



SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

SYNALLAGMA SA, a public limited company having its registered office and postal address at 13 Rue de Hollande, 1060 Brussels, Belgium, BE, N° RPM / n° TVA BE0774857180, legally represented for the purpose hereof by Marco Scialdone, by power of attorney, marco.scialdone@euroconsumers.org;

Shall be known within this Agreement as “Company” or “Sponsor”

AND

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND LAW – UNIVERSITY OF SIENA, having its registered office and postal address at Piazza San Francesco, 7/8, 53100 Siena, Italia, IT, VAT 00273530527, legally represented for the purpose hereof by Ciro Gennaro, Corvese, ciro.corvese@unisi.it;

Shall be known within this Agreement as “Department of Business and Law” or “Promoter”

Hereinafter referred to jointly as the “Parties” or also individually as the “Party”.

WHEREAS

The Consumer Empowerment Project (hereinafter referred to as “CEP”) is an initiative funded by Euroconsumers and Google. Its aim is to empower consumers globally through dialogue between consumer organizations, industry, and civil society. CEP’s goal is to facilitate and encourage consumers to understand their rights and make better-informed decisions in the digital ecosystem.

Synallagma SA, a company based in Belgium, was established to manage the aforementioned project and is responsible for its legal and financial aspects.

One of the initiatives promoted by CEP is the CEP Scholarship Initiative. This project is designed to spark academic interest in consumer rights within the context of the green and digital transition. It provides research grants to exceptional Ph.D. students who are eager to advance the field of consumer rights.

On October 25, 2023, CEP published a call for expressions of interest. This call was addressed to public and private universities located in Belgium, Italy, Spain, and Portugal. Its primary objective is to support Ph.D. students in their research endeavors focused on EU consumer rights.

On 09/28/2024 the Department of Business and Law submitted its expression of interest.

On October 7, 2024, the CEP informed the Department of Business and Law that it has favourably accepted the expression of interest and is willing to grant the sponsorship for a PhD on EU consumer rights under the conditions set forth in this agreement.



NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, Company and Department of Business and Law agree as follows:

1. The Department of Business and Law will launch a call for applications for a scholarship, identified as the “CEP scholarship” (to this regard, the Company will provide the CEP Logo, in all the different formats) This scholarship is for attending a doctoral programme in EU consumer law, funded by the Company and, if necessary, by the Department of Business and Law, in accordance with current regulations.
2. The Department of Business and Law will award the scholarship to a shortlisted candidate who meets the requirements, following the deadlines and procedures stipulated by the current regulations.
3. The Company commits to pay the Department of Business and Law a total of € 30,000.00 to fund the scholarship for a candidate who is admitted to the doctoral programme. This amount is for the entire duration of the programme and cannot be increased under any circumstance.
4. The amount specified in paragraph 3 above will be paid to the Department of Business and Law’s current account no. IBAN IT42 E030 6914 2221 0000 0046 008, BIC BCITITMM registered under the name of Università di Siena – Banca INTESA SANPAOLO – P.zza Tolomei, 12 53100 Siena – Italy. The payment will be made as a lump sum at the beginning of the first year of the programme, within 30 days, end of month, following the receipt of the invoice from the Department of Business and Law. Details for invoicing:

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| Company Name | SYNALLAGMA SA |
| Purchase Order / Project Code | BR3_SCHOLARSHIP |
| Street address | 13 Rue de Hollande, Brussels, Belgium 1060, BE |
| VAT number | BE0774857180 |
| email Contacts | finance_belgium@conseur.org |

5. Should the scholarship holder withdraw from the programme, the sums paid out will be used, with the consent of the Company, to help cover programme costs or, after integrating the sum spent, to fund a new scholarship.
6. It’s understood that the training of the doctoral student is the responsibility of the Department of Business and Law.
7. The Department of Business and Law will make every reasonable effort to encourage the student to publish articles related to their thesis work throughout the duration of the PhD program. While the publication of an annual article is not a requirement, the Department of Business and Law recognizes the value of such contributions and will provide support and encouragement for these endeavours.
8. The Department of Business and Law expresses its willingness to host an annual research conference centered on consumer rights. This conference will serve as a platform for scholarship recipients to present their research findings to stakeholders, engage with fellow researchers, and participate in academic discussions. It is also intended to create opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations and foster a sense of community among participants. Company reserves the right to sponsor the conference through a separate, ad hoc agreement.
9. This agreement is effective for four years (the duration of the programme) starting from academic year 2025/2026.
10. Company’s intellectual property shared with Department of Business and Law for purposes of sponsorship is subject to the appearance, branding, names, and trademark rules as described in



Annex I. Department of Business and Law shall fully respect the abovementioned rules without which the amount specified in paragraph 3 may not be issued, in whole or in part, by the Company to Department of Business and Law.

11. Any notice or other communication under this Agreement shall be in writing the other Party and sent by certified or registered mail, or sent by email with acknowledgement of receipt to the addresses set forth below:
 - a. If to Company: Synallagma SA Attn: Marco Scialdone Address: Synallagma SA, Rue De Hollande 13, 1050, Brussels, Belgium Email: marco.scialdone@euroconsumers.org
 - b. If to Department of Business and Law: Attn: Ciro Gennaro, Corvese Address: Piazza San Francesco 7/8, 53100, Siena Email: ciro.corvese@unisi.it.
12. This Agreement is the entire Agreement as of the Effective Date, between Parties, and supersedes and replaces any prior agreements, representations, and or warranties, express or implied, written, or oral, and such other agreements are voided.
13. This Agreement is governed by Belgian law and the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Brussels courts in relation to any dispute (contractual or non-contractual) concerning this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto caused this Agreement to be duly executed, effective as of the data of its signature.

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