Tech4Good Global Challenge #1: Energy for Ukraine

Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine Joins Tech4Good Initiative to Empower Innovation and Energy Resilience in Ukraine

January 14, 2025 – Kyiv, Ukraine – The All-Ukrainian Innovation Ecosystem, <u>Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine</u> proudly announces its official collaboration with **Tech4Good**, a private initiative led by independent experts from the tech, energy, public, and government relations sectors. United under a shared mission of fostering innovation for global good, the initiative is committed to addressing Ukraine's critical challenges through #Tech4Good and #Tech4Humanity approaches.

As part of the Tech4Good Global Challenge #1: Energy for Ukraine, this partnership is focused on advancing energy resilience and sustainability in Ukraine. The global search for innovations, held at the end of 2024, drew responses from 75 startups, SMEs, and innovators worldwide to tackle Ukraine's energy challenges.

For the implementation phase of Tech4Good Global Challenge #1, Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine has formed a working group of accomplished professionals, including:

- Inna Maliukova, Co-Founder and Head of Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine.
- **Serhii Serhiienko**, Deputy Director of the Innovation Holding Sikorsky Challenge, driving business coordination efforts.
- **Oksana Dybkina**, Innovation and Investment Manager at DTEK with 20+ years of experience in the energy area, renowned for her leadership in corporate innovation.
- **Emanuele Volpe**, a seasoned executive with over 25 years of expertise in open innovation and startup ecosystems, having launched 62 pilot projects leading to 14 scaleups globally.
- **Emmanuel Lowe**, Senior Advisor and Business Mentor at EBRD, and Global VP at Amptricity, negotiating high-profile contracts and factory launches in Europe.
- **Tatiana Skydan**, a PR/GR and communications expert with 20+ years of experience in media and broadcasting, event management, and global tech ecosystem outreach.

Vision and Next Steps

The partnership underscores the vision of Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine: to be a model and driver of high-tech innovative development for Ukraine's economy.

Upcoming Initiatives Include:

- 1. **Fundraising:** Engaging donors, venture capitalists, and corporate sponsors to financially support selected startups.
- 2. **Implementation:** Streamlining regulatory processes and deploying innovative energy technologies in Ukraine.
- 3. **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Working closely with the Embassy of Ukraine in Spain to ensure impactful outcomes and publishing a catalog of selected innovations for

global engagement. Posting selected solutions on the Sikorsky Challenge Immersive virtual platform.

Winter Deployment and Future Expansion

The Tech4Good team is actively working on securing funding for these technologies and facilitating their deployment in Ukraine this winter. This effort aims to address immediate energy challenges while paving the way for their application in other regions affected by conflicts or natural disasters.

Supported by the Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of Spain F6S.com, & ITKey.Media, the initiative Tech4Good Global Challenge exemplifies the power of international collaboration to address critical energy needs and enhance resilience in conflict-affected regions.

"Ukraine Today, the World Tomorrow" stands as the initiative's motto, symbolizing its potential to inspire transformative innovation worldwide.

For more details please visit the official website: https://tech4goodchallenge.org/

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The Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine (SCU), an open innovation ecosystem encompassing universities, research institutions, businesses, and NGOs, has been instrumental in shaping Ukraine's innovation economy. As the organizing hub, the Innovation Ecosystem "Sikorsky Challenge Ukraine" ensures seamless collaboration among SCU's members to deploy cutting-edge solutions for Ukraine's energy sector.