

Protecting competition in a changing world

Evidence on the evolution of competition in the EU during the past 25 years

27 June 2024, Brussels



COMPETITION

#ProtectingCompetitionConference

Student Challenge RULES

Goal. The Student Challenge encourages university students with an interest in competition policy and enforcement to provide a short written contribution on one or more topics discussed at the *Protecting competition in a changing world* conference (the Conference), Brussels, 27 June 2024.

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

Entries. Entrants should submit a 300-word text related to one of the two Conference's panel discussions. The two panels are:

1. Evidence on the evolution of competition in the EU during the past 25 years and its main drivers;
2. An ever-evolving competitive environment: implications and outlook

Entrants will have to follow the panel discussions, select one panel and one or more topics covered by it, and address this question: **"If you had been a speaker at the panel, which topic(s) would you have addressed and what would you have said?"**.

Go to [the Conference page](https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/about/reaching-out/protecting-competition-changing-world_en) <https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/about/reaching-out/protecting-competition-changing-world_en> to watch the conference and study the evidence presented there on or after 27 June 2024. A complete recording of proceedings will be available on the same page after 27 June 2024.

Specifications. Entries must be submitted in PDF format as an attachment to an email message to COMP-PCCW-CONF@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;
- Title reflecting the topic(s) addressed in the contribution; and
- Text of the contribution

Incomplete entries will be discarded. Entries exceeding 300 words will be discarded (word count only applies to the text of the contribution, not the title or any other element). 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 **20 September 2024 by 18:00 hours** Central European Time.

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

	Undergraduate entrants	Graduate/post-graduate entrants
Panel 1	Best entry	Best entry
Panel 2	Best entry	Best entry

The same set of criteria will be used to assess all entries, regardless of class or panel of choice. The criteria are, with equal weight: i) relevance to the topics debated during the Conference in the panel of choice, ii) originality, iii) depth of the analysis, and iv) clarity of argument and exposition.

The four selected entries will be published on [the Conference page](#) in the first half of October, 2024. The date will be communicated in advance to the four selected entrants. Selected 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.

Prize. The four selected entrants will be offered a trip to Brussels. The European Commission will arrange a programme for the day. As part of the programme, selected entrants will present their views during a meeting with EVP Margrethe Vestager, Commissioner for Competition.

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. Selected 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.