

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 established an award to encourage research in competition economics and law.

The prize is awarded annually. In even years, such as 2026, it will distinguish a paper on competition economics, and, in odd years, a paper on competition law.

2. ADMISSIBILITY

Submissions must relate to the award's theme and be written in Portuguese or in English. Papers must not have been previously published nor accepted for publication, except as working paper or similar, prior to the selection committee's final decision, and joint authorship will be accepted.

Natural persons exercising their activity in Portugal or abroad are eligible to 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 prize is €5,000.

The selection committee may exceptionally distinguish more than one paper, in which case, the prize 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. Preferably, 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 possible publication in a different outlet. In case of publication in scientific outlets or others, 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.

The application must include:

- Duly completed application form, available on the AdC's website by the author or the representative of the joint authors.
- Paper in electronic format containing up to 14,000 words in total¹, without reference to or identification of the authors.
- An abstract in Portuguese and/or English of up to 200 words each.

¹ Within the scope of the AdC Competition Policy Award, the AdC follows the guidelines on word count issued by several international institutions, which include the main body of the manuscript with footnotes and endnotes and exclude the title, acknowledgments, bibliography and annexes.

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

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 27 May 2026.