

## MINUTE

On **26 March 2024**, at **1:30 p.m.**, the *ad hoc* jury composed of Professor Luís Duarte de Almeida (Chair of the jury), Professor Jorge Morais Carvalho, and Professor Giulia Piora met (by telematic means) to assess the applications for **Research Grant no. 1/2024**, to be awarded under the terms of the Protocol between the NOVA School of Law and Synallagma SA signed on 22 September 2022 within the scope of the "Consumer Empowerment Project", hosted by CEDIS, R&D Centre on Law and Society (UID/00714/2020) at the NOVA School of Law.

The jury began by noting that **three** applications were submitted.

After formally analysing the applications, the jury found that all three applications meet the requirements set out in the Call, noting however that **(a)** in the case of application no. **BI2-2024-2**, the Master's degree has not yet been obtained, and that the possible selection of this application would be conditional on the candidate obtaining this degree at a time prior to the planned start of the scholarship (as specified in the Call); and that **(b)** the selection decision is conditional, for any of the applications submitted, on the acceptance and subsequent enrolment of the candidate in the NOVA School of Law's doctoral programme (as also specified in the Notice).

After analysing the substantive elements presented by the candidates in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the Call, the jury considered that it was not necessary to hold interviews with the candidates.

The jury decided to select application no. **BI2-2024-1**, on the basis of the following classifications, weighted in accordance with the criteria set out in the Call:

| Application number | PhD project (60%) | CV and Scientific Publications (40%) | Total  |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| BI2-2024-1         | 85/100            | 80/100                               | 83/100 |
| BI2-2024-2         | 70/100            | 75/100                               | 72/100 |
| BI2-2024-3         | 50/100            | 60/100                               | 54/100 |

The Knowledge Centre of affiliation, responsible for the scientific and executive coordination of the scholarship, will be NOVA IPSI.

The full written motivations of the jury ("Final ranking report") are attached, and form an integral part of these minutes.

Candidates must be notified in writing of this decision, for the purposes of preliminary hearing, and will have 10 (ten) working days to express their views.

There being no further business, the Chair of the jury declared the proceedings closed at **14.30**. This Minute has been drawn up, and is signed by all members of the jury.



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(Professor Luís Duarte de Almeida)



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(Professor Jorge Morais Carvalho)



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(Professor Giulia Piora)

## RANKING REPORT

### Final ranking:

BI2-2024-1: 83/100 points

BI2-2024-2: 72/100 points

BI2-2024-3: 54/100 points

### BI2-2024-1

**PhD Proposal (60%):** The choice of jurisdiction fits the scope of the Call (EU law). The proposal has a strong focus on consumers and end-users rights, is very clearly written, and solidly structured. The project is feasible, with a sound methodological approach, and richly supported in relevant bibliography. Its scientific potential is consistently conveyed; the proposal identifies, explains, and sketches out the analysis of the possible impact of bringing a consumer protection perspective inside a defined legal discipline. **85/100.**

**CV and publications (40%):** The candidate has prior experience and a currently ongoing commitment to academic legal research. They have 3 academic awards and 14 listed publications, 6 of which relevant to the scope of the Call. **80/100.**

### BI2-2024-2

**PhD Proposal (60%):** The choice of jurisdiction(s) is not indicated, leaving it unclear whether the proposal is compatible with the scope of the Call (EU law). The research topic is clearly identified, explained and contextualised; the relevance of consumers and end-user rights emerges through a narrower focus on minors' rights. The project is richly supported in relevant bibliography, but lacks an explanation of the structure of the research plan. The methodological and analytical approaches consistently point to an overly broad research scope, going far beyond consumer protection law. The presentation of the underlying research intuition and lead questions is excessively descriptive. **70/100.**



**CV and publications (40%):** The candidate has professional experience in consumer law from the perspective of legal practice. They also have current academic legal research activity (through their ongoing work on their master's thesis), and researcher status at one institute. They have 7 publications (none in English), 2 of which are relevant to the scope of the Call. **75/100.**

### **BI2-2024-3**

**PhD Proposal (60%):** There is no jurisdictional focus or any explicit reference to EU law. There is also no explanation of the relevance of the proposal to consumer and/or end-user rights legal disciplinary areas. The bibliographical support is limited. **50/100.**

**CV and publications (40%):** The candidate has no academic research or professional experience specifically involving consumer and/or end-user rights matters or settings. They have only 1 publication. **60/100.**

(Professor Doutor Luís Duarte de Almeida)

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