

TURK FORUM 2026

JURY / MENTOR CONFIDENTIALITY, IMPARTIALITY, AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST UNDERTAKING

TURK FORUM 2026 - Evaluation and Mentoring Process

Full Name	
Role	☐ Jury ☐ Mentor ☐ Moderator ☐ Expert
Institution / Title	
E-mail	
Assignment Date	

1. Purpose

This Undertaking establishes the fundamental rules regarding confidentiality, impartiality, and intellectual property that jury members, mentors, moderators, and experts accessing project applications, evaluation files, and working sessions within the scope of TURK FORUM 2026 must comply with.

2. Definition of Confidential Information

"Confidential Information" encompasses non-public project texts, technical descriptions, drawings, prototype details, business models, cost/budget information, trade secrets, algorithms, software/code elements, research data, team information, and all other types of information and documents explicitly stated as confidential by the applicant.

3. Confidentiality Obligation

I accept and agree:

- To use Confidential Information solely for the purpose of fulfilling my evaluation or mentoring duties within the scope of TURK FORUM 2026;
- Not to share Confidential Information with any third party other than persons authorized for the program duty;
- Not to use Confidential Information to secure commercial advantage on my own behalf or in favor of the institution, company, investor, or third parties to which I am affiliated;
- To refrain from unauthorized copying, reproduction, taking screenshots, downloading, or transferring to another medium; and to securely store records mandatory for the duty;
- Upon completion of the duty, to return or securely delete confidential documents and copies provided for my access upon request of Ivedik OSB.

4. Impartiality and Conflict of Interest

I accept that if one of the following situations exists, I will inform the program coordination without delay and, when necessary, withdraw from the evaluation of the relevant project:

- Presence of a close personal, academic, commercial, or financial relationship with the project team;
- Being involved in a study directly competing with the project;
- Presence of an interest, hostility, or another bond regarding the project team or project subject that could affect objective evaluation;
- Having previously conducted consultancy, partnership, investment discussions, or a similar relationship regarding the project.

5. Intellectual Property and Nature of Contributions

I accept that providing evaluation, scoring, comments, mentoring, guidance, or general expert opinion does not alone generate intellectual property, partnership, licensing, investment, or revenue rights over the project. In the event an original output of a new and protectable nature is developed together with a project team, rights ownership shall only be determined through a separate written arrangement to be made between the parties.

6. Direct Contact with the Project Team

In the event that I wish to invest in, commercialize, license, or cooperate with a project I learned about during my assignment, I will transparently notify the program coordination and the project team. I shall not engage in an independent commercial venture with third parties outside the project team based on confidential information acquired during the program assignment.

7. Term

The confidentiality obligation under this Undertaking shall continue for a period of 5 years from the termination of the assignment. Regarding information in the nature of a trade secret, the confidentiality obligation shall continue for as long as the information legally retains its status as a trade secret.

8. Notification of Breach

In the event of loss, unauthorized access, or accidental sharing of confidential information, I shall notify the TURK FORUM 2026 program coordination without delay and provide reasonable cooperation to mitigate the damages.

9. Acceptance

I accept, declare, and undertake that I have read and understood the above provisions and that I will comply with them throughout my assignment.

Jury / Mentor / Expert

Full Name / Title:

Date: ____ / ____ / 2026

Signature:

Ivedik OSB Program Official

Full Name / Title:

Date: ____ / ____ / 2026

Signature:
