

CleanerGrid

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

9th October 2023



Terms and Conditions

By participating in the CleanerGrid competition (run by SONI on behalf of the EirGrid Group), participants are deemed to have accepted the following Terms and Conditions:

- 1) All individuals participating in the competition must be registered students in a 3rd level institute, meaning a University, University College or Further Education College in Northern 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, partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, parent, stepparent, 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 www.soni.ltd.uk/cleanergrid. Eirgrid Group is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, corrupted or attempted submissions, and all responsibility for submissions lies with participant.
- 6) Information on SONI'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 3rd level institute. Any submissions which are suspected of plagiarism in whole or in part may be disqualified at SONI's sole discretion.
- 8) Participants must seek permission from their 3rd level institute to participate in the programme 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.
- 9) SONI reserves the right to seek verification from the relevant 3rd level institute of the registration of any students who have entered the CleanerGrid competition.
- 10) The closing date for entries is 17:00 on 30/11/2023. All entries should be submitted to research@soni.ltd.uk. SONI reserves the right to extend the entry period.
- 11) Entries will be judged in accordance with the "Judging Criteria" set out below.
- 12) All winning entries will be announced on 20/12/2023. The participants/groups responsible for the winning entries will also be notified directly via email to provide details for delivery of the prizes.
- 13) Prizes for the CleanerGrid competition are as follows (for the prize winners based in Northern Ireland):
 - 1st place: £1750
 - 2nd place: £650
 - 3rd place: £215
- 14) SONI will endeavour to deliver all prizes within 28 days of the announcement of the winning entries. Where this cannot be achieved, SONI 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) SONI acknowledge that participants shall retain full ownership of any intellectual property which they produce for the CleanerGrid data competition. Participants who are successful in the CleanerGrid data competition may discuss with SONI any potential use of their intellectual property.
- 17) Without prejudice to Condition 15, participants agree that by entering the CleanerGrid competition, SONI 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) SONI reserves the right to disqualify any participant/group 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 Northern Ireland.

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

- 21) SONI 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:

- a) Is the execution of the entry feasible and practical?
- b) Is the entry working, is there a demonstration or prototype available?
- c) Has the entrant(s) considered who its audience is and tailored their entry accordingly?
- d) Is the entry original and innovative?
- e) Would the entry (idea, concept, initiative, or plan) be effective in raising energy citizens awareness on their usage of electricity.
- f) Would the entry be resilient to data feeds being unavailable?

Use of Personal Data

- 1) SONI 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, SONI 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 SONI 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 SONI 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 address (town/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 SONI.
- 5) For more details on how Eirgrid Group handles Personal Data generally, please refer to the privacy notices on SONI's (Northern Ireland) websites.