

Infoshare STARTUP CONTEST 2025 Terms & Conditions

1. Organizer

- 1.1. **Organizer of Infoshare Startup Contest [Startup Contest]** is Infoshare spółka z o.o., Al. Grunwaldzka, nr 472 B, Olivia Four, 80-309 Gdansk, registered in the Gdansk North District Court in Gdansk VII Commercial Division KRS 0000588009, NIP [Tax Identification Number]: 9571082154, with the share capital in the amount of 40.000,- PLN (fully paid).

2. Startup Contest

- 2.1. Startup Contest is a contest allowing the authors of ideas for innovative business and startup companies [Startup] to appear before experts and investors invited by the Organizer and audience of the Infoshare conference, which is to take place as an in-person event from May 28 to May 29, 2025, in Gdansk.
- 2.2. The Startup Contest is a contest dedicated to authors of innovative ideas working on a product/project (seed stage) or having, at least, an MVP (early stage), whose product/project addresses at least one of the 17 United Nations' sustainable development goals to be found here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>.
- 2.3. The Startup Contest is not intended for finalists, semi-finalists, and quarter-finalists of the Contest's past editions applying with the same project/product.
- 2.4. The Startup Contest starts on January 8, 2025 (application form opening) and ends on May 29, 2025 (the Startup Contest final).
- 2.5. The Startup Contest is open to companies and individuals not employed with the Organizer, who are the sole authors of the Startup idea and enjoy all the rights to Startup, including property and personal copyrights, providing that the exercise thereof is not in breach of any third-party rights, and who undertake to retain such rights until the day of exercising the right to the prize in the case of a win.
- 2.6. Entry into the Startup Contest means the Startup's acceptance of the Infoshare Startup Contest 2025 Terms & Conditions [Terms & Conditions] in whole. Startup undertakes to comply with the rules set out in the Terms & Conditions and confirms that it has met all the conditions for entry into the Startup Contest.

2.7. The Startup Contest schedule is available at <http://infoshare.pl/>. The Organizer reserves the right to modify the Startup Contest schedule.

3. Participation in the Startup Contest

3.1. The Startup Contest will be held in three stages:

Stage 1 - Written application

Stage 2 - Semifinals

Stage 3 - Final

3.2. Stage 1 - Written application

3.2.1. To apply for the Startup Contest, Startup has to fill in the application available at <http://infoshare.pl/> no later than 11.59 pm CET, February 28, 2025.

3.2.2. The complete Startup Contest application form should have all required fields filled in and a pitch deck attached as a separate file. The next stage - the **Semifinals** - will be entered by a maximum of **20** (twenty) Startups rated the highest by the Organizer, experts and investors selected by the Organizer.

3.2.3. The Organizer, investors, and experts selected by the Organizer decide on qualifications for the **Semifinals** based on their assessment of the Startup Contest application forms and pitch decks attached to the Startup Contest application forms using 3 criteria rated 0-10 points each: Business potential (1), Team (2) & Product (3) level of innovation.

3.2.4. The Organizer will publish a list of Startups qualified for the **Semifinals** no later than April 15, 2025, at <http://infoshare.pl/>.

3.2.5. The Organizer will contact each Startup qualified for the **Semifinals** to confirm their participation using an email taken from the Startup Contest application form no later than April 16, 2025. Each Startup has 1 (one) working day to confirm participation in the **Semifinals** by responding to the Organizer's email (1 day is counted based on the email sent date). A lack of response will be treated as resignation and the first Startup from the waiting list will be invited to the Semifinals. The same rule of confirmation applies to all Startups, including those replacing previously chosen Startups.

3.3. Stage 2 – Semifinals

- 3.3.1. Each Startup that qualifies for the 2nd Stage is obliged to present in front of the experts and investors selected by the Organizer to evaluate semifinal Startups [Semifinal Jury] and the audience of the Infoshare conference, which is to take place on May 28-29, 2025. The Semifinal presentations will take place on the 1st conference day, May 28, 2025.
- 3.3.2. The members of the Semifinal Jury will be announced at <http://infoshare.pl/> until May 9, 2025.
- 3.3.3. As the Infoshare conference is organized as an in-person event, 1 (one) representative of the Startup who is a semifinalist of the Startup Contest is required to personally, and physically participate in the Startup presentation to the Semifinal Jury. Lack of personal, physical participation in the presentation shall mean resignation from further participation in the Startup Contest.
- 3.3.4. 20 (twenty) semifinal Startups will be divided into 2 (two) groups of 10 (ten) startups in alphabetical order according to their Startup name taken from the Startup Contest application form (field: Company name).
- 3.3.5. Each Startup has 3 (three) minutes for presentation and 2 (two) minutes to reply to the Semifinal Jury questions.
- 3.3.6. The Startup Contest Finalists will be named based on their assessment by the Semifinal Jury. The Semifinal Jury will use **4 (four)** criteria rated 0-10 points each: Business potential (1), Team (2), Product (3) Level of innovation & (4) Performance to evaluate all semifinal Startups. A maximum of 5 (five) top-rated Startups will enter the Startup Contest Final held on May 29, 2025.
- 3.3.7. Organizer will announce the list of Startups qualified for the Final on May 28, 2025, and publish it at <http://infoshare.pl/>.

3.4. Stage 3 - Final

- 3.4.1. Each Startup qualified for the 3rd Stage is obliged to present in front of the experts and investors selected by the Organizer to evaluate final Startups [Final Jury] and the audience of the Infoshare conference, which is to take place on May 28-29, 2025. The final presentations will occur on the 2nd conference day, May 29, 2025.
- 3.4.2. Members of the Final Jury will be announced at <http://infoshare.pl/> by May 9, 2025.

- 3.4.3. As the Infoshare conference is organized as an in-person event, 1 (one) representative of a Startup who is a Finalist in the Startup Contest is required to personally, and physically participate in the Startup presentation to the Final Jury. Lack of personal, physical participation in the presentation shall mean resignation from further participation in the Startup Contest.
- 3.4.4. 5 (five) final Startups will present their ideas in alphabetical order according to their Startup name taken from the Startup Contest application form (field: Company name).
- 3.4.5. Each Startup has 3 (three) minutes for presentation and 2 (two) minutes to reply to the Final Jury questions.
- 3.4.6. The Startup Contest ends with the announcement of the winner of the Startup Contest and the winner of the second and third place in the Startup Contest Final [Winners].
- 3.4.7. The Startup Contest Winners will be named based on their assessment by the Final Jury. The Final Jury will use **4 (four)** criteria rated 0-10 points each: Business potential (1), Team (2), Product (3) Level of innovation & (4) Performance to evaluate all final Startups.
- 3.4.8. Winners will be announced on May 29, 2025, at the Infoshare conference and published at <http://infoshare.pl/>.

4. Awards

- 4.1 The Startup Contest winner will receive the President of the City of Gdansk's award of EUR 20,000 (twenty thousand euro) gross. If a Polish Startup wins, the pay-out provided by the Community of the City of Gdansk will amount to EUR 20,000 (twenty thousand euros) at the average exchange rate of the National Bank of Poland, as applicable on the day preceding the day of pay-out.
- 4.2 The Startup Contest's second-place winner will receive the President of the City of Gdansk's award of EUR 7,000 (seven thousand euro) gross. If a Polish Startup is the second-place winner, the pay-out provided by the Community of the City of Gdansk will amount to EUR 7,000 (seven thousand euro) at the average exchange rate of the National Bank of Poland, as applicable on the day preceding the day of pay-out.
- 4.3 The Startup Contest's third-place winner will receive the President of the City of Gdansk's award of EUR 3,000 (three thousand euros) gross. If a Polish Startup is a third-place winner, the pay-out provided by the

Community of the City of Gdansk will amount to EUR 3,000 (three thousand euros) at the average exchange rate of the National Bank of Poland, as applicable on the day preceding the day of pay-out.

- 4.4 The pay-out of awards mentioned in 4.1.-4.3. will be provided by the Community of the City of Gdansk which is also to pay any taxes due on the pay-out.
- 4.5 The winner, the second-place winner, and the third-place winner are obliged to fill in and deliver a signed declaration which forms Appendix 1 or Appendix 2 to these Terms & Conditions in scanned form within 10 working days after the winners' announcement on May 29, 2025, and in the signed hard copy within 20 working days after the winners' announcement on May 29, 2025. Polish Startup will fill in Appendix 1 and non-polish Startup will fill in Appendix 2. Both versions are consistent and identical.
- 4.6 Awards for the winner, the second-place winner, and the third-place winner will be transferred to a bank account given in the declaration which forms Appendix 1 or Appendix 2 to these Terms & Conditions.
- 4.7 The winner, the second-place winner, and the third-place winner, who took part in the Startup Contest as a company, foundation or having another form of legal personality is obliged to account for the pay-out as business income of a legal person, according to Article 12 of the Income Tax for Legal Persons Act [Journal of Laws, 2023, item 2805 as later amended] for Polish Startups, or as appropriate for the winner's country of origin.
- 4.8 The winner, the second-place winner, and the third-place winner, who took part in the Startup Contest individual as a natural person or as part of his business activity, the Community of the City of Gdansk will reduce the pay-out by the amount of income tax due under Article 30.1.2 of the Income Tax for Natural Persons Act of 26 July 1991 [Journal of Laws 2024, item 226 as later amended], or as appropriate for the winner's country of origin, in the case of a natural person, not conducting business activity. In the case of a natural person conducting business activity, the value of the prize should be recognized as the income from this activity under Article 14. of the Income Tax for Natural Person Act of 26 July 1991 [Journal of Laws 2024, item 226as later amended].

5. Other provisions

- 5.1. The Startup Contest will be held in English.
- 5.2. Each Startup is obliged to register at www.infoshare.pl.

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- 5.3. Both application forms and pitch decks prepared for any of the Startup Contest stages must be prepared in English. Other languages will be treated as a formal mistake and will lead to immediate Startup disqualification without a chance to correct it.
- 5.4. Startup (including a person/s applying for a Startup to participate) confirms that he/she has all copyrights to the content presented in the pitch deck and all materials submitted and presented in the Startup Contest at the Infoshare conference.
- 5.5. Participation in the Startup Contest is based on the Startup Contest application separately or as an element of the Startup Pass. The startup Contest application is free of charge but is not a pass giving access to the Infoshare conference. A Startup Pass is a paid pass. Organizer offers two Startup Passes for free to each of the up to 20 (twenty) Semifinalists of the Startup Contest to get access to the Infoshare conference.
- 5.6. The Startup data sent as part of the application for participation in the Startup Contest and provided at the further stages will be collected as part of the Startup Ecosystem Database.
- 5.7. The Startup Ecosystem is an online database of a. all startups participating in the Startup Contest 2021-2025 that sent their application to the Organizer, as well as b. other startups taking part in Infoshare 2021-2025 and c. those self-registered in the Startup Ecosystem Database. It is also a database of investors and startup support institutions. Collecting all entities in one place along with their data allows startups to attract investors and find relevant startup support institutions. The Startup Ecosystem Database allows investors and startup support institutions to contact selected startups to support their development financially and with expert knowledge. The Startup should update the data for 12 months from the date of application for participation in the Startup Contest.
- 5.8. Any matters not covered by the Startup Contest Terms & Conditions will be governed by the provisions of the Polish Civil Code and the law of the European Union.
- 5.9. The Organizer reserves the right to modify the Terms & Conditions.

6. Personal Data

- 6.1. The personal data of the Participant of the Startup Contest will be processed by the Organizer according to the Privacy Policy accepted by the

Participant during the registration to the Startup Contest or to the Conference.

- 6.2. Startup declares that it learned the content of the Information Clause during the registration to the Startup Contest or to the Conference.

7. Appendixes:

- 7.1. Appendix 1 - Startup Contest winner's/second place winner's/third place winner's declaration - Polish Version.
- 7.2. Appendix 2 - Startup Contest winner's/second place winner's/third place winner's declaration - English Version

Appendix 1 – Polish version

**OŚWIADCZENIE DLA ZWYCIĘZCY/LAUREATA DRUGIEGO MIEJSCA/LAUREATA TRZECIEGO MIEJSCA*
STARTUP CONTEST 2025**

Oświadczam, że:

prowadzę działalność gospodarczą, działającą jako osoba prawna pod firmą - kwotę otrzymanej nagrody rozpoznam jako przychód z prowadzonej działalności art. 12 ustawy o podatku dochodowym od osób prawnych (tj. Dz.U. z 2023 r. poz. 2805 z późn. zm.) dla polskiego Startupu, lub adekwatny dla kraju, z którego pochodzi zwycięzca.

prowadzę działalność gospodarczą, działającą jako osoba fizyczna pod firmą w ramach której wzięłam/wziąłem udział w Startup Contest i tym samym kwotę otrzymanej nagrody rozpoznam jako przychód z prowadzonej działalności gospodarczej zgodnie z art. 14 ustawy z dnia 26 lipca 1991 r. o podatku dochodowym od osób fizycznych [tj. Dz.U. z 2024 r. poz. 226 z późn. zm.]

nie prowadzę działalności gospodarczej.

Rachunek bankowy nr:

SWIFT:

IBAN:

Poniższą część wypełniają osoby fizyczne:

1. Dane osobowe

Nazwisko Imiona 1. 2.

Imię ojca Imię matki

Data urodzenia Miejsce urodzenia

Nazwisko rodowe Obywatelstwo

PESEL

2. Adres zameldowania

Województwo Powiat Gmina

Ulica nr domu nr mieszkania

Miejscowość Kod pocztowy Poczta

3. Adres zamieszkania (gdy jest inny niż adres zameldowania)

Województwo Powiat Gmina

Ulica nr domu nr mieszkania

Miejscowość Kod pocztowy Poczta

.....
Data, pieczętka i czytelny podpis upoważnionej
osoby/osób

* niepotrzebne usunąć

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Appendix 2 – English version

**STARTUP CONTEST 2025 WINNER'S/SECOND PLACE WINNER'S/THIRD PLACE WINNER'S*
DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that:

I conduct business activities as a legal person under the business name of

I will account for the amount of the award as business income pursuant to Article 12 of the Income Tax for Legal Persons Act [Journal of Laws, 2023, item 2805 as amended] for Polish Startups, or as appropriate for the winner's country of origin.

I conduct business activities as a natural person under the business name ofin which I took part in the Startup Contest and I will account for the amount of the award as business income under Article 14 of the Income Tax for Natural Person Act of 26 July 1991 [Journal of Laws 2024, item 226 as later amended] or as appropriate for the winner's country of origin.

I do not conduct business activities.

Bank account number:

SWIFT:

IBAN:

The following is to be filled in only by natural persons:

1. Personal details

SurnamesForenames 1. 2.
Father's name Mother's name.....
Date of birth Place of birth
Family name Citizenship
PESEL [Personal Identification Number]

2. Place of domicile

Region/ Voivodeship District
Community/Municipality.....
Street House number Flat number
City/townPostal code Post office

3. Place of residence (if different from the place of domicile)

Region/Voivodeship.....District.....
Community/Municipality
Street House number..... Flat number
City/town Postal code Post office

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Date, stamp, and legible signature of authorized person/persons

* delete if inapplicable

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