

INVEST Digital Services

Terms of Use

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Effective for each service upon approved publication

1 Services covered

These terms govern use of the INVEST digital services listed below and their related public and authorised interfaces. They establish common rules for accounts, submissions, content, assistance and responsible use. The relevant service section also applies to the activity you choose.

Service	Entry point
Virtual Campus	https://virtualcampus.invest-alliance.eu/
Microcredential and Lifelong Learning Platform	https://microcredentials.invest-alliance.eu/
Mobility Journal	https://mobilities.invest-alliance.eu/
Open Science Hub	https://virtualcampus.invest-alliance.eu/Site/Home/OnlineRepo
Open Repository	https://dspace.invest-alliance.eu/
EDUC8EU	https://educ8eu.invest-alliance.eu/
Research Excellence Centre Platform	https://centreofexcellence.invest-alliance.eu/

The Internship and Job Finder and the Quality Assurance Modeler are included from activation of the relevant service or authorised pilot that links to these terms. The current INVEST Digital Services Privacy Notice explains personal data processing and contact routes.

2 Service operation and institutional responsibilities

The INVEST partner institutions are the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, University of Thessaly, Karelia University of Applied Sciences, University of Córdoba, Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne and University of Milano-Bicocca. Their privacy and institutional contact details appear in the Privacy Notice.

The institution providing a programme, issuing an award, administering a mobility, managing a collection or facility, receiving an application or conducting a quality review handles the corresponding substantive decision. UTH provides the common service coordination contact and shared technical operation for Mobility Journal. Other technical and institutional responsibilities follow the arrangements for the relevant service. Technical administrator access does not confer authority to make another institution's academic or professional decisions.

For service coordination, technical assistance and security reports, contact Omiros Iatrellis at iatrellis@uth.gr. UTH's postal address is Argonafton and Filellinon, 38221 Volos, Greece. For eligibility, assessment, funding, recognition, selection, facility access or an appeal, contact the responsible programme, mobility, career, repository, facility or quality assurance office.

3 Accounts access and acceptable use

Public information can be accessed without an account where the service provides it. Protected functions require the credentials, institutional validation and permissions assigned to you. Use your own authorised account, protect credentials and report suspected compromise promptly. Follow the relevant institution's authentication instructions. Staff and support personnel may use administrative access only for their assigned work.

Provide accurate, relevant information and keep it current. Submit only material you are entitled to supply. Do not impersonate another person, submit deceptive applications, upload malicious files, bypass access restrictions, collect unrelated personal records, misuse credentials or interfere with service operation. Automated access must respect lawful access restrictions, applicable licences and reasonable technical limits.

Report a suspected security issue privately to iatrellis@uth.gr. Do not expand access, download another person's records or publish personal information to demonstrate the issue. Authorised security testing must follow a separately agreed scope.

4 Academic administration and microcredentials

Virtual Campus supports institutional academic administration and access to related functions. A registration, displayed record or automated acknowledgement does not itself confirm admission, recognition of credit, progression or an award. The responsible institution's approved procedures and formal decisions govern those matters. Ask the responsible office to correct an inaccurate academic or participation record.

The Microcredential and Lifelong Learning Platform presents learning opportunities and supports registrations, participation and badge administration. Programme descriptions, eligibility, workload, fees where applicable, assessment and award conditions must be read before applying. The providing institution handles academic approval and assessment; the issuing institution is responsible for its credential and verification arrangements.

A digital badge represents the achievement and conditions recorded by its issuer. Its use or recognition by another university or employer follows that organisation's rules. Before sharing a credential or verification link, check which recipient, achievement and evidence information it exposes. Changes, corrections or revocation of an award follow the issuer's authorised procedure.

5 Mobility Journal

Mobility Journal supports discovery, applications, institutional review and completion of mobility activities. The partner universities jointly determine the common service rules. The home institution handles outgoing applications and decisions; the host institution handles incoming review and hosting arrangements. UTH provides the shared technical service and system administration.

Follow the relevant call, required documents and deadlines. Keep the application reference and copies of formal decisions and agreements. A place, funding, credit, recognition or travel approval takes effect when confirmed under the responsible institution's procedure or participant agreement. Home and host reviews can be separate stages.

The applicant process does not request passport or identity document numbers or copies. The fewer opportunities field records a Yes or No response. Keep notes and ordinary attachments limited to requested administrative information. Discuss any need to provide medical or other sensitive supporting evidence with the institution through an appropriate separate process.

For a correction, withdrawal, clarification or appeal, use the relevant mobility office and the route stated in the call or decision. Technical assistance supports access and submission; substantive decisions remain with the responsible institution.

6 Open Science Hub and Open Repository

Submission and publication

The Open Science Hub supports discovery and dissemination of scholarly outputs. The DSpace Open Repository organises educational resources into communities and collections. Public access, deposit, review, embargo and restricted access depend on the relevant collection and institutional permissions.

Before submitting a file or metadata, check that you have the rights and permissions required for the selected deposit and reuse licence. Observe coauthor, publisher, employer, funder and third party requirements. Provide accurate attribution, licence and access information. Do not submit confidential records, identifying learner data, identity documents or sensitive personal material through an ordinary open deposit. Use a separately authorised process where such material is necessary and can lawfully be handled.

Deposit permission and reuse licences

You retain the rights you hold in submitted material. By depositing it for the selected collection, you grant the responsible institutions and authorised technical providers a nonexclusive permission to store, reproduce, back up, migrate and make it available as required for the agreed access conditions and preservation purpose. This permission is limited to operating the repository and maintaining the approved record.

The public reuse licence selected for a resource is separate from the operational deposit permission and from the software's licence. A Creative Commons or other public licence applies only where the rights holder has validly selected or granted it. Copyright permission does not provide blanket consent to process personal data. Users must comply with the resource's licence, attribution requirements, access restrictions and applicable law.

Zenodo and external discovery

An approved Open Science Hub deposit can transmit the selected scholarly metadata and files to Zenodo. Zenodo is operated by CERN and has its own terms, privacy and preservation rules. Published records can be collected by OpenAIRE and become discoverable through wider services, including EOSC. Publishing through this route makes the approved record available for external indexing; it does not provide a direct institutional deposit into an EOSC service.

Contributors must review the selected files, access status and licence before authorising publication. A local correction or withdrawal does not automatically alter an independent external record, an index or a lawful third party copy. Zenodo terms and policies are available at <https://about.zenodo.org/terms/> and <https://about.zenodo.org/policies/>.

Corrections withdrawal and preservation

For a correction, replacement, access concern or takedown request, contact the collection curator or iatrellis@uth.gr. Give the record link, the issue and a clear explanation of the right or interest concerned. The responsible institution can restrict access while reviewing a credible concern and will explain the outcome and applicable review route where appropriate.

A withdrawn resource may leave a minimal citation or withdrawal record where justified. Existing public licences and lawful third party copies can affect what can be withdrawn. Repository preservation can involve changes of storage or format while maintaining the resource's meaning and access conditions.

Keep your own copy of important submitted material; availability of every file in its original form is not guaranteed indefinitely.

7 EDUC8EU and AI assisted guidance

EDUC8EU supports exploration of study and career options through information, self assessment, recommendations and conversational assistance. Its results are advisory. They do not constitute admission, a qualification award, a formal ECTS recognition decision or a guarantee of educational or employment outcomes.

OpenAI models support conversational guidance and the planned Job Finder AI functions. Generated responses can contain errors or incomplete information. Check official programme, qualification and opportunity information and discuss consequential choices with the responsible advisor or institution. The institution's authorised staff retain responsibility for formal academic decisions.

Keep AI submissions relevant to the requested guidance or matching task. Avoid unnecessary names, contact details, identification numbers, confidential records and sensitive personal information. The Privacy Notice explains provider involvement and the applicable information and retention rules. Agreement to these terms does not authorise unrelated training of AI systems with private applications, assessments or conversations.

8 Research collaboration and facility requests

The Research Excellence Centre Platform presents research themes, expertise and collaboration or infrastructure opportunities. A listing or submitted request does not establish a collaboration agreement, booking, research approval, safety clearance or right to use a facility. The responsible institution or facility must confirm the applicable arrangements.

Use institutional contact and request channels for relevant professional purposes. Submit accurate information about the proposed activity and observe confidentiality, intellectual property, ethics, safety and facility requirements. Do not include confidential research material in a public profile or general enquiry unless the responsible institution has authorised an appropriate route.

9 Internship and Job Finder

From activation, Job Finder supports discovery of internships and employment opportunities, applicant profiles, CVs, applications and institutional or organisation review. Applicants must verify the opportunity requirements and keep their profile and documents accurate. Organisations must provide accurate opportunity information and handle applications under their applicable recruitment and privacy obligations.

An application shares the submitted information with the selected organisation and authorised institutional officers involved in the process. AI assisted skill extraction or matching supports discovery and review. A suggested match, acknowledgement or displayed status does not guarantee eligibility, selection, an interview, employment or academic recognition. Formal decisions and placement agreements remain with the responsible organisation and institution.

10 Quality Assurance Modeler

From activation, QAM supports authorised institutional and Alliance quality assurance activities, including indicator definitions, evidence, validation, reporting and improvement actions. Access is limited to assigned institutional, programme and reporting responsibilities. Users must submit accurate evidence, preserve the meaning of reporting periods and follow the responsible institution's validation procedures.

Use aggregate information where individual identification is unnecessary. Staff indicators, student records and confidential evidence must remain within their authorised scope. Indicators require academic and organisational context; they do not themselves constitute an automatic personnel decision or a final assessment. The relevant institution retains responsibility for evaluation and any resulting action.

11 Personal data and rights in private submissions

The Privacy Notice explains controllers, purposes, legal grounds, access, recipients, retention and individual rights. Accepting these terms is separate from an optional consent choice. Refusing an optional processing activity does not remove a right to use an unrelated essential service. Account closure or withdrawal of an application does not automatically erase a record that must lawfully be retained.

For private applications, assessments, CVs, requests and evidence, you permit the responsible institutions and authorised providers to handle the material only as necessary for the selected function, related administration, applicable obligations and secure operation. Submission does not grant permission for public disclosure, advertising or unrelated AI training. A separately selected public deposit or sharing feature follows the permission and licence specific to that feature.

12 Service availability and access restrictions

Maintenance, security work, updates and dependencies can affect access. Planned interruptions should be communicated where practicable. If a technical issue affects a deadline, promptly contact iatrellis@uth.gr and the responsible institutional office. That office can explain the applicable submission or review arrangements. Technical support cannot itself extend an academic, mobility or recruitment deadline.

Access can be restricted where necessary to protect the service, investigate misuse, comply with law or implement an authorised institutional decision. An explanation and review route should be provided where appropriate, taking account of security and legal requirements. Applicable EU and national law govern responsibility for loss or damage. These terms do not exclude rights or liability that cannot lawfully be excluded.

13 Other agreements and changes

Programme rules, participation agreements, employment or placement agreements, deposit licences and institutional procedures govern the matters they expressly address. These common terms govern use of the shared digital services and do not replace those instruments or statutory rights. Linked third party services have their own terms and privacy information.

These terms take effect for a listed service when the approved version is published and linked from it. The version and publication date must remain visible. Material changes must be communicated through the service or an appropriate institutional channel and apply from the stated effective date. Changes do not retrospectively remove an existing application, contractual or statutory right.