

General terms and conditions (AGB) for excursions and field trips of D-ERDW

For every excursion, the participating students are informed about the Terms and Conditions for Field Trips and Excursions and acknowledge their receipt. This usually takes place when registering for the excursion.

- 1) Registration
Registration for D-ERDW field trips and excursions takes place via the internet. By registering the participant confirms having read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions.
- 2) Participation fee
The participation fee must be paid in advance, within the time span named for the excursion in question, which varies with each excursion or field trip. Travel to the meeting point is individual and at students own expense.
- 3) Responsibilities of the participant
Excursions and field trips involve certain potential risks. It is expected that the participant possess a substantial measure of personal responsibility and good judgement.

Participants agree to:

- a) attend the pre-excursion meetings and take note of the contents of the information materials;
 - b) be familiar with the excursion programme and to participate in an active way;
 - c) follow at all times the instructions of the excursion leader or ETH Zurich staff or third parties charged with leading the excursion (e.g. mountain guides) in order to ensure safety, or which serve specific educational aims;
 - d) be aware of the potential risks, have the necessary equipment, and be in good physical condition;
 - e) report any allergies or other relevant health conditions to the organiser in writing at the time of registration;
 - f) behave at all times in a responsible and courteous way toward the other participants and excursion leaders;
 - g) inform the excursion leaders before engaging in a free time activity beyond the scope of the excursion programme. Free time activities with higher risks (e.g. climbing) are not allowed.
- 4) Exclusion of participants
Participants agree to follow the instructions given by the excursion leader, particularly those related to safety or educational aims. **In the event of non-compliance with this obligation, the excursion leader reserves the right to bar or remove the participant from the excursion, without compensation.**

Reasons for exclusion of a participant include, in particular:

- insufficient equipment (especially footwear)
- non-compliance with instructions (particularly regarding safety)
- undisciplined behaviour
- excessive consumption of alcohol or violation of the laws on drug use.

- 5) Cancellation of the excursion
The organiser reserves the right to cancel an advertised excursion in the event of insufficient number of participants, bad weather conditions, shutdown of a particular installation, or force of nature. In such cases the participation fee will be reimbursed as available (minus any non-refundable costs such as advance payments, charges for service rendered, cancellation fees etc.).
- 6) Cancellation by the participant
The participation fee is non-refundable, except in the case of illness or accident (doctor's certificate required), or the death of a close family member.

- 7) Liability/insurance coverage
Insurance coverage is the responsibility of the student. Participation is at one's own risk. ETH offers no insurance for its students. Students are required to review the [insurance notice](#) issued by the Academic Services or [the information on insurances for students](#).

Personal liability insurance

To cover this risk ETH urgently advises its students to take out personal liability insurance. This insures them against personal and material damage caused to third parties. It also covers them against potentially expensive risk outside ETH (e.g. tenant damage, damage to third parties in accidents, etc.).

Health and Accident insurance

It is assumed that the participant has health and accident insurance. ETH employees are covered by SUVA.

For excursions abroad, the participant is responsible for clarifying coverage with his or her own insurance provider.

- 8) Travel documents and visa
For excursions abroad, the participant is personally responsible for having valid travel documents and where required, a visa.
- 9) Pre-excursion meetings
Certain field trips include preliminary meetings where the participants are given detailed information concerning the concept and contents of the excursion, accommodation, equipment, the required travel documents and the general framework of the excursion. Attendance at these meetings is obligatory for all participants.
- 10) Final provisions
These terms and conditions apply to all excursions and field trips conducted by D-ERDW professors and institutes and may be altered by the Head of Department at any time.

These conditions of participation were **last updated on 5 June 2023**.