

## **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 relate to the award's theme and be written in Portuguese or English. Papers must not have been previously published and joint authorship will be accepted.

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

Neither members of the selection committee, nor those responsible for the assessment and classification of the papers may apply for the award, as well as AdC staff.

#### **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The selection committee may distinguish a paper, published or unpublished, which was not submitted to the award.

The decision of the selection committee will be announced by the AdC. The prize will be awarded 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 of the paper's subsequent 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 are not admissible.

#### **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@concorrenca.pt](mailto:premioadc@concorrenca.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 signed by the author or the representative of the joint authors which is available on the AdC's website.
- Paper in electronic format (pdf) containing up to 18,000 words, without reference to or identification of the authors.
- An abstract in Portuguese and English of up to 600 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.

#### **5. SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The prize will be awarded by an independent committee composed of at least three members designated by the AdC 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, including individual votes, whenever a decision is not unanimous.

#### **6. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The President of the selection committee shall verify if the application complies with all the necessary conditions and minimum admissibility requirements and propose a list of selected candidates to the selection committee.

In its decision, the selection committee shall consider:

- a. Originality of the paper;
- b. Contribution to the field of competition policy;
- c. Scientific quality;

- d. Clarity of the text and rigor.

## **7. FINAL PROVISIONS**

The AdC may alter the rules of procedure on its own initiative and at any time. The existing rules by the time the call for papers is made 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 28 February 2019.