

Competition policy contributing to the European Green Deal
4 February 2021 – Brussels

Student Challenge

Rules

Goal. The Student Challenge encourages university students with an interest in competition policy and enforcement to bring their views to the main topics of the *Competition contributing to the European Green Deal* conference (the Conference) held in Brussels on 4 February 2021.

Eligibility. The Student Challenge is open to all university students in good standing without geographical or other restrictions. Eligible entrants may attend undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate programmes in any area of study.

Entries. Entrants should submit 250-word texts related to one of the Conference's panel discussions. The four panel categories are:

1. Our political ambition: What do we want to achieve?
2. Innovation, green growth and the competition rules
3. What the current antitrust and merger rules deliver, and what they don't...
4. What the current State aid rules deliver, and what they don't...

Entrants will have to follow the panel discussions; select one panel category; and address this question: "What would you have talked about if you had been a speaker?"

Go to the Conference web-platform to watch the conference on or after 4 February 2021. The link will be given on [DG Competition website](#) shortly before 4 February 2021. The contributions submitted during the "Competition Policy supporting the Green Deal" call for contributions will also be published on [DG Competition website](#).

Specifications. Entries must be submitted in PDF format as an attachment to an email message to comp-green-deal@ec.europa.eu. Messages must originate from email addresses that can be used to contact entrants individually. The attachment must include:

- Entrant's full name;
- University and study programme entrant is enrolled in;
- Conference panel of choice;
- Text in reply to the question.

Incomplete entries will be discarded. Entries exceeding 250 words will be discarded (word count only applies to the text in reply to the question). Entrants may not submit more than one text. Entrants may not submit the work of other individuals. Each text must have been written specifically for this Student Challenge.

Deadline. Entries must be received by February 18, 2021 (all time references in these Rules are Central European Time).

Evaluation. A jury of DG Competition officials will select the best three entries for each panel category and in each of two classes: i) entries submitted by entrants enrolled in undergraduate programmes and ii) entries submitted by entrants enrolled in graduate and post-graduate programmes. As a result, a total of 24 entries will be shortlisted.

The same set of criteria will be used to assess all entries, regardless of class or panel category of choice. The criteria are: relevance to the topics debated during the Conference in the panel category of choice, originality, analysis, appropriateness of theory and method, and clarity of argument and exposition – in the order given above.

The shortlisted entries will be published on [DG Competition website](#) in mid-March, 2021. Shortlisted entrants will be asked to show proof they are students in good standing in the study programmes they are enrolled in (eg, a Certificate of Student Status or of Admission) before their entries are published. Entrants who fail to do so will be disqualified. The public will then be able to vote via [EUSurvey](#) for their preferred entries, one for each panel category and for each class by the end of March 2021. The exact dates will be given on [DG Competition website](#).

Prize. The eight winners will be invited to write full-length papers in the range of 7,000 to 10,000 words on the basis of their abstracts. The papers will be published digitally by DG Competition in a special Brief. The remaining shortlisted entrants will be invited to expand their abstracts to 500-750 words for publication alongside the winners' papers.

Rights. By submitting their entries, entrants grant to the European Commission the right to publish, reproduce and distribute their texts worldwide. Entrants accept having no recourse in case they are not selected. Shortlisted and winning entrants also grant to the European Commission the right to use their names, affiliations and images in connection with this Student Challenge. No fee will be payable by the European Commission for this use. Entrants also declare that their texts are their original work and that they do not, to the best of their knowledge, contain anything that is libelous, illegal or that infringes anyone's copyright or other rights.