



CCIA Best Digital Economy Paper

The Computer & Communications Industry Association sponsors this competition in order to promote original policy thinking on current issues in competition law and the digital economy.

2020 Topic

For the inaugural competition, CCIA is sponsoring scholarship focused on issues in competition law, policy and economics arising from the general trend towards more complex multi-component products.

Prize

The author of the selected paper will receive a EUR 1,500 cash prize.

The winner, as well as authors of an additional set of selected papers, may be provided with the opportunity to publish a shortened version of their paper as a CCIA White Paper

Competition Rules

To be eligible for consideration, the paper must have been written solely by the author or authors. Current or former employees, contractors, fellows, and interns of CCIA, current employees or interns of CCIA member companies, and current federal and state government employees or interns are not eligible to submit to the competition.

The paper must be the author's own work, although feedback received as part of an academic course or supervised writing project may be incorporated.

Papers will be evaluated based on their contribution to scholarship around this topic, including the originality of the subject of the paper, the extent of research and scholarship exhibited, and the quality of the writing.

We encourage papers not to exceed 10,000 words, including footnotes.

Competition Deadlines & Submission Formatting

The paper must be submitted electronically to katsoul@aueb.gr before **March 27, 2020**.

Submission must be made in PDF format, and the filename should follow the convention of LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_2020_COMPETITION. Preferred formatting is single-spaced 12 point Times New Roman, Century Schoolbook, or similar font.

Submissions must include a cover page with the following:

- Full name of author
- E-mail address
- Phone number
- The following affirmation: "I affirm that the information on this cover page is correct, that this paper is an original work of scholarship, and that I am the author. The paper has not been submitted for publication elsewhere. If I am selected as the winner, I grant the Computer & Communications Industry Association



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the right to publish my work and/or a shortened version thereof, on their website. I have read and agree to the Competition Rules set forth at ccianet.org/writingcompetition2020.”

To facilitate blind evaluation of the papers, please ensure that the author’s name and affiliation do not appear anywhere other than on the cover page, and that the paper itself contains no identifying information.

Notification of Winner

The winner will be notified by the contact information provided on or before **June 15, 2020**.

Additional Terms and Conditions

Decisions made by the Computer & Communications Industry Association (“the Association”) are final. If a potential winner fails to respond to the Association’s efforts to contact them within 14 days, they will be considered to have forfeited any right to be named as a winner or receive a prize and another winner may be named.

Winners will be required to submit a completed W-9, affidavit of eligibility, tax acknowledgment and liability release for tax purposes as a condition to receiving the cash prize. Failure to complete and return these forms within 14 days of receipt will be considered a forfeit of the competition and another winner may be named. Winners will be solely responsible for all federal, state, and/or local taxes that may apply.

Entrants may submit a single entry per year. In the event an entrant submits multiple papers, only the first paper submitted will be considered. Papers with multiple authors may be submitted. If such a paper is named the winner, the prize will be split among the authors evenly.

The Association reserves the right to cancel, modify, or terminate the competition for any reason. The Association reserves the right not to select a winning paper. The Association is not responsible for errors in submission or for any computer or technical errors that may interfere with or delay a submission.

By participating, each entrant agrees to the rules of the competition and the decisions of the Association and releases, discharges and holds harmless the Association and its respective officers, directors, members, employees, independent contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns from any and all liability whatsoever in connection with the competition, including without limitation legal claims, costs, injuries, loss or damages, demands or actions of any kind.

The competition is governed by U.S. law and all relevant federal, state and local rules and regulations apply. By entering, all entrants agree that the competition shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia and that the courts of the District of Columbia shall have exclusive jurisdiction for any dispute or litigation relating to or arising from the competition.

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