



Terms of Use for the Websites and Platforms of the Scientific Center of Innovative Research (SCIR)

1. Purpose and scope

- 1.1. These Terms of Use set the rules for access to and use of Scientific Center of Innovative Research (SCIR) digital resources, including the corporate website and specialized platforms for publications, conferences, online learning, and related services.
- 1.2. The Terms apply to all users who visit SCIR resources or interact with them, including authors, editors, reviewers, conference participants, instructors, learners, partners, contractors, service applicants, and other stakeholders.
- 1.3. Certain SCIR services may have specific rules that further detail these Terms. In case of inconsistency, the specific document of the relevant service prevails if it expressly states such priority.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. SCIR means the Scientific Center of Innovative Research as the organization administering the digital resources, services, and content.
- 2.2. Resources mean the website, subdomains, platforms, information systems, databases, registration pages, user dashboards, submission forms, learning environments, and other digital components administered by SCIR.
- 2.3. User means any person who accesses or uses the Resources.
- 2.4. Content means texts, files, metadata, images, videos, presentations, recordings, data, messages, reviews, learning materials, and other items posted on or transmitted through the Resources.
- 2.5. Account means a user profile created to access the functions of a particular service.

3. Acceptance of the Terms and legal capacity

- 3.1. Use of the Resources constitutes acceptance of these Terms. If a User does not agree, the User must stop using the Resources.
- 3.2. The User confirms that they have the legal capacity required to enter into transactions and to perform obligations that may arise in connection with SCIR services.



3.3. If the User acts on behalf of an organization, the User confirms that they have the proper authority to represent that organization.

4. Service availability and changes to functionality

4.1. SCIR strives to ensure stable access to the Resources but does not guarantee uninterrupted availability, error free operation, or full compatibility with all devices and software environments.

4.2. SCIR may change, limit, or discontinue access to certain functions for technical, security, legal, or organizational reasons.

4.3. SCIR may perform maintenance that temporarily affects the availability of the Resources.

5. Accounts and security

5.1. Some services may require registration and creation of an Account.

5.2. The User must provide accurate and up to date information and keep account credentials confidential.

5.3. The User is responsible for all actions performed through the Account unless otherwise required by law or by specific service rules.

5.4. If the User suspects unauthorized access, the User must promptly notify SCIR through the official contact channel listed on the website.

6. Acceptable use rules

6.1. The User must use the Resources in good faith and in a manner that does not violate the rights of others, applicable law, or principles of academic ethics.

6.2. It is prohibited to post or transmit through the Resources any Content that:

- a) is unlawful, harmful, discriminatory, or incites hatred;
- b) contains threats, stalking, harassment, or other unacceptable conduct;
- c) infringes intellectual property rights or confidentiality;
- d) includes malware, spam, or unauthorized data collection mechanisms;
- e) contains false information that may harm other users or SCIR's reputation.

6.3. It is prohibited to interfere with the operation of the Resources, attempt to bypass security mechanisms, conduct automated data extraction without permission, or create loads that may degrade services.



7. Intellectual property and licensing

- 7.1. Rights to the structure of the Resources, design, software code, brand elements, and SCIR owned Content belong to SCIR or to rightsholders who have granted relevant rights.
- 7.2. Use of SCIR materials is permitted only as expressly allowed by law or by the terms of the relevant license or written permission.
- 7.3. Content uploaded or submitted by the User remains the property of the relevant rightsholder unless otherwise established by contract or the rules of a specific service.
- 7.4. Publications in journals, monographs, and conference proceedings are subject to specific rules on copyright and licensing set out in the relevant publishing policies and the public terms of the particular publication or event.

8. Publishing services, peer review, and academic integrity

- 8.1. Manuscript submission, participation in peer review, and editorial roles are governed by SCIR publishing policies, including ethics, peer review, authorship, conflicts of interest, plagiarism prevention, and procedures for corrections and retractions.
- 8.2. The User submitting materials warrants that they have the rights to such materials and that the submission does not infringe third party rights.
- 8.3. SCIR may apply technical and procedural checks to scholarly materials, including integrity checks and compliance verification, within the scope of published policies.

9. Conferences and events

- 9.1. Event registration, submission of materials, selection of presentations, participation rules, and conduct are governed by conference policies and the terms of the specific event.
- 9.2. The User must comply with the code of conduct, moderation rules, and complaint handling procedures where applicable.
- 9.3. Recording, photography and video, use of event materials, and refund rules are defined in event policies and registration terms.

10. Online learning and certification

- 10.1. Access to learning materials, assessment rules, learner academic integrity, certification procedures, and other conditions are governed by SCIR e learning policies and the rules of the relevant course.



10.2. The User must not infringe intellectual property rights in learning materials, must not distribute them without permission, and must not take actions that undermine assessment integrity.

10.3. Payment, refund, and cancellation terms for courses are defined by the payments and refunds policy and the terms of the specific programme.

11. Commercial services and partnerships

11.1. Certain services, including consulting, publishing services, and partnership projects, may be provided under contracts or public terms that define scope, timelines, fees, responsibilities, and confidentiality.

11.2. In case of conflict between these Terms and a contract, the contract prevails for the relevant relationship, provided this does not contradict mandatory provisions of law.

12. Payments, fees, waivers, and refunds

12.1. Information on fees, payments, discounts, waivers, and refund rules is set out in the relevant payments and refunds policy and in the terms of the specific service or event.

12.2. SCIR may change fees and payment terms with notice as provided by these Terms or specific service rules.

13. Confidentiality, personal data, and cookies

13.1. Personal data processing is carried out in accordance with SCIR's Privacy Policy and data protection notices and applicable law.

13.2. Cookies and similar technologies are governed by the Cookie Policy and consent settings where applicable.

13.3. The User must not collect or process other users' personal data through the Resources without a lawful basis.

14. Limitation of liability

14.1. SCIR provides the Resources and content on an "as is" basis. SCIR makes no warranties that the Resources will meet a User's expectations.

14.2. SCIR is not liable for indirect damages, loss of data, loss of profit, or reputational losses unless otherwise required by law.

14.3. SCIR is not responsible for third party content, links to external resources, or the actions of third party services that may be integrated with the Resources.



15. Suspension of access and termination

15.1. SCIR may suspend or limit a User's access to the Resources if the User violates these Terms, specific service policies, or applicable law, or if there is a risk to the security of the Resources or other users.

15.2. The User may stop using the Resources at any time, but this does not release the User from obligations that arose earlier, including payment obligations or compliance with licensing terms.

16. Changes to the Terms

16.1. SCIR may update these Terms due to changes in law, practices, technical solutions, or the service structure.

16.2. A new version becomes effective upon publication unless a different effective date is stated. Continued use of the Resources constitutes acceptance of the updated Terms.

17. Governing law and dispute resolution

17.1. The relationship arising from use of the Resources is governed by the law specified in SCIR legal details and any specific documents that contain jurisdiction clauses.

17.2. SCIR encourages dispute resolution through prior notice via official channels and the use of complaint and appeal procedures where provided by applicable policies.

18. Contact

18.1. Official contact channels for questions about these Terms, personal data, complaints, and incidents are provided in the corporate website contact section.

18.2. Requests should include sufficient information to identify the relevant service, circumstances, and preferred response method.

19. Final provisions

19.1. If any provision of these Terms is found invalid, the remaining provisions remain in force.

19.2. These Terms are a framework document and apply together with SCIR policies on privacy, cookies, ethics and integrity, publications, conferences, learning, payments and refunds, and any relevant contracts where applicable.