

Terms & Conditions of the “Network 500+”

1. Background and Motivation

The Network of 500+ is a school network founded and operated by the project European Hydrogen Academy (HyAcademy.EU), which is co-funded by the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking under Grant Agreement 101137988.

It is intended as a network of over 500 European schools ('Network 500+') with approximately 5,000 pupils from primary schools, secondary schools, technical schools, and colleges, offering teaching and training on hydrogen topics.

HyAcademy.EU runs a website-based platform that hosts information about, and teaching material for each level of school education in hydrogen technologies.

HyAcademy.EU actively supports school education on hydrogen fuel cell technologies in various ways and aims to develop a free digital library that provides access to workbooks, educational programmes and innovative teaching materials.

This document (the 'T&Cs' in the following) describes the relationship between the HyAcademy.EU project and its "Network 500+".

2. Benefits to members

2.1. **Membership in the “Network 500+” is free of charge.**

2.2. **Membership in the “Network 500+” offers:**

- Sharing into best practices in hydrogen education.
- Access to free teaching material offered by HyAcademy.EU, a.o. a digital multilingual open-access library of workbooks for teachers and pupils.
- Participation in “Teach the Teachers” training programmes to increase knowledge and master new methodologies.
- Peer-to-peer exchanges on teaching experiences.
- Opportunities to get in touch with other schools for staff and pupils exchanges.
- Participation in competitions and camps at national and European level.
- Participation in vocational training at Technical Schools and Colleges.
- Opportunities for placements and internships for teachers and pupils.

3. Responsibilities of members

3.1. **Active Participation**

Membership of the “Network 500+” requires active participation and entails commitments to at least one of the following activities:

- Providing feedback to teaching material available within the “Network 500+” in English and/or in other languages used by network members.
- Providing language editing services for AI-pre-translated documents, preparing them for publication through HyAcademy.eu.
- Sharing best practices in hydrogen education with other network members and HyAcademy.EU.
- Facilitating staff and school exchanges between network members.

3.2. Intellectual Property (IP)

Members are obliged to respect each other's intellectual property (IP), for instance for educational materials shared, including, but not limited to copyrights, and comply with any specific agreements related to IP developed within the network and the HyAcademy.EU project.

Detailed IP guidelines will be outlined in separate agreements for each collaborative activity, if needed.

3.3. Data Protection and Confidentiality

Members will adhere to EU data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any other applicable data protection laws, and ensure that any sensitive information shared within the "Network 500+" remains confidential unless otherwise agreed upon. Additionally, they will adhere to the policies and guidelines on personal data processing and protection set by the University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague, included in this T&C as Annex II.

4. Network coordination and contact point

The "Network 500+" will be overseen by the HyAcademy.EU project representative responsible for the Network of 500+ management.

Members will receive the details of the contact person they can direct requests and queries to when they join the network. Alternatively, they can address themselves to the project coordinator as mentioned in Section 8.

5. Termination and withdrawal

5.1. Voluntary withdrawal

Members may withdraw from the "Network 500+" with effect of the end of the second month following the notice. Withdrawal notices have to be provided in writing. Withdrawal does not exempt a member from fulfilling any outstanding obligations or commitments up to the time of departure.

5.2. Termination for non-compliance

The Project Coordinator reserves the right to terminate membership if a member fails to meet its responsibilities as outlined in Section 3, including but not limited to non-participation in joint activities or failure to comply with intellectual property or confidentiality agreements.

6. Eligibility and membership

6.1. Eligibility criteria

Membership is open to schools which

- Share a commitment to fulfil the goals of the network as defined in Section 2.2 & Section 3.1.
- Are already actively engaged in hydrogen-related education or are interested in expanding their teaching activity in this area.

6.2. Membership approval

To become a member of the "Network 500+", schools must follow the process outlined below:

6.2.1. Application for membership

Interested schools submit an application form to the HyAcademy.EU Project Coordinator.

6.2.2. Review process

- The application will be reviewed, assessing the school's alignment with the Network's goals.
- The HyAcademy.EU Project Coordinator may request additional documentation or information from the applying school to clarify any aspects of the application.

6.2.3. Application approval

- Following the review, the HyAcademy.EU Project Coordinator will make a decision on whether to approve membership.
- The decision will be communicated to the applying school. If application is not approved, corresponding explanation will be provided.
- If the application is approved, the school will be officially welcomed as a member of the "Network 500+". The membership will be formalised in writing with the issuance of the "Network 500+" certificate, which will be provided by the University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague, as coordinator of the HyAcademy.EU project.

6.3. Membership termination

Approved membership will be valid until the end of the HyAcademy.EU project, which at the time of writing will be 30th June 2028. After termination of the HyAcademy.EU project, membership will automatically cease. Any arrangements for activities beyond this point will be subject to further agreements.

7. Amendments

Amendments to these T&Cs may only be made following a unanimous agreement between the HyAcademy.EU project, as represented by the Project Coordinator, and all "Network 500+" members. Amendments have to be issued in writing to all "Network 500+" members without undue delay.

8. Address for Notices in Writing

Any communication with respect to the "Network 500+" operations and governance are to be directed to the European Hydrogen Academy project coordinator at the following addresses:

By post:

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