations for the stage,

25 May 2023: final of the competition, presentation of the Finalists and presentation of prizes.

3. If a startup selected by the Startup Poland Foundation team resigns from the competition, the startup from the next place on the ranking list will have the right to participate.

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Participants and conditions of participation in the Competition

1. The participants of the Competition (hereinafter referred to as "Participants") are persons who:
 - are the owners of a startup in a formula that complies with the definition of a startup contained in §1, paragraph 8,
 - develop/develop an innovative product/service as part of their startup activity
 - complete in English all fields of the application form placed on the Competition website and send it through this website, during the recruitment period, accepting all statements,
 - have full legal capacity,
 - will be qualified by the Startup Poland Foundation team for the Contest.

2. Employees of the Organizer and Partners, including those employed on the basis of civil law contracts, as well as members of their immediate families are not allowed to participate in the Competition.
3. Each startup can be submitted to the Competition only once.
4. Submitting photos related to the Contest as part of the form is tantamount to authorising the Organiser to frame and subsequently publish the photos in connection with the Contest and any prizes awarded, via websites on the Internet and in the printed press. The entity submitting the photos guarantees that it owns the rights to grant the above authorisation, and undertakes to indemnify the Organiser against any liability for the use of the photos in accordance with the Regulations.

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Rights of the Organiser

The Organiser reserves the right to remove those entries to the Competition which:

1. do not meet the conditions contained in §3,
2. contain a description of an idea, the implementation of which is against the law of the Republic of Poland (including regulations protecting privacy of third parties).

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Method of assessing applications

1. Each application will first undergo a formal assessment resulting in the rejection of those applications that do not meet the formal requirements.
2. Each application that passes the formal assessment will undergo a substantive assessment resulting in:
 - rejecting those applications that do not meet the innovation criterion,
 - selecting the 10 best start-ups for the finals.
3. Initial evaluation of selected startups will be made by the Startup Poland Foundation team, where each startup entering the competition will be evaluated by at least three members of the Foundation's team.
4. The minutes prepared by the Startup Poland Foundation team and the Jury concerning the ranking and prizes awarded will be archived at the Organiser's premises.

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Award

1. The prize for the winners of the final will be awarded on the basis of the judging of the speeches and the answers to the questions awarded by the Jury during the Event.
2. Prize in the competition:
Financial support from the Startup Poland Foundation for a trip to the Web Summit in Lisbon (13-16 November 2023). Covering the flight and accommodation costs for the members of the winning startup (in an amount not exceeding 15 thousand PLN).
3. Participants are not entitled to exchange the prize for other prizes or cash.

4. Participants may not resell or transfer to third parties the prize won in the Competition prize.
5. By accepting the prize indicated above, Participants agree to the free-of-charge to register and disseminate their image, in whole or in fragments, by the Organiser and the Competition Partners for the purposes of film and photographic documentation of the event for the promotional and information activities of the Organiser and the Event Partners.
6. Participants may make a declaration of refusal to accept the prize, or to use their image, which will be treated as refusal to accept the prize.
7. If the winner of the prize is any person who does not meet the conditions indicated in the Rules and Regulations, he or she loses the right to the prize. The Organiser shall be entitled to award such prize to the Participant who took the next place in the Competition.

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Processing of personal data

1. The Organiser is the administrator of the personal data collected during the application process. In matters related to personal data, the Organiser can be contacted at: Startup Poland Foundation, (ul. Solec 81B / 73A, 00-382 Warsaw, Poland); e-mail: competition@startuppoland.org .
2. The personal data collected in the application will be processed for:
 - a) a. to identify the application and proceed with the subsequent stages of the competition, in particular to contact the applicant, the representatives of the submitted investments, to obtain additional explanatory information regarding the application and the submitted investments, to inform about the results of the competition and to arrange the participation of the investment representatives in the award ceremony,
 - b) to inform about future editions or similar competitions, direct marketing of services and communication of the data controller with the investment representatives, in the form of written, electronic correspondence or with the use of telecommunication devices (telephones, SMS).
3. The processing of data consisting in the collection, storage and disclosure of data obtained in connection with a competition entry is necessary for the fulfilment of the above-mentioned legitimate purposes pursued by the controller.
4. The data will only be processed for the time necessary to fulfil the purposes of the processing, but no longer than until an appropriate objection to the processing is made or the consent to the processing in question is withdrawn. It is possible at any time to object to the processing of personal data or the type of processing in question at competition@startuppoland.org .
5. The person whose personal data has been provided during a competition entry is entitled to access and correct his or her data. The person may at any time request the rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of his or her data; he or she also has the right to object to the processing in question and the right to lodge a complaint with

the competent supervisory authority, under the conditions set out in the relevant legislation.

6. In the remaining scope, the provisions of the privacy policy of the Organiser's websites under the link shall apply to the principles of processing of personal data of entities making applications or communicating with the Organiser via the Organiser's portals.

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Complaints

1. Complaints related to the qualification to the group of quarter-finalists of the Competition should be sent to the email address competition@startuppoland.org . The complaint will be considered by the Organiser within 7 working days of its receipt. The Competition Participant will be informed of the results of the complaint procedure by e-mail within 14 working days from the date of receipt of the complaint by the Organiser.
2. The complaint should include the Participant's name, telephone number, e-mail address and a description of the complaint.
3. Otherwise, the decisions of the Organiser, the members of the Panel of Experts and the Jurors cannot be appealed.

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Final provisions

1. The Rules of the Competition are available to the Participants on the <https://startuppoland.org/en/deeptech-trial-by-fire-competition-for-startups-from-poland-and-ukraine/> website and in the Organiser's office.
2. The Rules may be amended in the course of the Competition for important organisational and legal reasons - however, these amendments will not affect the already acquired rights of the Competition Participants.