

Legal terms and conditions of the ARA Prize for Non-fiction Comics in Catalan

1. Object of the prize

Edició de Premsa Periòdica Ara, S.L., with NIF B65258261 and address at Diputació 119, 08015 Barcelona (hereinafter, "Diari ARA"), with the support of the General Secretariat of Linguistic Policy and the collaboration of Finestres publishing house, hereby announces the third edition of ARA Prize for Comics in Catalan (hereinafter, the "Competition"), with the aim of promoting the presence of Catalan in new non-fiction genres appearing in comics for adults, and offers participants the chance to win a prize for the publication of the comics they create and submit to Diari ARA. The competition will be held in accordance with the legal conditions set out below.

2. Participants

The competition is open to authors of any nationality who are over 18 years of age and who comply with entry rules and the requirements specified in these rules, and to whom the status of participants will be attributed. The authorship may be multiple and shared by several authors. Participants may submit one or more works for the prize. Diari ARA and Finestres staff, as well as all persons involved in the design, organisation and execution of the competition, as well as their relatives up to the third degree of kinship, are excluded from taking part in the competition.

3. Works

The works submitted must meet the following requirements:

- They must be unpublished. Therefore, they must not have been previously published in book form, online, or serialised in magazines.
- They must be original works by their authors. No adaptations or transformations of other works by the authors or other authors will be accepted.
- Works which have won a prize in another competition will not be eligible.
- They must be written in Catalan.
- They must have a minimum of 8 pages and a maximum of 14. They may not have a title page or prologue.
- The works for the prize must be non-fiction. By non-fiction we mean works of essayistic, journalistic, historical, biographical or autobiographical genre that use documentary or non-fiction narrative strategies. Fictional comics, whether invented or based on real events, will not be accepted.

4. Participation

The works must be sent in PDF format to premicomic@ara.cat. The size of the pages must be 17 x 24 cm in portrait format, in colour or black and white. In order to take part in the promotion, participants must provide their full name and surname and an e-mail address. Diari ARA will be able to notify participants of any communication concerning the promotion via the e-mail address they have provided. Any doubts or queries about the rules should also be sent to premicomic@ara.cat. The deadline for receiving entries will end at 23.59 on 31 August 2022. After this deadline, no further entries from participants will be accepted. The verdict will be announced in the autumn.

5. Jury and deliberation

A jury will meet to deliberate and select the runner-up, the winning work and two reserve works from among all the works submitted by the participants. The jury will be made up of the winner of the prize's previous edition, Diari ARA's editor in chief, the Catalan Government's Secretary General for Linguistic Policy, a representative of Finestres publishing house, a representative of the Spanish Association of Comic Critics and Disseminators (ACDCòmic), a representative of the Federation of Professional Comic Institutions (Ficomíc) and a journalist from Diari ARA who is an expert in comics. The jury may not declare the prize void. The organisers reserve the right for a committee to shortlist the works received.

6. Prizes

The winner's prize, which shall only be awarded to a single work, will be 10,000 euros. There will also be a runner-up prize of 1,500 euros. The jury's verdict will be final. In the case of multiple authorship, the prize money will be divided equally among participating authors. The winner undertakes to design the cover of the compilation volume which will be published at a later date.

7. Publication

Participation in the prize necessarily implies the non-exclusive transfer by the authors of the rights to the works to be published in a compilation volume to be edited and distributed by Finestres publishing house during 2023, for which ARA will carry out a special promotion aimed at its readers. This volume will include the winning work, the runner-up and a selection of up to 15 works submitted for the prize, each of which will receive 100 euros in exchange for the non-exclusive transfer of publication rights in Catalan for this volume. The choice of the works included will be made jointly by the ARA and Finestres publishing house. ARA reserves the right to publish the winner and runner-up in the newspaper.

8. Notification and awarding of prizes

Diari ARA will notify the authors of the winning work and the shortlisted works of the award by e-mail to the address provided at the time of entering the competition. Winners will have the choice to accept or turn down the prize. Winners will have a maximum period of 30 days to confirm acceptance of the prize. After this period, if Diari ARA is unable to contact the winner or if the winner does not accept or relinquishes the prize, the winner will lose the right to receive the prize and Diari ARA will assign it to the next participant. In the event that these reserve winners do not accept the prize or renounce it, the prize will be declared void. Diari ARA will assume the guarantee period of 2 months from the date of the prize's delivery.

9. Intellectual property rights

By way of example and in no way constituting a limit on the number of works which may be published, Diari ARA and Finestres will jointly select up to 15 works submitted for publication in a compilation volume which will be edited and distributed by Finestres publishing house and which Diari ARA will promote to its readership. Diari ARA will pay authors of the selected works the sum of 100 euros as compensation for the non-exclusive transfer of intellectual property rights. Diari ARA also reserves the right to publish the winning work and the shortlisted works in the newspaper's pages, as well as to make them available on its website.

The participants declare and guarantee that they are the full owners of all the rights assigned to Diari ARA by virtue of these rules, and that the use and exploitation of these rights by Diari ARA does not and will not imply any type of violation of intellectual property rights corresponding to a third party. Consequently, the participants will be directly liable, and will hold Diari ARA fully exempt, for any judicial or extrajudicial claim in relation to the ownership of intellectual property rights over the works submitted.

10. Promotion

The winner or winners of the prize for the best work and the runner-up or runners-up undertake to take part in promotional events for the prize and the anthology to be published by Finestres publishing house. The main event will be a party to proclaim the winners, to be organised by Diari ARA.

11. Protection of personal data

Edició de Premsa Periòdica Ara, S.L. shall be responsible for processing the data of the Participants of the Promotion, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data; of Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on the Protection of Personal Data and the guarantee of digital rights; and in the corresponding implementing regulations on data protection in force. Diari ARA will process the identification and contact data collected by the Participants in order to manage their participation in the Promotion, the eventual selection of their Work and the delivery of the corresponding awards; and its publication, as well as in order to attend to the requests for information and/or queries made by the Participants. To this end, by participating in the Promotion, the Participant expressly and unequivocally consents to the processing of his/her data for the aforementioned purposes.

The legal basis for processing the Participant's data is his/her participation in the Promotion. The Participant may revoke his/her consent at any time. Revocation of consent will make it impossible to participate in the Promotion. The data shall be kept until the end of the Promotion, and thereafter, during the legally stipulated periods of conservation and prescription of responsibilities. Diari ARA may transfer the data of the Participants to Norma Editorial.

Apart from this exception, no data will be transferred to any other third party, unless there is a legal obligation. The Participant may exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion, limitation of processing, data portability and opposition by sending a request to Diputació 119, 08015 Barcelona, or to privacitat@ara.cat. Likewise, if deemed necessary, the Participant may contact the Spanish Data Protection Agency in order to exercise his/her rights. Participants can find out more about how Diari ARA handles their data through its Privacy Policy, at the address www.ara.cat/privacitat.html.

12. Reservations

Diari ARA reserves the rights in relation to the development and execution of the promotion:

- Modify or suspend the Promotion, provided that there is a justified cause, and with the commitment to communicate the new bases with sufficient notice or, if applicable, the definitive cancellation.
- To take legal action against any attempt to deliberately damage the operation of the Promotion, or which is deemed unlawful.

Under no circumstances will Diari ARA or Finestres publishing house or any of their employees be liable for any damages suffered by participants or any third parties that may arise from participation in the promotion or from the awarded prizes' use.

13. Tax regulations

The prizes will be subject to the corresponding deductions or payments required in accordance with the tax regulations in force. If applicable, Diari ARA will withhold the corresponding deduction to be paid to the Public Treasury and will provide the winners with the corresponding certificate with the details of the prize and the deduction applied. With regard to the payment for the non-exclusive grant of intellectual property rights, if the participant communicates their status as a businessperson or professional, it will be considered income from an economic activity; otherwise, it will be understood that it is income from work and will be subject to the current deduction rate of 15%.

14. Applicable law and jurisdiction

These terms and conditions are governed by Catalan and Spanish civil, commercial and procedural law, as applicable. In the event of any dispute arising in relation to the interpretation and/or execution of these rules, both Diari ARA and the Participants agree to submit their resolution to the Courts and Tribunals of the city of Barcelona, expressly waiving any other jurisdiction to which they may be entitled.

15. Acceptance of the rules

The submission of works to ARA Newspaper implies the prior acceptance of these rules by Participants.

16. Disclaimer of responsibility

In the event of divergence between the Catalan and English versions of these terms and conditions, the Catalan version will always prevail.