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**Terms and Conditions
on the International Ecothon "Green Code Moscow"**

1. Terms and Definitions

1.1 The "Green Code Moscow" ecothon is a large-scale international competition for professionals in the fields of ecology and information technology (hereinafter referred to as the ecothon). The ecothon is not a lottery, a promotional lottery, or any other form of risk-based gambling.

1.2 Demo – a link to a video demonstration of the prototype in action or a link to the developed prototype on the Internet (installer, website, web page, web service, etc.).

1.3 Jury – industry or technical experts, as well as invited jury representatives, who evaluate the results of the teams' work. Each case assignment is assessed by at least 3 jury members.

1.4 Solution defense – an online demonstration of the solution by the team to the jury. The duration of the solution defense for one team is 5 minutes.

1.5 A case (case assignment) – a description of a specific problem in a relevant field or organizational process provided to teams to solve within the framework of the ecothon.

1.6 A team – a group of participants consisting of 3 to 5 people who come together to tackle a chosen case assignment in the ecothon. Each participant can be part of only one team at a time.

1.7 An industry expert – an individual with knowledge and expertise in one of the case fields.

1.8 Winners are the teams that score the highest points for solving one of the cases based on the jury's evaluations according to the criteria set out in this Regulation, and who rank from 1st to 3rd place. A total of 12 winning teams will be determined, with 3 teams for each case. The winners of the ecothon are determined by the Organizer's order.

1.9 Prototype – a working model of a product capable of solving one of the ecothon case assignments (such as software code, web service, roadmap, concept, etc.).

1.10 Solution – the materials submitted by participants, including software code/solution teaser, demo, and presentation.

1.11 Screencast – a video recording showcasing the functionality of the developed prototype.

1.12 Technical expert – an individual with expertise in conducting evaluations, providing consultation on the technical implementation of prototypes, and reviewing the code of participants' prototypes in the ecothon.

1.13 Technological Case – a description of a specific problem in the relevant field or organizational process provided to teams for solution within the ecothon, where the solution is a software code.

1.14 Solution Teaser – a brief description of the case assignment solution, including general information, technical features, and uniqueness of the solution.

1.15 Tracker – an individual with experience in startups and business, engaged to support and consult teams during the eco-ton on product thinking, team building, and resource planning. The tracker assists teams in setting goals and monitors their achievement during the ecothon. The tracker evaluates the team's work during check-points by assigning scores.

1.16 Management Case – a description of a specific problem in the relevant field or organizational process provided to teams for solution within the ecothon, where the solution is not a software code but always involves a mechanism to support management decision-making (roadmap, concept, development strategy, action plan, etc.). Management cases are aimed at identifying managerial competencies among ecothon participants.

1.17 Participant – an individual, either a Russian citizen or a foreign national, aged between 16 and 40 years, possessing knowledge and skills in the fields of information technology, design, analytics, data science, administration, project management, ecology, or sustainable resource management, registered for the ecothon in accordance with the procedures outlined in this regulation.

1.18 Checkpoint – an interim evaluation reflecting the progress of the teams' work over a specific period of time.

1.19 ecothon – a time-limited team competition format focused on creating prototype solutions for selected cases.

1.20 Expert – an individual with the competencies to conduct evaluations and provide consultations in the area related to the case problem

1.21 FAQ – a section of the website containing frequently asked questions from participants about the eco-ton and the corresponding answers.

1.22 Organizer – Limited Liability Company "DBO" (Tax Identification Number (INN): 7714778350, Primary State Registration Number (OGRN): 1097746191223, Registration Reason Code (KPP): 771401001). Address: 125284, Moscow, Khoroshevskoe Shosse, building 12, unit 1, floor 2.

2. General Terms and Conditions

2.1 These Terms and Conditions define the purpose, objectives, organization, and procedures for conducting the international "Green Code Moscow" ecothon in 2024.

2.2 The “Green Code Moscow” ecothon – is an international ecothon aimed at identifying and showcasing the potential of specialists in the fields of information technology, design, project management, ecology, and sustainable natural resource management.

2.3 The goal of the ecothon is to strengthen Moscow's positive image as an international leader in environmental transformations and a driver of technological innovations in urban planning and sustainable natural resource management.

2.4 The objectives of the ecothon are:

– To form an international community of young leaders engaged in the global environmental agenda under Moscow's aegis, aimed at collaboratively developing interdisciplinary solutions for the sustainable development of urbanized areas.

– To find innovative solutions for technological and environmental challenges faced by large cities.

– To create a global platform for best practices in urban ecology, sustainable natural resource management, and environmental protection.

– To develop and support talented and promising professionals in creating products and services in the fields of information technology, design, administration, project management, ecology, and sustainable natural resource management, who are capable of teamwork.

– To integrate participants' solutions and generate prototypes of new services, technologies, and projects that ensure the ecological well-being of Moscow's residents.

2.5 The ecothon is based on the principles of transparency and objectivity.

2.6 The official website of the ecothon is: <https://green-code-moscow.ru/>

2.7 The official language of the ecothon is Russian, although additional foreign languages may also be used.

2.8 The Regulation is effective throughout the duration of the ecothon and may be amended at the initiative of the organizer, as well as in cases provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

3. The procedure for conducting the ecothon

3.1 The ecothon will take place from September 18 to 19, 2024, and consists of the following main stages:

– Participant registration;

– Team formation;

– Case selection;

– Confirmation of participation;

– Participation in the ecothon (September 18–19, 2024).

The organizer reserves the right to change the format of any stage of the event. Information about changes and the exact dates for each stage will be published on the ecothon website.

3.2 Participant Registration:

A candidate wishing to participate in the ecothon must complete online registration on the ecothon website by the deadline. This includes creating a personal account and filling out a questionnaire.

When registering on the website, the applicant must provide accurate and up-to-date information in accordance with the registration form and confirm that they have read and agree to these Terms and Conditions and the personal data processing policy for the ecothon.

The organizer has the right to request confirmation of the information provided by the applicant during registration. Providing false information during registration is grounds for refusal of registration or disqualification of the participant. An applicant is considered registered for the ecothon if they have completed the mandatory fields of the online registration form on the ecothon website, passed authentication, and filled out the required fields in their personal account.

3.3 Team Formation:

From the moment the team formation phase opens until the participation confirmation phase closes, each participant must either form their own team or join an existing open team through their personal account on the ecothon website.

During the ecoathon, the organizer may independently form teams from individual participants. The organizer may use data analysis tools or random number generators for this purpose.

3.4 Case Selection:

To participate in the ecothon, each formed team must select one of the case assignments presented on the ecothon website.

Participants are only allowed to choose cases as part of a formed team. Any team member can make the selection on behalf of the entire team.

Brief descriptions of the case assignments will be published on the ecothon website before the end of the case selection period.

The case selection option will be available in the participant's personal account on the ecothon website no later than 3 calendar days before the start of the ecothon.

The number of teams for each case cannot exceed a predetermined limit, which will be published on the website after all case assignments are posted.

Based on the selection results recorded on the ecothon website at the close of this stage, each team will automatically be assigned a case to solve during the ecothon.

The organizer reserves the right to change the case assigned to a team after the selection stage due to circumstances beyond their control, with prior notification to the team creator (admin) via phone, email, or Telegram account provided in the personal account, no later than 24 hours before the start of the ecothon.

Each team member will receive an informational email to the address provided during registration, detailing the case assigned to their team.

3.5 Confirmation of Participation:

To participate in the ecothon, at least 3 team members must confirm their participation in the personal account on the ecothon website.

3.6 The ecothon:

Only formed teams are allowed to participate in the ecothon. The ecothon schedule will be published on the ecothon website no later than 1 calendar day before the event.

During the ecothon, teams will create a prototype (case solution) and undergo 2 check-points. Each check-point includes a meeting with a tracker and experts, within the timeframes set by the organizer and published in the personal account on the ecothon website.

The organizer reserves the right to change the format, duration, and number of check-points. Information about any changes will be published on the ecothon website.

Teams will only be permitted to present their solutions if they have attended at least two check-points.

Links in the Internet to the program code developed during the ecothon, stored in any open repository; to the teaser of the solution; to the demo; to the presentation of the solution (the presentation file size should not exceed 10 MB); and to the screencast must be available for download or viewing in the repository during the ecothon and for at least 90 business days after the announcement of the ecothon results.

Participation in the ecothon is free of charge.

Participants are responsible for all expenses related to their participation in the ecothon. Participants must ensure they have the necessary personal computing equipment (laptops, tablets, etc.), charging devices, software for developing and presenting their solutions during the ecothon, and other related items.

4. Requirements and Conditions for Prototype Development

4.1 By accepting these Terms and Conditions, the participant additionally confirms and guarantees that:

4.1.1 The prototype created by the participant/team will not:

- Contain elements of pornography or other sexually explicit material, or promote LGBT advocacy.

- Contain elements or information that promote violence, incite social, racial, national, or religious hatred, or call for the overthrow of constitutional order and incitement to ethnic strife.

- Contain images or any other information or results of intellectual activity belonging to third parties;

- Violate copyright and other rights of third parties and contain intellectual property belonging to third parties;

- Contain malicious programs, viruses, spyware, or other similar electronic programs that could harm information systems or violate laws protecting information confidentiality.

- Contain any information prohibited from free distribution

4.1.2 The prototype was created as part of the ecothon and does not contain any pre-prepared code/parts of code;

4.1.3 The prototype does not violate the laws of the Russian Federation, does not discredit any person, project, or product, and does not otherwise provide grounds for legal action as damaging to the name, reputation, honor, dignity, activities of a project or product of any person, and does not contradict public interests;

4.1.4 In cases where the prototype uses images of individuals, the necessary consent has been obtained from those individuals in the prescribed manner;

4.1.5 The prototype is not encumbered by property rights of third parties, is not subject to claims, lawsuits, or demands from third parties;

4.1.6 Only publicly accessible and free resources, libraries, templates, and third-party software were used in creating the prototype, either as an addition or as a base.

4.2 The rights to the intellectual property created by participants (prototypes, other works) during the ecothon belong to the participants (authors). However, the organizer has the right to use the participants' intellectual property for informational and/or promotional purposes, as well as for the conduct of the ecothon (and future events). Participants agree to the use, modification, reduction, supplementation, and inclusion of illustrations, prefaces, afterwords, comments, or any explanations to such intellectual property by the organizer without monetary compensation (remuneration).

5. Criteria for Evaluating Case Solutions by the Jury

5.1 Evaluation criteria are assessed on a 4-point scale from 0 to 3.

5.2 Only whole numbers may be assigned for each criterion within the proposed scoring range.

5.3 Scores must be assigned for each of the presented criteria.

5.4 Criteria for evaluating a technological case:

5.4.1 Prototype: Does the actual functionality of the solution match what was claimed by the participants?

5.4.2 Solving the main problem: Does the developed product address the primary issue stated in the case assignment?

5.4.3 Development and implementation: Does the effect achieved from using the solution justify the costs of development and implementation?

5.4.4 Innovative ideas: Original, unique developments directly related to solving the core task or a new approach to solving the case (not previously used/new technology/does not duplicate existing solutions).

5.4.5 UI/UX: The quality of the user interface design.

5.4.6 Secondary problems: Does the developed product solve secondary issues mentioned in the case, or other issues identified by the participants that were not explicitly stated in the task?

5.4.7 Analytics: The completeness of the analysis conducted regarding the target and potential audience, user experience issues, other services, and the experience of similar digital products.

5.5 Criteria for evaluating a management case:

5.5.1 Solution: Does the product solve the primary problem stated in the case? Does the presented solution align with the case assignment?

5.5.2 Development and implementation: Do the costs of the solution correspond with the timelines for development and implementation?

5.5.3 Innovative ideas: A new approach to solving the case assignment.

5.5.4 Scalability of the solution: Can the solution handle increased demand or be applied to other processes?

5.5.5 Social impact: The extent of the reach among beneficiaries.

5.5.6 Analytics: The completeness of the analysis conducted regarding the target and potential audience, user experience issues, other services, and the experience of similar products.

5.5.7 Secondary issues: Does the proposed solution help address the secondary problems identified in the case, or those that were not explicitly mentioned but were observed by the participants?

5.5.8 Solution presentation: The quality of the presentation, the speaker's performance, and the thoroughness of the presentation.

6. Rules of Conduct for Participants at the Ecothon

6.1 The participant agrees to:

- Comply with all the conditions of this Regulation;
- Pass through the checkpoints at the designated time;
- Provide the organizer with the necessary data of all team members required for prize distribution if their team becomes the winner

Copies of documents from a participant who is a citizen of the Russian Federation:

- Russian passport (page with the photo and registration page);
- Certificate of registration with the tax authority (TIN);
- Social Security Certificate (SNILS);
- Bank details;

Copies of Documents of participant who is a citizen of a foreign state:

- Foreign passport (if the place of residence is not indicated in the passport, any other document confirming the address of residence);
- Translation of the passport into Russian;
- TIN (personal number) in the country of citizenship;
- Bank details.

The winning team participant must sign and submit the following documents (samples of the documents are attached):

- Act of acceptance and transfer of the prize;
- Consent to the processing of personal data;
- Application for withholding personal income tax from prize payments.

The winning team participant must provide the organizer with additional data necessary for conducting in-person ecothon events.

6.2 The participant has the right to:

- Receive timely information about the dates and conditions of the ecothon.
- Withdraw from participation in the ecothone at any time.

6.3. Participants are prohibited from:

- Independently photographing or filming the materials and/or results of tasks during the ecothone, sharing photos or videos of the ecothone tasks on the internet, social networks, or other public information sources, and publishing materials and/or results of tasks, including by providing them to media representatives;
- Using hints and/or any other assistance while participating in the ecothon.

7. Jury

7.1 The jury ensures public trust, status, and authority of the ecothon.

7.2 The activities of a jury representative must be based on the principles of opinion independence, professionalism, competent evaluation, and impartiality of conclusions.

7.3 The ecothon jury is formed and approved by the organizer from representatives of federal government bodies, the business community, and experts and specialists in various fields of knowledge.

7.4 When conducting the evaluation, a jury representative must

: – Analyze the materials submitted by participants for compliance with the selection criteria;

– Complete the team's evaluation form, indicating scores for each criterion specified in the Ecothon Provisions;

– Notify the organizer of their withdrawal if an evaluation involves a team with which the jury representative has specific financial and/or other interests.

7.5 The number of jury representatives for each case assignment in the ecothon is no fewer than 3 and no more than 5 people.

7.6 Relatives of the ecothon participants and/or the immediate supervisor of an ecothon participant are not allowed to participate in the work of the ecothon jury.

7.7 The ecothon jury evaluates the solutions presented by participants during the solution defenses.

7.8 The jury's decision is final and not subject to appeal. Appeals regarding the results of the ecothon are not provided for, and appeal requests will not be considered.

7.9 An evaluation form is considered valid and will be included in the scoring if it contains the jury representative's full name, and scores are provided for all evaluation criteria.

7.10 The results of the ecothon will be announced on the last day of the ecothon.

7.11 The procedures for the ecothon jury are outlined in the Jury Handbook, which will be provided to jury representatives no later than 3 days before the ecothon.

8. Prize fund (Awards)

8.1 Winners of the ecothon are awarded cash prizes. The total prize fund amounts to 2,700,000 (two million seven hundred thousand) rubles 00 kopecks. Diplomas are provided in electronic format. The prize fund amount includes the personal income tax (PIT) withheld by the organizer when making payments to the ecothon winners, in the amount established by the Tax Code of the Russian Federation.

8.2 Cash prizes are awarded to the teams that place first, second, and third in the ecothon: 330,000 (three hundred thirty thousand) rubles 00 kopecks for first place, 220,000 (two hundred twenty thousand) rubles 00 kopecks for second place, and 125,000 (one hundred twenty-five thousand) rubles 00 kopecks for third place. The cash prize for the team is distributed proportionally among the team members.

8.3 The procedure for awarding cash prizes is defined by the Regulation on Cash Prize Payments for the International "Green Code Moscow " ecothon, approved by the organizer.

8.4 The prize fund is formed by the organizer and paid out within 15 (fifteen) working days after submission of the documents specified in section 6.1.

8.5 The organizer has the right to announce the award of prizes to the winners of the ecothon in another form. If a decision is made to award prizes in a different form, the information will be published on the ecothon website.

8.6 During the ecothon, partners may present additional awards to winners and other participants. These additional awards are not guaranteed and are given based on decisions made independently by the ecothon partners.

8.7 Partners and sponsors of the ecothon may include any government, private, and public organizations at all levels, as well as individuals providing resource (technical, organizational, expert, and other) support and assistance in organizing and conducting the ecothon.

8.8 The prize fund not claimed within 90 working days from the date of the announcement of the results, as well as prizes declined by participants, will be managed at the organizer's discretion. Prizes cannot be claimed by participants again.

8.9 The organizer is not responsible for factors preventing the realization of the prize or for the non-use of the prize.

8.10 The organizer has the right to request additional documents and/or information from the participant necessary for the transfer/shipment of the prize. If the participant fails to provide the requested additional documents and/or information, the organizer may refuse to issue (pay) the prize.

9. Final Provisions

9.1 The organizer has the right to immediately suspend or exclude participants from further participation in the ecothon, notifying them accordingly.

9.2 Grounds for suspension or exclusion from the ecothon may include:

- Submission by the participant of a withdrawal statement from participation in the ecothon;

- Non-compliance with the requirements set for participants in these Terms and Conditions

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- Providing falsified documents or deliberately false information about oneself when filling out the application form;
 - Independent photography and filming of task materials and/or results during the ecothon, posting photos and videos of ecothon tasks on the internet, social networks, or other public information sources, and publication of task materials and/or results, including by providing them to the media.
 - Use of hints and/or other assistance while participating in the ecothon;
 - Publication of false or defamatory information about the ecothon, its participants, or the organizer;
 - Attempting to influence the jury's decisions at any stage of the ecothon;
 - Absence at two checkpoints;
 - Other violations of these Terms and Conditions.

9.3 The information about the procedure and rules for conducting the ecothon specified in these Terms and Conditions is posted on the ecothon website.

9.4 The organizer has the right to clarify the Terms and Conditions and provide answers to all questions related to the ecothon on the official ecothon website, particularly in the FAQ section.

9.5 Changes made to the Terms and Conditions are to be published on the ecothon website. By continuing to participate in the ecothon, the participant agrees to the changes made to the Terms and Conditions.