

Social Impact Start Scholarship Eastern Europe – Terms & Conditions

Objective of the scholarship

- (1) The scholarship aims at fostering the potential of social entrepreneurs from Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Russia by providing access to the social start-up support infrastructure from Social Impact GmbH in Berlin, Germany. Additional to the financial contribution the scholarship-winners will receive a four-week social start-up in-residence accelerator program at the Social Impact Lab in Berlin.
- (2) The social impact start scholarship Eastern Europe (hereinafter referred as "the Scholarship") is organized by Social Impact GmbH Germany (hereinafter referred as "the Organizer").

Timelines

- (3) Application entries must be received on the Organizer's (<http://www.socialimpactstart.eu/sis-ee>) website by July 15, 2014, at 12:00:00 the latest (noon, Central European Time).
- (4) Late entries will not be accepted. The Organizer is not responsible for entries which are lost, damaged or late due to the computer, network or telecommunications failure.
- (5) In July 2014 entries will be assessed by the Organizer. The selected winners will be contacted no later than the August 10, 2014. The other contestants will be informed that their entry has not passed the evaluation phase.
- (6) After selection of the Scholarship-winners an award ceremony is expected to take place on the September 12, 2014 in Berlin.
- (7) Once the Scholarship-winners have been contacted, the Organizer's personnel will provide organizational support to the Scholarship-winners to organize their travel and accommodation in order to assist the award ceremony and the social start-up support accelerator program in Berlin.
- (8) The social start-up accelerator program is a full time four-week program expected to take place between the September 15, 2014 and October 15, 2014 at the Social Impact Lab in Berlin, Germany.
- (9) The dates and times defined here are indicative and they may vary. Confirmed dates and times will be always published with sufficient notice at the Organizer's website.

Prize

- (10) From each participant country Scholarship-winners will be selected, two from Czech Republic, two from Poland, one from Hungary, one from Bulgaria and two from Russia, totaling eight.
- (11) Depending on the assessed quality of the entries, the Organizer reserves the right to select more than one (or two) Scholarship-winners from the participant countries in detriment from another participant country (based on the prize distribution defined in article (10)). However, efforts will be made to have one or two scholarship-winners from each participant country.
- (12) The travel and accommodation costs will NOT be covered by the Organizer. These expenses have to be covered by the Scholarship-winners themselves. Nonetheless, the Organizer will offer support to the Scholarship-winners with the organizational aspects of their stay in Berlin.
- (13) All the fees and organizational costs of the award ceremony and the social start-up in-residence accelerator program will be covered by the Organizer.
- (14) (a) Daily subsistence costs will NOT be covered by the Organizer. These expenses have to be covered by the Scholarship-winners themselves. (b) During the award ceremony a catering might be available, and at the social start-up accelerator program there will be numerous collective cooking activities. The latter (b) will be covered by the Organizer.
- (15) The financial contribution of each of the eight prizes amounts 5,000 EUR. There will not be any ranking among the winners. The financial contribution will be paid after the award ceremony by bank transfer or by check, provided that the Scholarship-winners have submitted their bank account details (if necessary), the required evidence as regards their eligibility and have signed the declaration of honor.
- (16) Furthermore, the Scholarship prize decision remains subject to the availability of budgetary appropriations.
- (17) Scholarship-winners are expected to use the financial contribution to implement their ideas and make it benefit their project and its target groups, but no strict condition is set as regards the use of the funds. Scholarship-winners are responsible for payment of taxes and charges applicable when using the financial contribution.

General conditions – Eligibility

- (18) The Scholarships are open to everyone (individuals, organizations or groups) established or resident in one of the five participant countries (Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Russia). Ideas and proposals from all sources, sectors and all types of organizations with a social enterprise character are welcome. Applications involving several organizations and/ or from various countries is possible. The participation of public administrators is however not foreseen.
- (19) Entries must be original ideas from contestants. They may propose new or improved ways to implement, combine, or adapt to a different context or target group existing solutions, but they cannot be exact copies of those.
- (20) Contestants may submit more than one entry and be named as a partner in more than one entry. All costs of entering the Scholarship competition must be borne by the contestants, unless otherwise duly stated by the Organizer.
- (21) Entries must be received no later than, see (3) and (4).
- (22) Entries must be submitted only through the Organizer's website, unless otherwise stated by the Organizer.
- (23) All the entry forms and communications have to be in English. No other language will be accepted. In order to benefit the most from the planned activities the participants are encourage choosing a person with the best English skills. The lack of English skills is an exclusion criterion. The Organizer may ask prove of English skills to validate an entry.
- (24) The Organizer will use the contact details provided in the entry form to contact the contestants. The Organizer is not responsible for inaccuracies in the details which have been submitted by the contestants.
- (25) The contestants shall take all the necessary measures to prevent any risk of conflict of interest which could affect the impartial and objective performance of the Scholarship. Such conflict of interests could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional reasons, or any other shared interest.
- (26) The contestants shall take whatever steps are necessary to rectify this situation at once. The Organizer reserves the right to check that the measures taken are appropriate and may demand that the contestants take additional measures, if necessary, within a certain time. Any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests during the Scholarship competition, award ceremony or the social start-up accelerator program must be brought to the attention of the Organizer, in writing, without delay.
- (27) Entries must not invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any individual's personal or proprietary rights. Entries and supporting visual material must be suitable for publication in a publication in a public forum and must not contain nudity, profanity or threats of violence. Entries must not serve advertising purposes for products and services (commercial and non-commercial) of particular businesses or economic interests or be inappropriate in any other way.
- (28) Contestants will be excluded from the Scholarship if they are in any of the following situations:
 - (a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
 - (b) they or persons having power of representation, decision making or control over them have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment of a competent authority of a participant country and/ or of a Member State of the EU which has the force of res judicata;
 - (c) they are not in compliance with their obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the Responsible Authorizing Officer or those of the country where the action is to be performed;
 - (d) they or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over them have been the subject of judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization, money laundering or any other illegal activity, where such an illegal activity is detrimental to the Organizer's and Sponsor's financial interests;

- (e) they are currently subject to an administrative penalty.
- (29) Winners of the Scholarship will NOT be granted the financial contribution, access to the award ceremony and to the social start-up accelerator program if, in the course of the Scholarship, they:
 - (a) are subject to a conflict of interest;
 - (b) are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the Organizer as a condition of participation in the Scholarship competition or fail to supply this information;
 - (c) find themselves in one of the situations of exclusion, referred above.
- (30) The same exclusion criteria apply to affiliated entities.
- (31) Administrative and financial penalties may be imposed on applicants, or affiliated entities where applicable, who are guilty of misrepresentation.
- (32) Before winners of the Scholarship competition can receive their prize, the Organizer will check their eligibility by asking them to sign a declaration of honor that they are not in a position described above. In case of doubts, additional evidence may be required by the Organizer.
- (33) By entering the Scholarship competition and registering their entry on the Organizer website, contestants certify that they meet these eligibility criteria and that all information submitted is true, accurate and complete. They agree to abide by and be bound by the Organizer's rules and the decisions, which are final in all matters relating to this Scholarship competition.
- (34) The contestants agree in accordance with §§ 22.23 German Copyright Act to grant the Organizer the right to publish and share the pictures, videos, logo and content in this application to the Organizer's and Support organization's personnel in the framework of the activities planned in this competition. The Organizer agrees not to publish or share the information in this application to third parties without previous approval.
- (35) Furthermore to the article (33), the contestants agree that the Organizer may post the Project name, "Abstract description of your idea", Category, Country, Logo, Representative picture and Links of each entry – exactly as it has been submitted by contestants in the entry form – on the Organizer's website.
- (36) If an entry is submitted by a group of individuals or organizations, the person completing the entry form is responsible for compliance with these terms & conditions by other group members.

Stay in Berlin

- (37) The stay in Berlin entails the participation in the award ceremony and in the social start-up in-residence accelerator program. The attendance to both activities is a pre-requisite and is mandatory for the Scholarship-winners.
- (38) If the Scholarship-winner for any causes is not available to assist the award ceremony and/ or the social start-up in-residence accelerator program, the Organizer reserves the right to revoke the prize and award the next best entry. If any payments have been made during this time, a recovery of the fully amount is justified under the terms stated in the Recovery section.
- (39) The Organizer cannot take any liability if one or more of the foreseen activities do not take place because of illness of the coaches, teachers and/ or staff personnel, or other similar causes.
- (40) Non EU nationals and non-Schengen citizens require a valid Visa to enter the EU. The Scholarship-winners should by themselves and on time inform and submit the needed documentation to get a Visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany. Visa fees will NOT be covered by the Organizer. If necessary, the Organizer will provide support to the Scholarship-winners with the administrative procedures to get a Visa.
- (41) During the stay in Germany the Scholarship-winners will NOT be insured against accidents, illness, travel related losses or damages to third parties. We recommend all Scholarship-winners to contract the appropriate insurance products for their stay in Germany.
- (42) If the Scholarship-winner is forced to interrupt the stay in Germany due to force majeure, the Scholarship-winner is obliged to appoint a substitute. Additional travel and accommodation costs will NOT be covered by the Organizer.

Judging criteria

- (43) Judging criteria for the Scholarship competition will be the following:
 - (a) is the entry from one of the five participant countries? [yes/no];
 - (b) the social problem is well defined [20%];
 - (c) degree of innovation [30%]

- (d) motivation of the contestant [10%];
- (e) potential social impact [20%]; and
- (f) potential for sustainability and scale [20%].

Ownership/ Use of entries

- (44) Ownership of the idea and of its implementation results, including industrial and intellectual property rights, and of the reports and other documents relating to it, shall be vested in the contestant.
- (45) By submitting an entry, contestants declare that they have obtained, or will obtain, all authorizations, consents and permissions necessary to submit the entry, and that their entry will comply with these terms and conditions. The Organizer assumes no responsibility for disputes between persons claiming copyrights on any sort in relation to an entry submitted for the Scholarship competition.

Liability

- (46) The Organizer has the sole and absolute discretion to determine which submissions, in any, merit to be awarded.
- (47) The Organizer reserves the right to refuse any entry; to suspend or terminate the Scholarship competition and amend the present terms and conditions at any time without prior notice.
- (48) Contestants shall have sole responsibility for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on them.
- (49) The Organizer shall not be held liable for any damage caused or sustained by any of the participants, including any damage caused to third parties as a consequence of or during the implementation of the activities related to the Scholarship competition. Consequently, the Organizer will not entertain any request for indemnity or reimbursement accompanying any such claim.
- (50) Except in cases of force majeure, contestants shall make good any damage sustained by the Organizer as a result of the execution or faulty execution of their project.
- (51) Contestants shall bear sole liability vis-à-vis third parties, including for damage of any kind sustained by them while the project is being implemented.

Recovery

- (52) If any amount is unduly paid to the Scholarship-winner or if recovery is justified under these terms and conditions, the Scholarship-winner undertakes to repay the Organizer the sum in question on whatever terms and by whatever date it may specify.
- (53) If the Scholarship-winner fails to pay by the date set by the Organizer, the sum due shall bear monthly interest rate of 1.00%. Interest on late payment shall cover the period between the date set for payment, exclusive, and the date when the Organizer receives full payment of the amount owed, inclusive.
- (54) Any partial payment shall first be entered against charges and interest on late payment and then against the principal.
- (55) Bank charges occasioned by the recovery of the sums owed to the Organizer shall be borne solely by the Scholarship-winner.

Law applicable and competent court

- (56) The jurisdiction is the Organizer's company seat. The entire Scholarship procedures and activities are governed by the laws of the German Federal State of Brandenburg and other applicable federal laws of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Contact details

- (57) Legal entity – the Organizer

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