

REGULATIONS FOR THE ARTICLE COMPETITION OF THE NATO ENERGY SECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE JOURNAL AND AWARD OF THE PRIZE

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Regulations for the article competition of the NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence journal (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") and award of the prize (hereinafter referred to as the "Prize") regulate the procedure for organizing this competition, the requirements for the submitted works, the provision of works, evaluation, the procedure for the announcement of winners and the award.
2. The purpose of the Competition is to select the best two articles submitted by competition entrants, which are to be published in the Energy Highlights journal (published in print and online by NATO ENSEC COE).
3. The aim of the Competition is to educate and inform the public on relevant issues of energy security, particularly regarding the long-term outlook for supply and demand across energy vectors amongst Allies; to examine the most important potential problems in this area; to highlight supply chain and security risks; and to promote energy efficiency in the military.
4. The Competition Prize is established by NATO ENSEC COE after Steering Committee approval.
5. The winner shall be awarded a prize and letter of commendation from the NATO ENSEC COE. The amount of the bonus, which is awarded in accordance with the approved prize amounts:
 - A prize for the best article published in the magazine 500 € (1st class prize)
 - A prize for the best article submitted by a current student 200 € (2nd class prize)
 - NATO ENSEC COE Gift Bags to the next 5 best articles (3rd class prize)
6. The selection and evaluation of the works submitted to the competition shall be carried out by the Competition Jury (hereinafter referred to as the Commission).
7. Eligibility for authors: entrants must be nationals of NATO nations or active partner nations, or affiliated with an educational institution within these nations. Students can submit their articles for consideration in either the Best overall or Best Student categories. Each entrant may submit one article.
8. Guidelines – term for submission of the articles will be outlined in the Guidelines, published on the NATO ENSEC COE website. Results will be announced in December 2025.

II. THE COMMISSION'S WORK AND THE PROCEDURE FOR AWARDING THE PRIZE

9. All the articles submitted for the publication in Energy Highlights journal are checked in accordance with publication procedures established by NATO Energy Security Centre Of Excellence administrative regulation. Each article goes through reviewing process, and if decided to be winners and accepted - copyright agreement, acceptance of work, publishing, which includes editing, typesetting and proofreading.
10. All submitted articles in relation to the Competition shall be evaluated by the Commission, composed of the Chief of Staff, the Head of Division for Research & Lessons Learned, and the Managing Editor of the Journal.
11. The Commission shall evaluate and select the best works no later 14 December 2025 at the latest.
12. The cash prizes are awarded from the funds of the NATO ENSEC COE.

13. The winners of the competition shall be announced and the cash prizes approved under these Regulations shall be awarded digitally by a representative of the Commission. Winners will be informed by 31st December 2025.
14. Tenderers shall submit to the Commission, Courtesy of the Managing Editor of Energy Highlights, (in writing or recorded on an electronic copy) before 31st October 2025.
15. A maximum of 1 (one) entry may be submitted per participant for the competition. Jointly authored papers are allowed; the prize amount will be divided equally among co-authors.
16. The contestant (the author of the works submitted to the Competition) grants the organizers of the Competition a non-exclusive right to publish the copyrighted works submitted to the Competition in publications and media related to the Competition. This right is transferred free of charge.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKS

17. Entries must be in English and between 1500-3000 words. The main articles' evaluation criteria are:
- 17.1. Relevance: How well does the article address topics related to energy security, particularly in military or civil-military contexts?
 - 17.2. Originality and Insight: Does the article present unique insights, innovative solutions, or a new perspective on current challenges?
 - 17.3. Clarity and Structure: Is the article well-organized, logically structured, and clear in its arguments?
 - 17.4. Depth of Research: Does the article demonstrate thorough research, with credible sources and data to support its claims?
18. Guiding research questions for submissions:
- 18.1. Trends in military energy: How is demand shifting, what might future needs look like, how resilient will supply be?
 - 18.2 Impact of energy transition on defence strategy: how is the push towards decarbonisation affecting military capability, and how are Allies responding?
 - 18.3 Emerging energy technologies in the military: Explore the latest advancements and breakthroughs in operational and/or estates energy sources.
 - 18.4 Civil-military interaction: In what ways can military and civilian sectors work together more effectively to ensure energy security into the future?
 - 18.5 Addressing risks posed by energy infrastructure vulnerabilities: What are some current risks; how can these risks be identified, assessed, and mitigated?
 - 18.6 Energy efficiency measures: where can NATO Allies focus their efficiency measures, how can demand be reduced without affecting capability?

IV. CATEGORIES OF PRIZES AND THE PROCEDURE FOR THEIR ALLOCATION

19. The Commission, having assessed the works in accordance with the criteria listed in point 17 of the Regulations, shall distribute the cash prizes to the winners of the 1st and 2nd class prizes, and the non-monetary prizes of the next 5 thereafter.

20. The Commission shall have the right to reallocate bonuses in a different order.
