

Legal Bases of the Premi ARA de Còmic en Català de No-Ficció

1. Objective of the Award

Edició de Premsa Periòdica Ara, S.L., with VAT number B65258261 and registered office at Carrer Peu de la Creu number 5-9, 08001 Barcelona (hereinafter, "Diari ARA"), with the support of the Departament of Linguistic Policy and the collaboration of Editorial Finestres, announces the sixth edition of the Premi ARA de Còmic en Català (hereinafter the "Promotion"), with the aim of promoting the presence of the Catalan language in new non-fiction genres emerging in adult comics, and offers participants the opportunity to win a prize for the publication of the comics they create and submit to Diari ARA, which will be developed in accordance with the Legal Bases set out below.

2. Participants

Authors of any nationality who are over 18 years old and who meet the participation mechanics and the requirements specified in these Bases will be eligible to participate in the Promotion, and will be referred to as Participants. The authorship can be multiple and shared by several authors. Participants may submit one or more works to the prize. The staff of Diari ARA and Editorial Finestres, as well as all individuals involved in the design, organization, and execution of the Promotion, including their relatives up to the third degree, are excluded from participating. Previous winners of the Premi ARA de Còmic are also excluded from participating.

3. Works

The submitted works must meet the following requirements:

- Be unpublished. Therefore, not previously published in book form, online, or serialized in magazines.
- Be original creations by their authors. Adaptations or transformations of other works by the authors or other authors will not be accepted.
- Not have won any prize in another competition.
- Be written in Catalan.
- Have a minimum of 10 pages and a maximum of 16. They should not have a cover or a preface, and the names of the authors should not appear in the comic strip. The works submitted for the award must be non-fiction. Non-fiction refers to works in the essayistic, journalistic, historical, biographical, or autobiographical genres that employ narrative strategies of documentary or non-fiction. Fiction comics, whether invented or based on real events, will not be accepted.

4. Participation

The works must be submitted in a single PDF file to the email premicomic@ara.cat. The page size should be 19 x 26 cm in vertical format, in color or black and white. To participate in the Promotion, Participants must provide their full name and surname, along with an email address, in the body of the email. Diari ARA may notify Participants of any communications regarding the Promotion through the email address provided by the Participant. Any questions or doubts about the bases should also be sent to premicomic@ara.cat. The deadline for submitting works will end at 23:59 on September 7, 2025. After this deadline, no further submissions will be accepted from Participants. The decision will be announced in the fall.

5. Jury and Deliberation

A jury will meet to deliberate and select a winning work and two alternative works from all the submissions received. The jury will be composed of the winner(s) of the previous edition of the award, the director of Diari ARA, the Secretary-General of Linguistic Policy of the Government of Catalonia, a representative of Editorial Finestres, a representative of the Spanish Association of Comic Critics and Promoters (ACDCómic), a representative of the Federation of Professional Comic Institutions (Ficomíc), and a journalist specializing in comics from Diari ARA. The jury may not declare the award void. The promoters reserve the right to have a committee make a preliminary selection of the received works.

6. Prize

The prize for the winning work, which is unique and indivisible, will be 10,000 euros. If the authorship is multiple, the prize amount will be divided equally among the participating authors. The winner agrees to the non-exclusive transfer of intellectual property rights of the work for its publication in a subsequent anthology and to create the cover of the anthology.

7. Publication

Participation in the award necessarily implies the non-exclusive transfer by the authors of the rights to their works for publication in a compilation volume, which will be edited and distributed by Editorial Finestres during 2026. Diari ARA will make a special promotion of this volume for its readers. This volume will include the winning work and a selection of up to 9 works submitted to the award. The selection of works will be made jointly by Diari ARA and Editorial Finestres.

8. Notification and Award Delivery

Diari ARA will notify the authors of the winning work about the award via email to the address provided during participation. Acceptance of the award is required, and winners have the right to decline the award. Winners will have a maximum of 30 days to confirm their acceptance. If the Diari ARA cannot contact the winner or if they do not accept the award or decline it, the award will be given to the next Participant in line. If the alternative Participants do not accept or decline the award, it will be declared void. The guarantee period for the Diari ARA will be 2 months from the delivery date of the award.

9. Intellectual Property Rights

By way of example, Diari ARA and Editorial Finestres will jointly select up to 9 submitted works for publication in the compilation volume. For these selected works (excluding the winner), Diari ARA will pay the authors an amount of 300 euros as compensation for the non-exclusive transfer of intellectual property rights for publication in the volume. Editorial Finestres will pay the authors of these selected works (excluding the winner) an amount of 200 euros. Diari ARA reserves the right to publish the winning work in the newspaper and make it available on its website. Participants declare and guarantee that they are the full holders of all rights transferred to Diari ARA under these Bases, and that the use and exploitation of these rights by Diari ARA does not and will not constitute any violation of intellectual property rights belonging to any third party. Consequently, Participants will be directly responsible and will fully indemnify Diari ARA against any judicial or extrajudicial claim related to the ownership of intellectual property rights over the submitted works.

10. Promotion

The winner(s) of the best work award and the authors of the selected works for publication commit to participating in promotional activities for the award and the anthology that will be published by Editorial Finestres. The main event will be an awards ceremony organized by Diari ARA.

11. Personal Data Protection

Edició de Premsa Periòdica Ara, S.L. will be the controller of the data of the Participants in the Promotion, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and Council, of April 27, 2016, regarding the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data; Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on the Protection of Personal Data and the Guarantee of Digital Rights; and the relevant development regulations in force regarding data protection. Diari ARA will process the identifying and contact data it collects from Participants for the purpose of managing their participation in the Promotion, the potential selection of their Work, and the delivery of the corresponding awards; as well as for publication purposes and to respond to any information or inquiries made by the Participants. By participating in the Promotion, the Participant explicitly consents to the processing of their data for the aforementioned purposes. The legal basis for processing the Participant's data is their participation in the Promotion. The Participant may revoke their consent at any time, which will result in the impossibility of participating in the Promotion. The data will be retained until the Promotion ends and thereafter for the legally prescribed retention and statute of limitations periods. Diari ARA may transfer the Participants' data to Editorial Finestres. Apart from this exception, no data will be transferred to any other third party unless required by law. The Participant may exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion, limitation of processing, data portability, and opposition by sending a request to Carrer Peu de la Creu number 5-9, 08001 Barcelona, or to the email address privacitat@ara.cat. The Participant may also contact the Spanish Data Protection Agency if they consider it necessary to exercise their rights. Participants can learn more about how Diari ARA handles their data through its Privacy Policy at www.ara.cat/privacitat.html.

12. Reserves

Diari ARA reserves the following rights regarding the development and execution of the Promotion:

- Modify or suspend the Promotion, provided there is just cause, with a commitment to notify the new bases with sufficient advance notice or, if applicable, the definitive cancellation.
- Take legal action against any attempt to deliberately damage the operation of the Promotion or anything considered illicit. Under no circumstances will Diari ARA, Editorial Finestres, or any of their employees be responsible for any damages and/or losses suffered by the Participants and/or any third parties, which may arise from participation in the Promotion or from the use of the awarded prizes

13. Tax Regulations

The prizes will be subject to the withholdings or payments on account as required by the applicable tax regulations. In such cases, Diari ARA will apply the corresponding withholding or payment on account to the winners and will provide them with the corresponding certificate, including the prize and the withholding or payment on account applied. Regarding the compensation for the non-exclusive transfer of intellectual property rights, unless the contestant communicates their status as a businessperson or professional and qualifies the income as from an economic activity, it will be considered employment income and subject to the prevailing 15% tax rate.

14. Applicable Law and Jurisdiction

These Bases are governed by Catalan and Spanish civil, commercial, and procedural law, as applicable. In the event of any controversy regarding the interpretation and/or execution of these Bases, both Diari ARA and the Participants agree to submit the resolution to the Courts and Tribunals of the city of Barcelona, with express renunciation of any other jurisdiction that may correspond to them.

15. Acceptance of the Bases

The submission of Works to Diari ARA implies prior acceptance of these Bases by the Participants.