

# Terms and Conditions of the 2025 Food Systems Innovation Challenge – Nature-based Solutions edition

These Terms and Conditions apply to the "[2025 Food Systems Innovation challenge](#)", which is organized by Wageningen University ("WU"), in close collaboration with Netherlands Food Partnership ("NFP"). From now on called the organizers.

## 1. Definitions

- \* Award: The prize money or in-kind contribution as specified on the Challenge's webpage and awarded to an award-winning Team
- \* Challenge: The 2025 Food Systems Innovation Challenge
- \* Deliverable: The product to be provided by a Team as required by WU under the Challenge, such as the concept note, vlog and business concept.
- \* Participant: A natural person meeting the Admission Requirements and who has duly signed up for the Challenge.
- \* Team: A group of 4 to 8 Participants that participate in the Challenge under the same team name.

## 2. Participation

Participant agrees to these Terms and Conditions and declares to meet the Admission Requirements:

- Participant is registered as a bachelor, master or PhD student at the time of registration for the Challenge;
- Recent graduates are welcome to join the Challenge, though the graduation should not be earlier than academic year 2023/2024. With a maximum of 1 recent graduate per team;
- Participant is a member of a Team and can only join one Team;
- The teams consist of 4 to 8 students;
- It's recommended to form a team of students with different disciplinary backgrounds;
- Students can form mixed teams, meaning they can come from different universities (including universities that are not on the list of participating universities in this challenge) (see [website](#) for the list of participating universities);
- However, at least 2 of the team members should be from a participating university;
- At least 2 of the team members should be on site during the challenge period (April-September 2025);
- Students that participated in one of the 18 selected teams in the 2024 challenge can not participate in the 2025 challenge;
- We strive to complement each team with one or two students from Wageningen University & Research. They will work remotely together with the team and will be on top of the 4 to 8 students.

WU has the right to use the contact details provided by the participant, to communicate with the participant after the Challenge, about similar activities and individual opportunities that may be of interest to the development and career of the participant.

WU will organize the Challenge with due care and will set up the Challenge as a learning experience for the Participants.

Participant agrees to participate in the Challenge in a cooperative way. Participant shall comply with the instructions laid down in the Handbook and otherwise given by WU.

### 3. *Liability and Insurance*

Participation in the Challenge is at the Participant's own risk and expense. Each Participant that is joining a live event of the Challenge (such as, without limitation, the Grand Finale In Wageningen-the Netherlands, site visit and any related programme component) are obliged to have a travel (accident and medical) insurance for the programme components taking place. Participants may be asked to provide proof of such insurance.

Participant acknowledges that participation in the Challenge may preclude Participant and the Team from obtaining intellectual property protection for the Team's entry. WU excludes any liability in respect thereto.

### 4. *Non-confidentiality, intellectual property and media*

#### \* Non-confidentiality

The Challenge is public in nature. Disclosure of any information required under the Challenge in whatever form is on a non-confidential basis

Participants agree to exclusively use the templates furnished by WU for submitting Deliverables. WU has the right to share such information with the organizing team, the selection committee and jury members on a non-confidential basis.

Each Participant grants WU the non-exclusive right to publish and reproduce the Deliverables submitted in whole or in part, for all purposes and any form (written, digital or otherwise).

#### \* Intellectual property

Each Participant ensures that the Challenge submission and any part thereof:

- is the Participant's own and original work;
- does not infringe copyrights, trademarks or other intellectual property or other rights of any person or entity (such as rights of privacy, publicity) and indemnifies the organizers from any third-party-claims relating thereto.

The organizers will not claim ownership of intellectual property of the information, documents, videos and other items that Participants submit in connection with the Challenge.

#### \* Media

The organizers have the right to publish and reproduce photos, videos and other content produced during and related to the Challenge without prior approval of the Participant displayed. WU is entitled to allow partners of the Challenge to publish and reproduce such material on their social media channels or otherwise.

### 5. *Award*

The jury's decision will be final and not subject to debate.

Any monetary part of the Award will be in Euro. Any fiscal and/or financial consequences of the Award will be fully borne by the winning Team and its Participants. Participants of an award-winning Team will decide among themselves who will receive the Award and provide WU with this information.

Payment to a Participant discharges WU of its payment obligation concerning the Award.

### 6. *Miscellaneous*

WU reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel the Challenge of any aspect thereof at its own discretion and without being liable towards Participant. All Participants will be informed about modifications as soon as possible.

WU reserves the right to disqualify a Participant or its Team, if a Participant does not comply with the Terms and Conditions, or other reasonable instructions of WU, or exhibits any kind of unlawful or undesirable conduct. This will include a Participant found to have committed plagiarism, infringing intellectual property rights and/or unlawful use of information.

WU assumes no responsibility for incorrect or inaccurate information regarding the Challenge, or any late, lost or misdirected entries, whether caused by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in this Challenge or by any human error which may occur in the processing of the registration in this Challenge.

Participants are not allowed to use the WUR logo without WU's prior written permission.

In the event of conflicting provisions in various documents applying to the Challenge the order of priority shall be as follows: 1. Terms and Conditions, 2. Competition handbook, 3. other documents.

#### *7. Applicable law and jurisdiction*

The agreement and legal relationship between WU and Participant are governed by Dutch law. Any dispute arising in connection with the agreement will be settled by the Gelderland District Court, Arnhem location.