



REGULATION

Considering that the Portuguese Association of European Law (Associação Portuguesa de Direito Europeu, or APDE) has the mission to contribute to the dissemination of European Law in Portugal, by promoting the study and dissemination of the Law and Institutions of the European Union, of the national law of the Member States and of the candidate States;

Considering that, as a member of the International Federation of European Law (FIDE), APDE ensures the connection of Portuguese legal circles to the ongoing debate on the most important and current issues of the European Union.

The Portuguese Association of European Law establishes the “APDE Award”, which is governed by the following clauses:

Article no. 1

(Introduction)

The **APDE Award** (hereafter, Award) is intended to distinguish quality scientific research in the field of European law and will reward research work on subjects to be defined in each edition of the competition.

Article no. 2

(Award)

1. The Award is given biennially on the basis of a competition and distinguishes the best work submitted in each edition. If justified, the jury may decide on awards *ex aequo*.
2. The announcement of the competition is published on APDE's website and in university media circles until the end of June of the year prior to the FIDE Congress.
3. In each edition of the Award, APDE pays tribute to a personality of recognized merit in the area of European Law, making express mention of that fact in its designation and in all initiatives to promote the competition.
4. The Award to be granted consists of the payment of registration fees, air travel expenses and accommodation at the first FIDE Congress that takes place after the granting of the Award, up to a limit of € 2500 (two thousand and five hundred euros).
5. The awarded work will be published online on APDE's website.
6. The payment referred to in paragraph 4 shall be made under the terms to be defined by APDE and communicated in due time to the winner of the award.

Article no. 3

(Candidates and admitted work)

1. Only work submitted by candidates who, at the date of application, have as minimum qualification the Degree in Law, will be accepted.
2. The work may be written in Portuguese, French or English.
3. Each candidate can only submit one work to the competition.

4. The work presented to the competition must be unpublished and may not be submitted, until the date of the next FIDE Congress, to another competition or award, which may result in its publication.

Article no. 4

(Presentation of work)

1. Candidates must submit their work by December 31st of the year prior to the FIDE Congress, through the e-mail address premio.apde@gmail.com.
2. The work must have a maximum of 90,000 characters (without spaces), which corresponds to about 50 pages, for which the elements referred to in the following paragraph are not counted.
3. The work should include an index, bibliography and, at the beginning, an abstract with a maximum of 250 words, in English language or in Portuguese, if the original is submitted in English or French.
4. Once the papers have been received, the Board of APDE will proceed to anonymize them before sending them to the jury for selection.

Article no. 5

(Jury)

1. The Jury is composed of an odd number of members not less than three.
2. The Jury is appointed by the Scientific Council of APDE, after hearing the Board, and shall be composed of personalities with recognized academic and professional competence and European commitment.
3. The Jury's decision shall not be subject to any complaint or appeal.

Article no. 6

(Criteria for granting the Award)

In granting the Award, the Jury considers the scientific quality, the consistency of the reasoning and ideas exposed, the research effort revealed, the literary rigor and the presentation of the work.

Article no. 7

(Admission and deliberation on the work)

1. The jury preliminarily excludes from the Award decision any work:
 - (a) Submitted after the deadline;
 - (b) Dealing with a subject other than any of the proposed;
 - (c) Which do not comply with the requirements laid down in this Regulation;
 - (d) Whose application or candidature does not comply with the formalities or requirements laid down in the same Regulation.
2. Plagiarism shall be penalized by the cancellation of the work and the prohibition of competition in the following two Awards.
3. The Jury will deliberate on the awarded work until January 31st of the year in which the FIDE Congress takes place.
4. The Jury may decide not to award the Award, without being obliged to substantiate its deliberation.

Article no. 8

(Announcement and presentation of the Award)

1. The Board of APDE releases the jury's decision by the end of February of the year in which the FIDE Congress takes place and will give personal notice of it to the awarded candidate, and to the other participants, in writing through electronic means.
2. The formal delivery of the Award takes place in the first “European Lunch”, or any other initiative organised by APDE, that follows its attribution.

Article no. 9

(Publication and dissemination of the work)

1. The author of the awarded work authorizes its publication on APDE’s website (www.apde.org.pt).
2. The author of the awarded work authorizes APDE to distribute it to people, companies or public entities and to publish it in the media or other entities related to education, science and research, or to FIDE.
3. The publication of the awarded work, in any form, on the initiative of APDE or the author, shall mention that it has been distinguished with the APDE Award.
4. The author of the awarded work shall collaborate with APDE in everything that is necessary for the purposes of what is described in the previous numbers.

Article no. 10

(Amendments to the Regulation)

1. This Regulation may be amended by the Board of APDE.
2. Any changes to the Regulation after the start of the deadline for submission of work may not be applied to that edition of the Award.
3. APDE reserves the right not to open a new edition of the competition without the need to justify it.

Article no. 11

(Personal Data)

APDE is the entity responsible for the processing of personal data made available by candidates, undertaking to process them exclusively for the purpose of managing the “APDE Award” and in accordance with the applicable legislation. With regard to the processing of personal data, participants shall take the following into consideration:

- (a) APDE has security mechanisms in place to protect the data it processes; however, participants should be aware that due to the fact that applications are submitted by email and circulate on the network, they may be inadvertently seen and used by unauthorized third parties. To this end, participants must also have the necessary protection measures in place in the equipment they use in order to minimize the risk when sending;
- (b) Candidates' personal data may be made available to APDE sub-contractors for the purpose of the implementation and management of this Initiative;
- (c) Candidates' personal data will be kept for a period of one year after the end of the competition, after which they will be deleted. However, the data of the successful candidate will be kept for a period of 5 years after the end of the competition;

- (d) Participants shall have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority, as well as access their personal data and obtain from APDE the rectification, updating, deletion or blocking of data whose processing does not comply with the law. Access, rectification and updating of personal data may be made in writing through the e-mail address apde.org@gmail.com, or to the address Rua Castilho, 165, 9º Andar, 1070-050 Lisboa.

Article no. 12

(Doubts and Gaps)

1. Without prejudice to any liability that may arise from applicable law, APDE and its subcontractors shall not be liable for any damages or losses suffered by candidates as a result of their application and/or participation in the APDE Award.
2. Candidates may ask APDE, through the e-mail address premio.apde@gmail.com, for any clarification on the applicable rules of the Award.
3. The cases omitted and the questions raised in the interpretation of the present Regulation shall be decided by the Board of APDE, after hearing the Scientific Council.
4. The resolution referred to in the previous number shall not be subject to appeal or complaint.