

DURCHSTARTEN - Energy Mentoring by NET

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General Terms and Conditions of Participation

§ 1 Scope, Contracting Parties, Implementation

[1] The General Terms and Conditions of Participation for the mentoring programme DURCHSTARTEN – Energy Mentoring by NET, hereinafter referred to as the ‘programme’, organised by Networking Energy Talents e.V., represented by the Executive Board members Sven Kretzschmar and Wibke Rauh, hereinafter referred to as the ‘project organiser’, together with the Privacy Policy, form the basis for the use of the programme on offer. All amendments and additions must be made in writing.

[2] Participation in the Programme, as defined in the scope of application, is established between the contracting party named above and the participating students, hereinafter referred to as ‘Participants’. A fundamental prerequisite for participation in the programme is that students are enrolled in Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Energy Engineering or related degree programmes, preferably in the 1st to 4th semesters of a Bachelor’s or Diplom degree at a German university.

[3] The programme is organised by Dresden University of Technology, hereinafter referred to as TU Dresden, Department 8/SCS, 01062 Dresden, headed by Nicole Strauss.

§2 Ziele und Leistungen des Programmes

[1] The programme is being carried out with the aim of designing and testing a mentoring format for the above-mentioned target group in order to improve academic success. The focus is on supporting participants in persevering with their studies and entering the labour market (ISCED levels 3, 6 and 7).

Participation is intended to strengthen participants’ individual skills development, in particular through reflection on their chosen field of study and the resulting (career) prospects.

Specifically, the programme pursues the following objectives:

- Increasing motivation and academic success.
- Facilitating transitions at key junctures – such as the start of a degree programme, the foundation stage and the choice of specialisation .
- as well as entry strategies for starting a career
- Securing a supply of skilled workers through well-trained young professionals.

[[2] Programme coordination at TU Dresden involves providing support to participants for the duration of the course – approximately 5 months, subject to availability – through:

- the initiation of mentoring partnerships between participants and mentors from the project organiser's partner companies.
- organising and facilitating peer meetings for reflection and exchange.
- providing support for empowerment through workshops on time management, self-organisation, digital wellbeing and the job application process.
- organising and facilitating workplace visits and networking events.

§ 3 Participation, Registration and Costs

[1] Participation is subject to available capacity. The number of places is limited to a maximum of 12 participants for the pilot phase. The project organiser will provide information regarding acceptance in good time, no later than two weeks before the course begins.

[2] Participation requires a written registration using the registration form provided. The registration form should preferably be completed in full and signed by hand, and submitted to the project organiser by email no later than the start of the programme.

[2] Participation is free of charge for students.

§ 4 Duration, Admission and Termination

[1] The programme is planned and will be run as a pilot scheme from October 2026 to March 2027, with a prior application phase in August/September 2026. All applications will be assessed on the basis of the letters of motivation and professional suitability. If an applicant is deemed suitable, the registration form will be sent out and admission to the programme will be confirmed following a guided interview conducted by Dresden University of Technology. Participation is not automatically renewed and does not require notice of termination at the end of the programme period.

[2] Participation may be terminated at any time within the statutory 14-day withdrawal period following registration, either in writing or verbally, without giving reasons.

[3] This does not affect the right of the contracting parties to terminate the agreement for cause. This may primarily be invoked in the event of gross misconduct on the part of the participants. The programme co-ordination team will issue a written warning regarding such behaviour in advance.

§ 5 Documents and teaching and learning resources provided

The following teaching and learning resources are provided free of charge:

- Programme guide for students
- Training materials and workshop outputs
- Peer mentoring question bank
- Mentoring agreement template
- Handout and minutes template

§ 6 Disclaimer

Participation in the programme is at the participants' own risk. It is recommended that participants take out private insurance.

The Association shall be liable for damage suffered by participants in accordance with statutory provisions, insofar as such damage results from an intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty on the part of the Association, its legal representatives or vicarious agents. The Association shall also be liable for damage resulting from injury to life, limb or health in accordance with statutory provisions. In the event of a breach of essential obligations arising from the programme due to slight negligence, the Association's liability is limited to the typical damage foreseeable at the time of the programme's implementation. Essential obligations are those obligations the fulfilment of which is essential for the proper implementation of the programme and on the observance of which participants may reasonably rely. In all other respects, the Association's liability for damage caused by slight negligence is excluded. Insofar as the Association's liability is excluded or limited, this also applies in favour of its legal representatives, employees, staff and vicarious agents.

§7 Conclusion

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a certificate of attendance detailing the course content and duration. The certificate of attendance will also specify the number of active hours completed within the programme. Successful completion is defined as having spent more than 8 active hours on the programme.