

Born from Knowledge – BfK Awards Regulation

Born from Knowledge Programme

Born from Knowledge¹ (BfK) is a programme promoted by National Innovation Agency (ANI), which has the mission to enhance scientific and technological knowledge.

The ultimate objective of this program is to promote, disseminate and reward the production of knowledge and innovation in Portugal, by giving emphasis to the investment in science and its economic and social impact.

BfK Awards

The BfK Awards initiative aims through the association with Prizes and Contests like Altice International Innovation Awards to distinguish projects that “are born from knowledge”, as well as companies that stand out in terms of R&D activities.

Evaluation Criteria

Projects, products, services or companies with R&D activity may be qualified for the BfK Awards distinction.

Regardless of the specific objectives and evaluation criteria of Altice International Innovation Award, which are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the organizing partner entity, the attribution of the BfK Awards distinction is governed by a set of evaluation criteria indicated in the following point.

The attribution of the BfK Awards distinction will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- a. **Scientific and/or Technological basis** of the knowledge and/or R&D activities (if possible, evaluated by the number of PhDs involved in the development of the project or working in the company) - *eligibility criteria*;
- b. **Degree of Innovation** of the company's project or product/process/service;

¹ <http://bfk.ani.pt/pt/>

- c. **Relevance and Level of Collaboration** with other entities for the development of the project, product, process or service, as well as in the development of R&D activities (ie.: entities from the Scientific and Technological National System, other companies);
- d. **Intellectual property** valorisation (adequacy of knowledge protection means whereupon the development and commercialization of the idea/project or product/service of the company can settle);
- e. **Impact on Society** namely in economic, social, environmental or cultural terms.

Prize

The BfK Awards distinction should be given to the best example of project that is “born from Knowledge” selected among the Portuguese semi-finalists (up to 3 from the “Academy” category and up to 3 from the “Startups” category).

The BfK Awards will provide the winner of the distinction a piece of art that reflect the nature of the distinction based on knowledge.

The awarding of the BfK Awards distinction is of 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.