

Regulation

BfK Awards x Altice International Innovation Award 2024



Born from Knowledge

The Born from Knowledge (BfK) Programme is a scientific and technological Knowledge valorisation programme promoted by the National Innovation Agency (ANI). The main objective of this programme is to promote, disseminate and award the production of knowledge and innovation in Portugal, by giving visibility to investment in science and its respective economic and social impact.

BfK Awards

Through the BfK Awards, the Born from Knowledge Programme intends to distinguish projects that are “born from Knowledge”, as well as companies that stand out in terms of Research & Development (R&D) activities, in innovation Competitions and Awards that already exist in Portugal.

Evaluation Criteria

To provide the BfK Awards distinction, the projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- a) **Scientific and/or technological basis:** nature based on knowledge and/or R&D activities (if possible, evaluated by the number of PhDs involved in the development of the project or product/service).
- b) **Level of Innovation** of the project or product/service.
- c) **Relevance and level of collaboration** with other national and/or international entities for the development of the project, product or service or for the development of the R&D activities (e.g., entities of the National Scientific and Technological System, other companies).

- d) **Valorisation of the Intellectual Property:** adequacy of the ways of knowledge protection under which the development and commercialisation of the project or the product/service may be based at.
- e) **Impact on society,** namely in economic, social, environmental and cultural terms.

To be properly assessed, the candidates must deliver the following information to the BfK Awards' jury:

- The founder team's academic and professional background.
- Description of the founder team's and R&D activities that originated the project.
- Identify and describe the collaboration with other entities for the development of the project, companies or scientific institutions.
- Description of the intellectual property and knowledge protection strategy.

Jury

The jury is responsible for evaluating the contestants nominated to win the BfK Award is the sole and exclusive concern of ANI.

The jury of the BfK Awards distinction is autonomous and independent from Altice International Innovation Awards' Jury with which ANI is associated.

Prize

The BfK Awards distinction should be given to the best example of a project that is "born from knowledge", selected among the Portuguese semi-finalists (up to 3 from the "INCLUI" category and up to 3 from the "Startup" category).

The BfK Awards will provide the winner of the distinction a piece of art that reflects the nature of the distinction based on knowledge, and a monetary prize of 2 500 € (two thousand and five hundred euros).

The awarding of the BfK Awards distinction is the exclusive responsibility of ANI. ANI reserves the right of not giving the distinction in case it considers that the applications do not satisfy the minimum quality requirements.