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1. General information

These terms and conditions are an agreement between EIT Food ivzw and the Participant of the *New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”* implemented as part of the RIS Professional Development project.

2. Definitions

In these terms and conditions, the following definitions apply:

EIT Food ivzw: means the international non-profit association with scientific purpose governed by the Belgium Law, having its registered office at 3001 Heverlee, Ubicenter A, Philipssite 5 box 34, RCE Leuven, Belgium, (hereinafter: EIT Food).

New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”: means an offered training for professionals to encourage the development of pioneering ideas in food industry (hereinafter: “NPD Skills”).

Participant: means a person who applied for a selected course within the “NPD Skills” training and whose attendance has been confirmed by the invitation letter received via electronic means of communication (EIT Food Application Portal – Dream Apply).

3. Overview of the New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”

EIT Food *New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”* is a unique series of workshops, prepared by highly skilled international Partners from different institutions and countries, offering participants the opportunity to gain a holistic insight into new product development in food market! The entire programme of the “NPD Skills” training is jointly prepared and delivered by experts from academia, industry and research institutions, namely: University of Warsaw, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Aarhus University, PepsiCo International, Elea, Campden BRI Hungary Ltd., CSIC - Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, and EIT Food CLC North-East.

The “NPD Skills” training brings together food professionals from different backgrounds and countries. It offers a professional blended-learning training aimed to encourage the development of pioneering product ideas in the food industry in RIS countries. The training is designed to teach the tools, techniques and best practices developed to support the NPD process and enable participants to learn through experience.

The innovative formula of the training enables participants to choose which of the thematic workshops they wish to attend in order to gain new knowledge in a specific area of new product development in the food market, as well as develop their unique competences. Participants can apply to attend selected workshops of their choice.

In the summer edition of the training, participants can attend the following courses:

- Functional food: theory and practice (online course)
- Project management in New Product Development (online course)
- Consumer-centric approach in New Product Development (in-person course in Warsaw, Poland)
- Sensory evaluation and its role in food product design (in-person course in Warsaw, Poland)

Each course offers a wide range of up-to-date knowledge which, combined with practical examples and a series of exercises, is aimed to enhance participants' skills!

The whole training is based on an innovative approach to teaching and learning and will involve interactive workshops, project tasks, sensory evaluations, video case studies, live food processing sessions, innovative teaching materials and case study analysis.

4. Admission

1. The “NPD Skills” training is a set of self-standing thematic workshops/courses, which aim to provide participants with specific knowledge in a particular area related to the development of new products in the food sector aligned with the EIT Competency Framework (more information: <https://learning.eitfood.eu/>).

Participants, according to their preferences and interests, have the possibility to apply to attend workshops of their choice (participants should indicate their preferred set of courses on the application form).

The detailed schedule of the summer edition of New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”, as well as the duration of each course can be found on the “NPD Skills” training website: www.eitfoodnpdskills.eu

2. By submitting the application form at EIT Food Application Portal (https://apply.eitfood.eu/en_GB/courses/course/153-new-product-development-training--npd-skills), the Participant declared to meet the entry requirements for the course as provided on the website: www.eitfoodnpdskills.eu.
3. Applications are accepted from the following RIS countries and territories (based on citizenship):

- EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.
- Horizon Europe Associated Countries: Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine.
- Outermost Regions: Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain).

4. The ideal applicant should:

- Be a food professional employed in companies, academia or research institutes;
- Have an entrepreneurial approach to problem solving and willingness to share their knowledge with other participants of the New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”;
- Have relevant knowledge and experience in the food sector (please check each workshop on the Competency Framework to make sure it fits your needs and experience well – information about this can be found here: <https://learning.eitfood.eu/>);
- Have working knowledge of English language (the course will be held in English);
- Be a citizen of one of the RIS countries or territories listed in 4.3. (above).

5. The Participant is responsible for giving the correct information. This expressly refers to the correctness of the electronic mail address.

6. Applications will be assessed by a special committee of experts from project consortium, with regard to formal criteria such as country eligibility, command of English, employment (i.e., work achievements combined with employment period, confirmed by uploading a CV in the application system), acceptance of terms and conditions. Formal criteria will be assessed on a two-point scale (1 – fulfilled, 0 – not fulfilled) while relevant experience on a three-point scale (0 – not satisfactory, 1 – acceptable, 2 – very good). The reviewers evaluate the applications in an ongoing mode.

5. Tuition fee

The Participant of the New Product Development Training “NPD Skills” does not bear any participation fees.

6. Venue

The workshop will be held as a blended-learning course (with some online sessions and an in-person session in Warsaw, Poland).

The detailed schedule of New Product Development Training “NPD Skills”:

Online courses:

- Functional food: theory and practice
 - 05.06.2023 (3:40 – 6:00 p.m.) Part I
 - 06.06.2023 (5:30 – 7:15 p.m.) Part II
- Project management in New Product Development
 - 14.06.2023 (8:15 – 11:30 a.m.) Part I
 - 21.06.2023 (8:15 – 11:30 a.m.) Part II

In-person courses (Warsaw, Poland):

- Consumer-centric approach in New Product Development
 - 29.06.2023 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Sensory evaluation and its role in food product design
 - 30.06.2023 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

7. Terms of arrival

1. By applying, the Participant confirms that he/she will be able to come to Warsaw for the in-person workshops, which will take place on 29.06.2023 & 30.06.2023 (for participants attending Consumer-centric approach in New Product Development & Sensory evaluation and its role in food product design).
2. Preferred time of arrival in Warsaw: the day before the workshop / early morning on the day of the workshop. Any travel delays resulting in failure to arrive during the suggested arrival period are the Participant’s personal responsibility.

8. Travel and accommodation

1. Travel and accommodation costs are not covered. The Participant is solely responsible for covering any additionally occurring costs related to participating in the “NPD Skills” training (e.g. travel, accommodation, any activity engaged in during free time, etc.).
2. The Participant must make their own arrangements for travel to and accommodation in Warsaw, Poland.

9. Participant's responsibilities

- Selected courses of the training (i.e., Functional food: theory and practice and Project management in New Product Development) will be held online. Therefore, in order to take part in the selected course, participants are required to provide their own appropriate equipment to carry out the online communication i.e.:
 - computer equipment to be used during the workshop;
 - appropriate software;
 - Internet connection;
 - a computer webcam;
 - microphone.

10. Attendance

1. The Participant is expected to attend the entire in-person course (according to the prepared workshop schedule).
2. Any absence shall be immediately reported to the “NPD Skills” training Organising Committee.
3. No excused absence shall be understood as a resignation from the course.

11. Cancellation by the participant

1. The Participant may withdraw from the “NPD Skills” training by delivering a written withdrawal notice no later than until two days before the start.
2. In case of the cancellation the EIT Food has the right to receive the cancellation fee from the Participant.
3. The cancellation fee in amount of 300,00 euros shall be paid within 7 days after the day when the delivery of withdrawal notice was confirmed by the “NPD Skills” training organisers. In that case, the EIT Food provides the Participant with all necessary information on the procedure of cancellation fee payment.
4. The cancellation fee will be paid in cases when the Participant:

- a) Will interrupt the course,
 - b) Will end the course prematurely,
 - c) Will not attend the particular course and will not excuse the absence.
5. The cancellation fee does not refer to force majeure or illness, which will be reviewed by the “NPD Skills” training organizers on a case-by-case basis.

12. The liability

The organizers of “NPD Skills” training are not liable for:

1. The safety of the participants during events and activities during the program.
2. Damage or loss of the property of the Participant or damage caused by the Participant to the property of the EIT Food Summer School organizers and third parties.
3. Other damages, losses, liability or personal injury arising out of or in any way connected with the EIT Food Summer School program.
4. Other costs or expenses which are incurred because of any unlawful, unreasonable, or unwarranted action, behaviour, omission or decision by the Participant or a third party.
5. Personal belongings and possessions of the Participant.

13. Intellectual property

1. The Participant retains full and exclusive ownership of their intellectual property rights.
2. The EIT Food and its authorized representatives in the project undertake all means necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the ideas and projects presented and developed throughout the course.

14. Certificate

At the end of each course, after passing the assessment, participants will receive a document confirming their participation in the selected workshop.

15. Privacy policy

1. The Participant grants their consent to the provision of their personal data to the EIT Food and to the processing of such data by the EIT Food in the scope necessary to the fulfilment of tasks and goals of the “NPD Skills” training.
2. All above – mentioned personal data are processed according to the rules provided by the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).
3. By accepting the terms and conditions the Participant also authorizes the EIT Food, “NPD Skills” training and RIS Professional Development project consortium to publish photographs taken of the Participant during the “NPD Skills” training for use in print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other publications related to study programme promotion.
4. The Participant further acknowledges that participation is voluntary and not connected with receiving financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of above – mentioned photographs or participation in marketing materials or other publications of the EIT Food.