Contract for Student Participation
in the PRO-SLO PhD school 2026 Edition

within the 23014 - PRO-SLO PhD Winter/Summer School Project

under the EIT/ KIC RawMaterials financial support to third parties' programme

This Contract is made and entered into by and between:

1. on the one part,
   National Technical University of Athens
   School of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering,
   Heroon Polytechneiou 9, 15780, Zografos, Athens, Greece

   in further text "NTUA-SMME"

2. on the other part,

Name and surname of the student, City of formal residence, Country

A PhD Student participating in PRO-SLO PhD Winter/Summer School, online (from the 9th to the 13th of February 2026 and from the 23rd of February to the 27th of March 2026) and on-site (from the 20th to the 24th of April 2026), in further text "the Student"

NTUA-SMME and Student are hereinafter each called a "Party" and collectively "the Parties", relating to the PRO-SLO PhD School.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 SUBJECT OF THIS AGREEMENT

1.1 This Agreement sets forth the understandings of the Parties, terms and conditions in respect of their rights and obligations for the participation in the PRO-SLO PhD School, 2026 edition, to be organized by the NTUA-SMME, with Professor Emeritus Katerina Adam, as the Scientific Responsible.

The School will be conducted in the period February - April 2026:

1) **Online part**, Part A, from 9th to 13th February 2026
2) **Mentoring part**, Part B, from 23rd February to 27th March 2026
3) **On-site part**, Part C, from 19th to 24th of April 2026, at Hellas Gold, Kassandra Mines, Chalkidiki, Greece

1.2 NTUA-SMME hereby **disclaims any responsibility for covering medical expenses** of the student related to injuries, illnesses, or any other health issues that may arise during this School in general as well as during the students' stay in Kassandra Mines, Chalkidiki, that is the onsite component of the PRO-SLO PhD School.

SECTION 2 OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

SECTION 2.1 OBLIGATIONS OF NTUA-SMME

2.1.1 NTUA-SMME is obliged to organize a PhD school on Social License to Operate (SLO) as Work Package 5 co-leader (WP5-PhD School Implementation), Task 5.2. Implementation of the 2nd PRO-SLO school, as part of the PRO-SLO project consortium and according to decision made by programme coordinator (Montanuniversität Leoben). PhD school includes both online and onsite components as presented in Section 1.1.

2.1.2 NTUA-SMME agrees to provide the Student with access to the PhD school and all learning material, which include synchronous and asynchronous learning modules, case study in a peer group online and on site and all other components specified in the final programme.

2.1.3 NTUA-SMME in cooperation with the Project coordinator will cover the costs defined in this contract (under section 4 Financial

Reimbursement) related to the selected Students' attendance, **contingent upon full participation and submission of appropriate receipts** (proofs/evidence for travel to the onsite component of the PhD School).

2.1.4 NTUA-SMME will organize and **pay for the accommodation for all the selected Students for the onsite component** of the PhD school according to the defined dates and for the entire duration of the school. **Payment will be in accordance with NTUA-SMME internal procedures**.

SECTION 2.2 OBLIGATIONS OF THE STUDENT

2.2.1 The Student agrees to fully participate in all components of the PhD school in line with the PRO SLO programme requirements, including attending online sessions, completing all assignments, and being present for the entire duration of the on-site component.

2.2.2 **It is mandatory for the student to have valid health insurance** that covers all potential medical costs, including but not limited to, emergency treatment, hospitalization, medication, and any other medical services, during their entire stay for the on-site component of the PRO SLO Ph.D School in Kassandra Mines, Chalkidiki. The Student is obliged to provide his/her own health insurance for the duration of this part of the program independently and at his own expense.

2.2.3 The Student agrees to make their own travel arrangements for the onsite component and to submit all travel receipts (for airfare, bus, or train tickets; in exceptional situations road tolls and gasoline) to NTUA-SMME at **one month after the school implementation, the latest**. **Receipts must be issued to the student's name and include place of departure and place of arrival.**

2.2.4 The Student will evaluate the experience of participating in all components of the PRO-SLO PhD school 2026 edition. The evaluation will be carried out on a form designed by NTUA-SMME. The evaluation of Part A of the School will be conducted online after the completion of each School Day, whereas for Part B and Part C of the PRO SLO PhD School the deadline for the delivery of the **evaluation form is the last day of the School respective component**.

SECTION 3 DURATION

3.1 This Contract shall enter into force on the date of the Contract signature by both parties. Both parties **must sign this contract two weeks** prior to the start of the first component (Part A) of the School.

3.2 The duration of this Agreement is until **30th July 2026** being the last possible end date.

3.3 The Student cannot participate in the 2nd PRO-SLO PhD School if this contract is not signed by both parties.

SECTION 4 FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT

4.1 NTUA-SMME will arrange and pay for the accommodation and daily meals for the onsite component of the PhD school during the defined dates and for the entire duration of the school.

4.2. NTUA-SMME agrees to reimburse the Student for travel expenses based on the distance. Travel distances will be calculated by using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator.The distance of a one-way travel must be used to calculate the amount of the grant that will support the round trip.

- **For Students located within 99 km from the onsite venue:** Reimbursement will be up to a maximum of 50 EUR
- **For Students located between 100 and 499 km away:** Reimbursement will be up to a maximum of 200 EUR
- **For Students located between 500 and 999 km away:** Reimbursement will be up to a maximum of 300 EUR
- **For Students located more than 1000 km away:** Reimbursement will be up to a maximum of 400 EUR

Travel expenses will be **reimbursed upon submission of valid travel receipts**. If the travel expenses are **less** than the specified amount, the Student will be reimbursed for the actual amount spent. If the travel expenses **exceed** the specified amount, the reimbursement will be capped at the maximum amount as outlined above.

4.3 The amounts listed in 4.2 will be reimbursed to the Student only for the **direct travel from their place of residence/study to the location of onsite** 2nd PRO-SLO PhD School, and vice versa, not for other round trips during Student's travel.

4.4 Payment will be conducted following the official reimbursement procedure applied by NTUA; however, **reimbursement cannot be**

provided to Student in advance (before submission of all valid travel receipts). NTUA-SMME is responsible for keeping proof of Student's trip and reporting to EIT regarding the costs.

4.5 **The active participation at the 2nd PRO-SLO PhD School is free of any fees**. The school has received funding from the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of European Union under the Horizon 2020

4.6 All other costs that the Student may incur during the program which are not expressly prescribed in this contract to be paid by NTUA-SMME, the Student is obliged to cover these costs personally.

SECTION 5 PAYMENTS

5.1 Any and all payments to the Student shall be made by NTUA-SMME by transfer into the Student's bank account specified in Schedule 1 hereto.

SECTION 6 TERMINATION

6.1 **Termination by NTUA-SMME**: NTUA-SMME reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if the Student fails to meet the participation requirements outlined in Section 2.2. Upon such Termination for Cause, all costs incurred by NTUA-SMME shall immediately be compensated as outlined in section 6.2.

6.2 **Termination by Student**: Should the Student wish to withdraw from the PhD school after the contract is signed, they must provide written notice to the NTUA-SMME (christod@metal.ntua.gr, cc katadam@metal.ntua.gr). Student can withdraw without consequences from the PRO-SLO PhD School only in case of unforeseeable circumstances, such as serious medical emergencies or other force majeure events about which **the Student is obliged to inform NTUA-SMME within 2 working days at the latest from the date of occurrence of this circumstance**.

SECTION 7 MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Schedules, inconsistencies and severability

7.1.1 This Agreement consists of this core text and also **Schedule 1**: Payment conditions and bank account, **Schedule 2**: Party email and postal adresses for notices and other communication

7.1.2 Should any provision of this Agreement become invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement. In such a case the Parties concerned shall be entitled to request that a valid and practicable provision be negotiated which fulfils the purpose of the original provision.

7.2 No representation of other Parties

No Party shall be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of any other Party unless stated otherwise in this Agreement.

7.3 Notices and other communication

7.3.1 **General**
Unless provided otherwise in this Agreement, any notice to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing to the email address of the respective Party specified in Schedule 2 hereto. Each Party shall have the right and be obliged to notify the other Party, in writing, of any change of persons or contact details. Until such notification is received, any communication shall be deemed properly made and received if made to the above address (or, in case of any change notified, to the most recent address notified).
7.3.2 **Formal notices**
If it is required in this Agreement that a formal notice, consent or approval shall be given, such notice shall be signed by an authorized representative of a Party and shall either be served personally or sent by mail/telefax with recorded delivery.
7.3.3 **Other communication**
Any other communication between the Parties may also be affected by other means allowing a permanent storage including by e-mail.

7.4 Assignment and amendments/written form

7.4.1 Assignment
Except as provided in this Agreement, no rights or obligations of the Parties arising from this Agreement may be assigned or transferred, in whole or in part, to any third party without the other Parties' prior written approval.

7.4.2 Amendments/written form
Amendments to and modifications of this Agreement shall require a separate written agreement to be signed between the Parties.

7.5 Mandatory national law

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to require a Party to breach any mandatory statutory law under which the Party is operating.

7.6 Language

This Agreement is drawn up in English, which language shall govern all documents, notices, meetings, arbitral proceedings and processes relative thereto.

7.7 Applicable law

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Greece.

7.8 Settlement of disputes

7.8.1 The Parties shall endeavor to settle their disputes amicably.

7.8.2 Any dispute, controversy or claim arising under, out of or relating to this Agreement and any subsequent amendments of this Agreement, including, without limitation, its formation, validity, binding effect, interpretation, performance, breach or termination, as well as non-contractual claims, which cannot be solved amicably shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Athens/Greece with the application of Greek law.

This Agreement to be duly signed by the undersigned authorized representatives as follows, each on the separate signature page.

SCHEDULE 1
PAYMENT CONDITIONS AND BANK ACCOUNT

I. Payment Schedule: The reimbursement costs for a Student, who has successfully completed all three parts (Part A, Part B, Part C) of the PRO-SLO PhD School, 2026 edition, is provided after the submission of valid receipts for travel and the latest **30 days after the starting date of the onsite component**, as indicated on page 1.

II. Third Party Bank Account

IBAN: _____

SWIFT CODE: _____

NOTA BENE: The Student must be the account holder or must have a valid legal authorisation to use a bank account of a different accountholder (in that case the evidence of that right must be submitted to the NTUA-SMME before payment). The IBAN structure must comply with the one described at https://www.iban.com/structure.

SCHEDULE 2
PARTY ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATION

If to NTUA-SMME:

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If to the Student:
Name: *name and last name of the Student*
Email: *e-address of the Student*
Phone: *phone number of the Student (including the country code)*

Signature page – Student

Date and signature

Signature page – Representative of NTUA-SMME

Date and signature
Prof. Dimitrios Damigos, Ph.D., Dean of SMME NTUA