

# CleanerGrid

**Terms and Conditions, Adjudication  
Criteria, and Use of Personal Data**

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## Terms and Conditions

By participating in the CleanerGrid competition (run by EirGrid on behalf of the EirGrid Group), participants and their respective 3<sup>rd</sup> level institutes accept the following Terms and Conditions:

- 1) All individuals participating in the competition must be registered students in a 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute, meaning a University, Technological University, or Institute of Technology in Ireland.
- 2) Applications will only be accepted from undergraduate, diploma, and/or MS students. The CleanerGrid competition is not open to PhD students.
- 3) The CleanerGrid competition is not open to staff (temporary or permanent) of any company in the EirGrid Group, or their immediate family members. An "immediate family member" includes a spouse, civil partner, child, step-child, grandchild, brother, step-brother, sister, step-sister, parent, step-parent, or legal guardian.
- 4) Students may participate in the competition as individuals or as part of a small team (max. 6 students).
- 5) Each entry must be accompanied by an application form. Application forms can be found online at <https://www.eirgrid.ie/cleanergrid>. EirGrid is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, corrupted or attempted submissions, and all responsibility for submissions lies with participant.
- 6) Information on EirGrid's use of Personal Data can be found under "Use of Personal Data" below. Submitting false information as part of an application form (false name/address/etc.) will result in immediate disqualification from the competition.
- 7) All work entered must be participants' own but may be aided/guided by a supervising member of staff from the applicable 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute. Any submissions which are suspected of plagiarism in whole or in part may be disqualified at EirGrid's sole discretion.
- 8) Participants must seek permission from their 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute to participate in the competition and to oversee their participation herein. A supervising member of the academic staff (professor, tutor, etc.) must sign each individual/team's application form to validate permission for all participants, and to confirm their 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute's understanding and acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 9) EirGrid reserves the right to seek verification from the relevant 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute of the registration of any students who have entered the CleanerGrid competition.
- 10) The closing date for entries is 23:59 on 28/02/2025. All entries should be submitted to [research@eirgrid.com](mailto:research@eirgrid.com). EirGrid reserves the right to extend the deadline for entries.
- 11) Entries will be judged in accordance with the 'Judging Criteria' set out below.
- 12) The final round of judging and the announcement of the winning entries will take place at an awards ceremony EirGrid's offices on either 24 or 25 March 2025. Shortlisted participants/teams will be notified of the exact date and time of this ceremony in March 2025, and must ensure their availability to attend or have at least one member of their team (where relevant) in attendance. Shortlisted participants/teams who do not attend this final round of judging will be ineligible to receive a prize. Winning participants/teams will also be contacted via email to provide details for delivery of their prizes, and the relevant supervising staff member will be contacted to provide details for delivery of the prize to their 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute.
- 13) Prizes for the CleanerGrid competition are as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: €6000 for the winning team, and €6000 for their 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: €3000 for the winning team, and €3000 for their 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: €1000 for the winning team, and €1000 for their 3<sup>rd</sup> level institute
- 14) EirGrid will endeavour to deliver all prizes within 28 days of the announcement of the winning entries. Where this cannot be achieved, EirGrid will notify the winning participants of the reasons for the delay.
- 15) Prize-winners may be required to participate in publicity (photographs, interview, quotations, etc.).
- 16) EirGrid acknowledge that participants shall retain full ownership of any intellectual property which they produce for the CleanerGrid competition.
- 17) Without prejudice to Condition 16, participants agree that by entering the CleanerGrid competition, EirGrid may utilise elements of winning participants' submissions in any external press, publications, websites, social media and/or in any promotional material connected to this competition, or future CleanerGrid competitions.
- 18) No correspondence will be entered into regarding the judging process and all decisions of the judges on the winning entries will be final.

- 19) EirGrid reserves the right to disqualify any participant/team that does not comply with these Terms and Conditions.
- 20) These terms and conditions and any disputes arising under, out of, or in relation to the CleanerGrid competition shall be interpreted, construed, and governed in accordance with the laws of Ireland. EirGrid's

decisions on any dispute relating to the terms and conditions, conduct or outcome of the CleanerGrid competition shall be final.

- 21) EirGrid reserves the right to amend any of these terms and conditions and/or rules of the CleanerGrid competition as it considers necessary. Notice will be given to participants of any changes.

## Judging Criteria

Entries to the CleanerGrid competition will be judged on the following criteria:

### Report:

- a) How central is a sustainable electricity system to your vision? Have you considered net-zero by 2050 as a hard constraint?
- b) How feasible/realistic is the vision in terms of the likelihood that it could be put into place?
- c) How achievable is it that the vision could be in place by 2050?
- d) How affordable is the vision?
- e) Have you considered the impact of the vision on the electricity system in Ireland? Consider how your vision will affect the stability of the energy system and the security of supply.
- f) Have you considered how all elements of the energy system (markets, infrastructure, policy, environment, operation of the grid, etc.) will be impacted by your vision?
- g) How detailed is your approach to point f) above?
- h) How original and creative is your vision?
- i) How well are your results presented?
- j) Have you supported all evidence used in your vision?

### Presentation:

- a) Context – how does your vision fit within the context of the energy industry?
- b) Clarity – how clear and thought out are your ideas?
- c) Credibility – have you backed up your claims?
- d) Creativity – how creative and innovative is the content of your vision?
- e) Charisma – how well are your ideas presented?

## Use of Personal Data

- 1) EirGrid collect various types of personal data when a person enters a competition on EirGrid Group social media channels.
- 2) For example, when a student enters the CleanerGrid competition, EirGrid may request and, for a limited period of time, store the student's name and contact details (such as email address, postal address, telephone number) in connection with the competition. This information will be deleted as soon as is practicable following confirmation of receipt of the prize by the winner.
- 3) Where EirGrid operate competitions in conjunction with a third-party commercial partner, subject to the competition rules and notices, that partner may request and, for a limited period of time, store the data in order to ensure the winner receives the prize. The partner may also receive this data directly from EirGrid only in so far as required for the fulfilment/delivery/arrangement of the prize. This information will be deleted as soon as is practicable following confirmation of receipt of the prize by the winner.
- 4) Where a participant is responsible in whole or in part for a winning entry to the CleanerGrid competition, participants accept that their name and partial address (e.g. town or county) may be used to publicise the result of the CleanerGrid competition, and may be published online, in print or in any other outlet/media seen fit by EirGrid.
- 5) For more details on how EirGrid Group handles Personal Data generally, please refer to the privacy notices on EirGrid's website.