

AdC Competition Policy Award Rules of Procedure

1. OBJECTIVES

Within the scope of its mission to promote a competition culture, the Autoridade da Concorrência (AdC) - Portuguese Competition Authority hereby establishes an award to encourage research in competition economics and law.

The prize will be awarded annually. In even years, it will distinguish a paper on competition economics and, in odd years, a paper on competition law.

2. ADMISSIBILITY

Submissions must be relevant to the application of competition law and economics at the national level and be written in Portuguese or English.

Papers must not have been previously published nor accepted for publication, except as a working paper or similar, prior to the date of final decision by the selection committee and joint authorship will be accepted.

Natural persons exercising their activity in Portugal or abroad may apply for the award.

AdC staff, members of the selection committee and those responsible for the assessment and classification of the papers, may not apply for the award.

3. AWARD

The amount of the Award is €5,000.

The selection committee may exceptionally distinguish more than one paper, in which case the award will be equally split between the winners. Honourable Mentions (without an associated monetary prize) may also be awarded.

The decision of the selection committee will be announced by the AdC. The Award will be presented at a public event.

The AdC reserves the right not to award the prize.

The AdC shall retain the right to publish the awarded paper(s), as a working paper, up to one year after the decision made by the selection committee, without prejudice to the paper's subsequent publication in a different outlet. In case of publication in scientific outlets or other publications, the authors of the prize winning papers must explicitly mention having received the AdC Award or Honourable Mention.

Complaints or appeals against the decision of the selection committee will not be entertained.

4. CALL FOR PAPERS

The call for papers will be published on the AdC's website or by other relevant means. Applications must be submitted, until the deadline set in the announcement, to the e-mail address premioadc@concorrencia.pt or by post, registered until the deadline, to the following address:

Selection Committee of the AdC Competition Policy Award
Autoridade da Concorrência
Avenida de Berna 19
1050-037 Lisboa
Portugal

The application must include:

- Duly completed application form, available on the AdC's website, signed by the author or the representative of the joint authors.
- Paper in electronic format (pdf) containing up to 10,000 words, without reference to or identification of the authors.
- An abstract in Portuguese or English of up to 200 words.

Authors of papers written in Portuguese which reach the final stage of the selection process may be invited to translate their paper into English for consideration of the selection committee.

The word limit for the paper does not include the cover, abstract, bibliographical references or bibliography.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The prize will be awarded by an independent committee composed of at least three members, designated by the AdC Board for their renowned standing in the field of competition policy.

Each member shall have one vote and the President shall have the casting vote. The selection committee shall decide by simple majority of members. Members of the selection committee may not be substituted during the selection process.

Each meeting of the selection committee shall be recorded in minutes. The minutes of the final meeting in which awards are attributed shall include the reasoning underlying the decision of the selection committee, and members may justify their vote whenever a decision is not unanimous.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The President of the selection committee verifies if the application complies with all the necessary conditions and minimum admissibility requirements and presents a list of admitted candidates to the selection committee.

In its decision, the selection committee shall consider:

- a. Originality of the paper;
- b. Contribution to furthering knowledge in the field of competition policy;
- c. Scientific quality;
- d. Clarity of the text and formal rigour.

7. FINAL PROVISIONS

The AdC may alter the rules of procedure on its own initiative and at any time. The rules in effect at the time of the call for papers shall apply.

The selection committee shall be responsible for any clarification necessary for understanding and interpreting these rules of procedure.

Approved by the Board of the AdC on April 13, 2021.