TERMS OF USE AND DONATIONS

Donation-based Crowdfunding Platform of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Article 1 - Subject matter and purpose

This online donation-based crowdfunding platform (the “Platform”) is an initiative of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (“NKUA” or the “University”).

The purpose of the Platform is to facilitate financial support for the University's educational, research, scientific, social, cultural and development activities by collecting monetary donations from natural and legal persons.

The Platform operates within the mission of NKUA and is governed by the Greek and European Union legislation in force from time to time, particularly the legal framework governing higher education institutions.

Article 2 - Acceptance of the Terms of Use

Access to and use of the Platform entail an obligation to comply with these Terms of Use.

Before submitting any donation, users are asked to read and expressly accept these Terms.

Users who do not accept them must refrain from making a donation through the Platform.

Article 3 - Eligibility

Donations through the Platform may be made by natural persons with the necessary legal capacity and by legal persons acting through their lawful representatives.

The donor declares that:

- They have the lawful authority to dispose of the funds.
- The donated funds originate from lawful sources.
- The information submitted is true, accurate and up to date.
- Making the donation does not infringe applicable laws or regulations.

The University reserves the right to request additional information or supporting documents where necessary for the lawful acceptance and administration of a donation.

Article 4 - Nature of donations

Monetary contributions made through the Platform constitute donations without consideration.

A donation does not entitle the donor to a financial return, a share of revenue, ownership, management rights or decision-making rights in relation to the University's activities.

Nor does it create any right to preferential treatment in educational, research, academic or administrative procedures.

Special funding arrangements involving consideration, sponsorship publicity or other contractual obligations do not automatically fall within these Terms and are governed by the corresponding lawful procedures.

Article 5 - Donation procedure

Prospective donors may select an available activity or project presented on the Platform and specify the desired amount, in accordance with the options available at the time.

The procedure includes entering the necessary information, receiving information about the donation terms and completing payment using the supported payment methods.

Successful completion of an electronic payment does not replace any required procedures for the lawful acceptance, recording and administration of the donation by the competent bodies of the University.

Article 6 - Administration and use of donations

Donated funds are administered by the competent body or department of the University in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory framework and the terms of their lawful acceptance.

Donations linked to a specific project or activity are used to support the corresponding purpose, in accordance with the approved terms and the prescribed financial management procedures.

If a particular activity becomes impossible to implement, changes substantially or fails to raise the necessary amount, the competent University bodies decide how the associated donations will be administered, in accordance with the law, the terms of acceptance and any specific commitments towards donors.

Any possibility of refunding or redirecting funds is communicated to donors in accordance with the specific terms of the relevant activity.

Article 7 - Security of electronic transactions

Electronic payments are made through the technical infrastructure and payment service providers selected for the operation of the Platform.

The University takes steps to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect information and transactions.

Payment information is processed in accordance with applicable legislation and the terms of the relevant provider.

The precise procedure and available payment methods are communicated to users before the transaction is completed.

Article 8 - Donation documentation and tax treatment

For each completed and lawfully recorded donation, the competent departments issue or provide the documentation required in the circumstances.

The tax treatment of donations is determined by the legislation in force at the relevant time and depends on the nature of the donation, the donor's status and the applicable statutory conditions.

The University does not guarantee any particular tax exemption or deduction for every donation. Donors are encouraged to seek specialist tax advice where necessary.

Article 9 - Cancellation, refunds and non-acceptance of donations

Given the gratuitous nature of a donation, there is no independent, general right of withdrawal applicable to every donation made through the Platform.

Any request for cancellation or a refund is considered in accordance with applicable law, the stage reached by the donation, its specific terms and the powers of the University's competent bodies.

In the event of an incorrect charge, duplicate payment, unauthorised transaction or other technical problem, the donor may contact the department responsible for the Platform.

The University may decline a donation on lawful, institutional or ethical grounds, including incompatibility with its mission and principles.

Article 10 - Transparency and publicity

NKUA seeks to administer donations transparently and responsibly, in accordance with the principles of accountability and the obligations arising from legislation.

Information about donations, amounts, donors or acceptance decisions may be made public where required by mandatory provisions, including publication obligations under the “Diavgeia” transparency programme.

Any optional public recognition of a donor through the Platform takes place in accordance with applicable personal data protection legislation.

Article 11 - Intellectual property

The content of the Platform, including text, graphics, logos, databases and other material, is protected by applicable intellectual property legislation, subject to third-party rights.

Reproduction, modification or commercial exploitation without the required permission is prohibited, unless otherwise provided by law or by the licence applicable to particular material.

Article 12 - Liability and availability of the Platform

The University makes reasonable efforts to ensure the proper, secure and continuous operation of the Platform.

Temporary interruptions may occur due to maintenance, technical problems or events beyond the University's control.

Any limitations of liability apply only to the extent permitted by law and do not affect users' rights under mandatory legal provisions.

Article 13 - Personal data protection

The personal data of users and donors are processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, Greek Law 4624/2019 and other applicable legislation.

Detailed information is provided in the Platform's separate “Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy”.

Article 14 - Amendments to the Terms of Use

The University may amend these Terms where required by legislative, organisational or operational changes.

The version in force at any given time is published on the Platform, indicating the date of its last update.

Amendments do not retroactively affect rights and obligations that have already arisen, except to the extent lawfully provided.

Article 15 - Applicable law

These Terms are governed by Greek law and applicable European Union law.

Any dispute arising from use of the Platform or the making of a donation is resolved in accordance with the prescribed legal procedures and applicable jurisdictional rules.

Article 16 - Contact

For information about the Platform, donations and the donation procedure, interested parties may contact the competent department of NKUA.

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These Terms take effect from their publication date, following approval by the competent bodies of the University.