



NDC FastTrack Competition Guidelines

1. Introduction

These NDC FastTrack Competition Guidelines accompany the NDC FastTrack Terms of Reference available on the NDC FastTrack website at <https://w3.accelya.com/ndc-fast-track/>. Terms used in this document have the meanings given in the Terms of Reference.

NDC FastTrack participants – Providers, Users and Technology Partners alike – must adhere to US, EU, UK and all other relevant competition rules when they participate in NDC FastTrack. Without limiting this broader requirement, NDC FastTrack participants must adhere to these Competition Guidelines during Technical Review Sessions, Periodic Forums, and at all other times.

NDC FastTrack is a technical initiative aimed at identifying common technical road blocks or issues in the adoption of NDC. It is not to be used as a forum for commercial coordination, joint product development or road map alignment. Competitively sensitive information must not be shared as part of NDC FastTrack. Competitively sensitive information covers any non-public strategic information about a business's commercial policy, including but not limited to future plans for product development or release timelines.

2. Do

- Review agendas circulated in advance of Technical Review Sessions and Periodic Forums and obtain internal legal approval for competition compliance.
- Ensure Technical Review Sessions and Periodic forums strictly keep to the agenda.
- Think carefully before sharing information during Technical Review Sessions and Periodic Forums. If you think the information could be valuable to other NDC FastTrack participants – e.g. because it reveals your organisation's pricing, plans or strategy – do not share the information. Beware of sharing information relating to your organisation's pricing, roadmap, customers. Beware of sharing anything else that could give other participants a competitive advantage or encourage them to change their behaviour in the knowledge of what your organisation is or is not doing.
- As a Provider or Technology Partner, ensure that you do not share information that could be directly attributed to a specific User. Ensure that any technical guidelines or best practice summaries or examples are kept in general terms.
- If you think another NDC FastTrack participant has shared information that would fall foul of the previous requirement, you should object and ask that the subject be changed straight away. If your objection and request is ignored, you should immediately leave the session or forum, notify your legal team and Accelya by emailing ndcfasttrack@accelya.com, and



ensure your actions are recorded in the session or forum's minutes or your own records. It may also be appropriate to report such instances to a relevant competition authority.

- Review minutes of Technical Review Sessions and Periodic Forums to ensure they accurately reflect what happened. If they do not, raise the issue and ensure the minutes are updated appropriately.

3. Don't

- Make any agreements (or come to a tacit understanding) about pricing or product roadmaps with other NDC FastTrack participants.
- Make any agreements (or come to a tacit understanding) about customers, suppliers, resellers or agents with other NDC FastTrack participants.
- Make any agreements (or come to a tacit understanding) about allocating geographic or product markets with other NDC FastTrack participants.
- Make any agreements (or come to a tacit understanding) or exchange competitively sensitive information which could or might in practice affect the way in which NDC FastTrack participants conduct themselves in the market or compete with each other – this includes 'informal' discussion of topics that may be competitively sensitive on the sidelines of NDC FastTrack meetings or as part of any social events that NDC FastTrack may organise.

NDC FastTrack Competition Guidelines

28 October 2025