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Official Regulations

International Competition of Projects

"Skill.ED", Edition 2026, updated version

Section 1. Organiser. Official Competition Regulations.

1.1 This Programme (hereinafter referred to as the "**Competition**") shall be organised under the name "*skill.ED*". The Competition is initiated, supported and directly implemented by the Kronospan Foundation, with the headquarters in Brasov, Str. Strunga Mieilor, nr. 1, Brasov, postal code 500482, tax registration number 29167440, registered in the Registrar of Associations and Foundations of the Registry of the Court of Brasov under no. 85/2011 (hereinafter referred to as the "**Organiser**").

1.2 This Programme shall be performed pursuant to the instructions issued by the Organiser, in compliance with the provisions of these regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "**Regulations**") and the terms and conditions for the use of the website www.kronospanfoundation.org/skilled ("**Website**") which can be read by accessing the option "Terms and Conditions" displayed on this Website.

1.3 The eligible natural and legal persons who wish to enter this Programme must comply with these Regulations, as well as any and all terms and conditions for the use of the Website.

1.4 The Regulations are issued and are available free of charge to any interested person by accessing the Webpage www.kronospanfoundation.org/skilled, section "Regulations".

1.5 The conditions for the organisation and performance of the Competition according to these Regulations, as well the assessment rules are binding and specified within the sections below.

The Organiser reserves the right to change and/or complete the Regulations, implicitly any of the conditions for the organisation of the Competition, as well as the right to suspend and/or terminate and/or extend its performance, with the prior information of the participants/potential participants about any changes to the provisions of the Regulations.

The changes and/or additions shall be published on the Website (section Regulations) at least 24 hours prior to their date of application.

1.6 In order to avoid any misunderstanding, this Programme shall be performed **exclusively in English**.

The Organiser is not obliged to provide translation/interpretation services concerning the participation at the Programme, including related to the financing provided in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations and shall not cover any translation/interpretation expenses, whereas such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the Participants.

Information sent in any other language than English will not be considered by the Organiser.

1.7 The sole owner of the Website www.kronospanfoundation.org/skilled is the Kronospan Foundation.

1.8 The personal data which shall be supplied, raised and used within the Competition shall be processed pursuant to the applicable Romanian law.

Section 2. Objective of the Competition.

2.1. The general objective of the Competition is to support general, vocational and technical education in the selected countries, regardless of the field.

2.3. The projects which will be entered in the Competition must develop the general, vocational and technical education by any means, such as (but not limiting to): equipping a laboratory, purchasing specific equipment, setting up specialized classes, offering scholarships for students, organizing internships, etc.

Section 3. Competition schedule.

- 15.10.2026 – official launch of the Competition
- 15.10.2026 – 20.11.2026 – entering of the projects in the Competition
- 20.11.2026 – 30.11.2026 – assessment of the projects by the jury
- 07.12.2026 – announcement of the results

Section 4. Right of participation. Eligibility.

4.1 In 2026 the Competition is organised and performed in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States.

4.2. The Projects may be presented by regular, vocational and technical high schools/secondary schools and universities which perform their activity in the countries stated under art.4.1.

4.3. Only state institutions (public schools and universities) are eligible to receive funding within this Competition. Private schools and universities are not eligible to receive funding within this Competition.

4.4. High schools / secondary schools include education institutions that are offering courses to children aged between 11 to 18, depending on local education systems. Universities include education institutions offering courses to children aged above 18.

4.5. Each school / university may enter only one Project in the Competition. For each Project the Applicant school must designate a contact person, in charge with the activities of the Project.

4.6. By entering the competition and filling in the registration form the Applicant gives his/her explicit permission that his/her materials entered in the contest may be used by the Kronospan Foundation for the promotion of the competition and for advertising materials for the use of the Kronospan Foundation, in digital and/or printed form, without any payment; the presentation of the form represents the consent of the authors and owners of the intellectual property rights concerning this form of use, without any limitation in time and space.

4.7. The Kronospan Foundation will automatically consider that the presentation of a Project and the filling in of the form represent the Applicant's entering the competition and that he/she agrees with the Competition Regulations. Any reproduction by the Kronospan Foundation of the works entered in the Competition shall be made pursuant to the above stated consent and shall be made by stating the author's name.

4.8. The Applicant shall be solely liable for any direct or indirect consequences which might arise following his/her entering of Projects in this competition. The Applicant shall be liable for any legal claims of third parties concerning the published works.

4.9. The Projects which do not comply with the provisions of the Regulations shall be excluded from the Competition.

No Projects shall be accepted which:

- incite to infringements of law;

- incite to violence;
- show nudity;
- incite to smoking and use of drugs;
- promote racism, sexism, homophobia, ethnical, social, racial, religious or any other kind of discrimination;
- have an offensive, abusive, indecent, defamatory or obscene character;
- may injure any person, business or company;
- are protected by copyright which is not owned by the Applicant;
- contain explicit or implicit advertisement.

The Organiser reserves the right to:

- reject any Project which violates these Regulations;
- withdraw from the contest any Project which is discovered to violate these Regulations, even if it was initially approved (e.g. but without limitation to copyright violation).

Section 5. Method of Registration.

5.1. The Projects shall be submitted exclusively online by filling in the Application Form which will be available on the website www.kronospanfoundation.org/skilled.

Section 6. Grants.

6.1. The total budget available is of 150.000 EUR and we will finance 3 projects with 50.000 each, as follows:

6.2. Each project which will be declared eligible by the jury will be financed with max. 50.000 EUR or less, according to the budget requested. The money will be transferred to each Beneficiary on the basis of a sponsorship contract concluded between the School and the Kronospan Foundation.

6.3. A maximum of 1 grant / participating country is allowed.

6.4. Any tax related obligations or any other obligations related to the income derived by the winner from his participation at the Contest concern exclusively the winner.

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Section 7. Jury and terms of assessment.

7.1. The panel of judges is made up of 2 representatives of the Kronospan Foundation and one representative of Kronospan from the country where the project will be implemented. The Projects shall be evaluated by the members of the jury. The decisions of the jury are irrevocable and do not require any justification.

7.2. The Projects entered in the Competition shall be assessed based on the following criteria:

1. originality;
2. relevance;
3. results;
4. budget;
5. sustainability.

7.3. All Projects entered in the Competition shall be filtered and validated by the Kronospan Foundation based on the terms and conditions of these regulations. The Projects admitted to the Competition shall be made available to the jury nominated by the Kronospan Foundation. The jury shall make the final selection from which it shall designate the winning Projects.

7.4. Evaluation criteria and scores

Criterion	Score
1. Relevance and quality of the project	**40**
The project responds to the financing objective, it proposes practical and necessary approaches to the development of education.	10
The project proposal is coherent, clear and eloquent through the logical and feasible intercorrelation between objectives, activities, results, calendar and allocated resources.	10
The need to implement the project is argued by clearly identifying the needs and the target group.	10
The project is meant to develop vocational and technical education.	10
2. Objectives	**10**
Objectives are be formulated according to the SMART standard:	

• S – Specific: Define the exact who, what, where, and why. • M – Measurable: Include numbers, percentages, or frequencies so that the progress can be tracked. • A – Achievable (or Attainable): The goal is realistic given the Applicant skills, team, budget, and timeline. • R – Relevant: The objective matches the Applicant's activity. • T – Time-Bound: The deadlines or end date are clear.	10
3. The originality and innovative nature of the project	**10**
The original and innovative character is clear and is reflected in the impact of the project. The project will generate non-formal educational activities.	10
4. Results and impact	**10**
The estimated impact on the target group produces real and clearly evident effects.	10
5. Budget	**20**
The balance between the estimated expenses and the expected results is realistic and in accordance with the planned activities.	10
The proposed costs are necessary, and the allocation of human and material resources is correct and realistic compared to the scope of the project. The expenses are justified.	10
6. Sustainability	**10**
The project can continue after the end of the financing and it creates premises for the development of education and/or the increase of its quality.	10
Maximum score	**100**

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Maxim score available for a project: 300

Minimum score for a project to be declared qualified for funding: 270

If the number of projects declared qualified for funding will exceed the available grant, the projects received first will prevail.

Section 8. Confidentiality.

8.1. The Kronospan Foundation undertakes to keep the personal data of the Applicants confidential. These data shall be used only for the optimal organisation of the Competition.

Section 9. Claims

9.1. Any claim concerning the Competition shall be presented in written, within 48 hours after the claimed event.

9.2. The participation at this Competition requires the obligation to comply with all provisions of these regulations.

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