

SPARTA Friends
Terms of Reference (ToR)
V0.1



The SPARTA consortium consists of 44 core partners. This seems to be the optimal size w.r.t. manageability and creation of the critical mass to achieve its objectives. Being community building, one of the main goals, it is useful for several reasons to consider also other forms of involvement in the Network.

In particular, we consider the notion of SPARTA friend, not formally bounded by the Grant Agreement, neither committed to specific activities in the network as associates, yet being able to be linked and connected.

This will allow the Network to better adapt and evolve, and thus reducing the risks of not achieving the stated goals.

Benefits for SPARTA friends for:

- Events:
 - SPARTA friends are allowed to attend SPARTA Days.
 - SPARTA friends are allowed to attend SPARTA Workshops upon invitation from Coordinator
- Roadmap and Programs
 - SPARTA friends can provide inputs to the Roadmap
 - SPARTA friends are entitled to receive late information on Roadmap outputs
 - SPARTA friends are entitled to receive late information on programs outputs
- Communication:
 - SPARTA friends logo will appear in the main Sparta web site (Sparta.eu)
 - SPARTA friends are invited to use the SPARTA Friends logo
 - SPARTA friends will be included in the appropriate SPARTA mailing lists upon request.
- JCCI:
 - SPARTA friends will be granted access to the project collaboration platform and the SPARTA Web Portal based on general conditions

Duties for SPARTA friends:

- When requested, sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for seeing confidential information of the SPARTA partners or of other SPARTA friends.
- SPARTA friends are required to deliver reports documenting their involvement in the SPARTA activities in which they participate.
- SPARTA friends should acknowledge the SPARTA project if they receive funding for those activities.
- SPARTA friends need to produce original invoices/receipts when claiming for the refund (the actual reimbursement method will be defined for each partner).
- SPARTA friends should in any case not harm the SPARTA consortium partners with their activities.

SPARTA might provide a symbolic funding for SPARTA friends (a few thousands EUROS). This funding is only for reimbursement of expenses for travel and accommodations, for attending SPARTA monthly events. The travel must be eventually approved by the project coordinator.



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Specific provisions for Contributing to the SPARTA JCCI.

SPARTA friends can access or contribute to the JCCI.

Level	Benefits
Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive early access to closed alpha and beta versions of software developed under the Consortium.• Gain insights into applications areas for Consortium-developed software.• Participate in user group discussions with other Consortium members.