

The Born from Knowledge (BfK) Programme

The Born from Knowledge (BfK) Programme is a scientific and technological Knowledge valorisation programme promoted by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education through 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

In order 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 on 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 of the product/service may be based at);
- e) Impact on society, namely on economic, social, environmental and cultural terms.

Prize

The BfK Awards distinction should be given to the best example of project that is “born from Knowledge” selected among the 6 Portuguese semi-finalists (3 from the “Academy” category and 3 from the “Startups” category).

The BfK Awards will provide the winner of the distinction:

- a) a piece of art that reflect the nature of the distinction based on knowledge;
- b) a money prize of €5 000 (five thousand euros).

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.