

TURK FORUM 2026

GENERAL PARTICIPATION, ETHICS, AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDERTAKING

One Idea, A Shared Future

This Undertaking regulates the general ethics, responsibility, intellectual property, confidentiality, evaluation, team structure, award, travel, and cooperation principles to be applied during the application and participation process of TURK FORUM 2026.

As the individual/team applying to the TURK FORUM 2026 – One Idea, A Shared Future Program, we declare, accept, and undertake that we have read and understood the program call text, application conditions, evaluation principles, and the relevant information and commitment documents presented to us; and that we will comply with the following provisions throughout our participation in the program.

1. Accuracy of Information and Application Responsibility

We accept that the information, documents, and declarations provided within the scope of the application are accurate, up-to-date, and truthful; and that in the event of providing false, misleading, or untrue information and documents, our application may be disqualified from evaluation at any stage of the program.

2. Ethical Principles and Academic Integrity

We accept and undertake to act in accordance with the principles of honesty, transparency, equality, academic and professional ethics, and respect for the rights of third parties; and that we will not engage in unethical practices such as plagiarism, data falsification, use of forged or misleading documents, unauthorized appropriation of works belonging to others, and similar misconduct.

3. Originality and Intellectual Property

We declare that the submitted project idea and the contents used within the scope of the project belong to us or that we possess the necessary permissions and authorizations to use and submit them to the program, and that we will not violate the intellectual and industrial property rights of third parties.

We acknowledge and accept that applying to the program, becoming a finalist, or winning an award does not imply the transfer of intellectual property rights over the project to Ivedik OSB, program partners, affiliates, sponsors, jury members, mentors, or other stakeholders.

We accept that the provisions of the 'TURK FORUM 2026 Applicant Intellectual Property, Confidentiality, and Declaration Form' shall apply regarding detailed provisions on intellectual property and confidentiality.

4. Use of Artificial Intelligence

We accept that in the event artificial intelligence tools are utilized during the preparation of the project, the applicant/team is responsible for the accuracy, originality, ethical compliance, and non-infringement of third-party rights of the content generated or developed through these tools. Upon request by the program management, we agree to provide information regarding the artificial intelligence tools used and the manner of their usage in preparing the project.

5. Team Structure and Intra-Team Responsibilities

In projects involving multiple persons, we accept that the contributions of team members, project ownership, task distribution, and intra-team relations are under the responsibility of the team members; and that Ivedik OSB and program stakeholders are not parties to any private law disputes

that may arise within the team regarding intellectual property rights, representation, award sharing, or similar matters.

We undertake to notify the program management of any significant changes occurring in team membership, team leadership, or other matters that may affect the application.

6. Evaluation, Jury, and Conflict of Interest

We accept that projects will be evaluated by the jury in line with the evaluation principles announced in the call text, and that the jury evaluation constitutes an expert opinion.

We accept that in the event a material error, procedural error, or conflict of interest is considered to exist during the evaluation process, an objection may be lodged within the procedure and timeframe announced by the program management; outside of this, no intervention in the academic or expertise evaluations of jury members may be requested.

7. Confidentiality and Final Presentations

We accept that taking necessary measures regarding the protection of patentable inventions, trade secrets, know-how, software code, technical drawings, formulas, methods, or similar confidential information is also the responsibility of the project owner.

We acknowledge and accept that project presentations to be conducted within the scope of the final program may be open to participants and that photo/video recordings may be made for the purpose of promoting the program; and that we have been informed not to include trade secrets or technical information requiring protection that we do not wish to be disclosed to the public in publicly open presentation materials.

8. Protection of Personal Data

We accept that we have been informed within the scope of the KVKK (Personal Data Protection Law) Clarification Text provided to us regarding the processing of our personal data within the program; and that preference and permission mechanisms to be presented separately will be taken as the basis for data processing activities requiring explicit consent.

9. Visual and Promotional Activities

We accept that we have been informed that photographs, videos, and similar recordings may be taken during events organized within the scope of the program. We accept that matters regarding the use of personal image and audio recordings in promotion, press, social media, website, program booklet, and similar media will be carried out within the framework of the relevant clarification and, where necessary, explicit consent texts.

10. Awards

We accept that in the event of qualifying for an award within the scope of the program, the award will be paid in accordance with the call text, program rules, and relevant financial/regulatory obligations; and that disputes regarding intra-team award distribution in team applications are the responsibility of the team members.

We accept that winning an award does not constitute a transfer of intellectual property rights, an investment guarantee, or a commitment that the project will be implemented.

11. Matching with Companies, Investors, and Institutions

We accept that project teams may be brought together with sponsors, industrial companies, investors, universities, public institutions, or other organizations within the scope of the program; and that this matching does not constitute any guarantee of investment, acquisition, partnership, licensing, or commercialization.

Following the matching, if an implementation, R&D, investment, or commercialization relationship is established between the parties, we accept that the rights and obligations will be determined by the 'TURK FORUM 2026 Company – Project Team Matching, Confidentiality, and Intellectual Property Protocol' and, when necessary, additional contracts to be signed between the parties.

12. Travel, Accommodation, and International Participation

We accept that transportation, accommodation, and other support that may be provided to project teams participating from abroad are within the scope and limits announced by the program management; and that timely procurement of passports, visas, country entry conditions, and personal travel documents is the responsibility of the participant.

We accept that in cases where participation cannot take place due to visa refusal, travel restrictions, transportation cancellations, or reasons developing beyond the control of the program management, the situation will be separately evaluated by the program management.

13. Program Amendments and Force Majeure

We accept that Ivedik OSB may make changes to the date, venue, method, jury structure, event flow, or other implementation principles of the program due to force majeure, decisions of public authorities, international developments, transportation conditions, organizational necessities, or similar justified reasons. We accept that major changes made will be announced to participants through appropriate communication channels.

14. Withdrawal from the Program and Disqualification

We accept that in the event we are unable to continue the program, we will inform the program management as soon as possible; and that in case of a material violation of the call conditions, ethical principles, or this undertaking, the project may be disqualified from evaluation.

15. Related Documents

This Undertaking is evaluated as a whole together with the TURK FORUM 2026 Call Text and the following documents:

- TURK FORUM 2026 Applicant Intellectual Property, Confidentiality, and Declaration Form
- TURK FORUM 2026 Jury / Mentor Confidentiality, Impartiality, and Conflict of Interest Undertaking
- TURK FORUM 2026 Clarification Text on the Protection of Personal Data and, when necessary, relevant explicit consent/permission texts

We accept, declare, and undertake that we have read and understood the above provisions and that we will act in accordance with these provisions during our participation in the TURK FORUM 2026 Program.

Project Name	
Application / Project No	
Project Team Leader - Full Name	
Country / Institution / University	
Date / Signature	

