

# RULES OF THE CONTEST « Innovation Awards » 2019

#### Article 1 – Purpose

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry France Bulgaria, 8A Tsar Osvoboditel boulevard, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1000 Sofia, organizes the « Innovation Awards 2019 ».

These prizes aim at rewarding four companies that are members of the Chamber and one startup that have performed especially well by their dynamism, innovation, performance and/or ecological commitment.

#### <u>Article 2 – Terms and conditions</u>

No payment nor obligation is required to participate in the contest « Innovation awards 2019 ».

It is open to any CCIFB member, except for the jury members and partner companies.

In order to compete, just complete the application form before 30th November.

## <u>Article 3 – Confidentiality</u>

Any information provided by the candidates will remain confidential. Their content can only be shared with the sole members of the jury, obliged to maintain professional secrecy.

## <u>Article 4 – Award criteria</u>

The selection will be made by the designated jury on the basis of a debate and a simple majority vote by show of hands.

## Article 5 – Jury

The jury will be composed of seven members from the CCIFB Executive Board, the French Embassy in Sofia, the French Tech Club, the FinTech, industrial as well as academic sectors.

It will review the applications and deliberate between 30<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.







# <u>Article 6 – Categories and criteria</u>

The jury will award a prize to the company having achieved the most significant results in the following categories:

- 1. Innovation: most innovative industrial product, service or process of the year
- 2. Best performance
- 3. Social and environmental responsibility: outstanding achievement as a green company
- 4. Startup of the year
- 5. Special Jury Prize

#### Article 7 - Prizes

The winners will be mentioned in the press release and will be rewarded with the following prizes:

- The winners will receive four double invitation for the Beaujolais 2020, a double page in the 2020 yearbook, advertising on the CCIFB website
- All the non-selected candidates will receive a bottle of French wine.

## <u>Article 8 – Award ceremony</u>

The official ceremony of the "Innovation Awards 2019" will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Military Club in Sofia.

The winning projects will be presented to the audience on the evening of the ceremony.

The candidates commit to accepting the prizes-awarding conditions, prizes which could not be received under any other form than the one stated in the present document and no further financial counterpart nor substitute will be rewarded.

Only candidates attending or represented at the Award ceremony will be able to be rewarded.

## Article 9 – Change or cancellation of the contest

The organizers have the right to modify at any moment the present rules if the circumstances require, without any damages being claimed by the participants.





Furthermore, the organizers cannot be held responsible if, due to force majeure or unforeseen events, this contest was to be cancelled, postponed or modified. In such case, the candidates will be informed as soon as possible.

## Article 10 – Filling of the rules

The sole participation in the "Innovation Awards 2019" contest implies the acceptance of the present regulations.

# Article 11 - Litigation

The jury is sovereign and there is no appeal against its decisions. The organizers will rule in first and final instance.

# Article 12 - Usage rights

The sole participation means consent from the candidate for the use, free of charge, by the organizers, of its name, brand, logo, as well as image, strictly within the framework of the event "Innovation awards 2019" and of the communication around the event.

# <u>Article 13 – Sincerity and integrity</u>

The candidates pledge of honor to ensure the truthfulness and the veracity of the information provided, to declare if their project is not their sole intellectual property, to waive the right to institute any proceedings regarding the organization rules and the jury's decisions.

Any willful inaccuracy or act of omission will result in the cancellation of the application.



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