

## **Regulations for the V.A. Musin Center's Competition for Medals for the Best Scientific Works of the Year**

V.A. Musin Research Center for the Development of Energy Law and Modern Legal Science (hereinafter, the V.A. Musin Center) announces the competition for medals recognizing the best scientific works of the year (hereinafter, the competition) among postgraduate students and FEC specialists.

The competition is held in response to numerous requests from postgraduate students and FEC specialists aged 35 and older. The V.A. Musin Center supports the good initiatives of postgraduate students and FEC specialists. For young specialists, the All-Russian Competition of Scientific Publications by Young FEC Specialists and Young Scientists continues to provide opportunities.

According to the competition regulations, participants in this competition may include postgraduate students and FEC specialists, who are citizens of the Russian Federation and friendly states, aged 35 and older.

The competition aims to identify and support talented Russian and foreign postgraduate students and FEC specialists, encourage legal experts to explore solutions to current problems of legal support in the energy sector, strengthen ties between science, government, and business to advance legal regulation in various areas of the energy sector, taking into account current and strategic objectives.

Competition format: remote.

Priority topics for publications:

1. Legal regulation of national, foreign, and international energy markets
2. Legal security of international infrastructure projects
3. Procedures for resolving international energy disputes
4. Legal support for corporate governance in energy companies with foreign investments
5. Legal support for corporate governance digitalization in energy companies, including those with foreign participation
6. Legal support for energy resource extraction
7. Legal regulation of climate project implementation
8. Contractual regulation in various energy sectors
9. Legal provision of protection of energy market participants' rights
10. Legal support of state control (supervision) in the energy sector
11. Liability for violations of energy legislation
12. Insurance for FEC facilities
13. Liability insurance for FEC companies
14. Modern insurance law.

Participants may also submit papers on other topics, provided they meet the publication requirements.

Eligibility requirements: the competition participants may include postgraduate students and FEC specialists, who are citizens of the Russian Federation and friendly states, aged 36 and older.

Education requirements for FEC specialists: Master's or Specialist degree.

For postgraduates: a document confirming postgraduate studies.

To participate in the competition, it is necessary to fill out the questionnaire on the website: <https://musinlc.ru/>.

Submission requirements: competition articles should be formatted according to the rules in Energy Law Forum and V.A. Musin Law Center Bulletin available on the website: <https://musinlc.ru/>.

Evaluation criteria for competition publications:

1. Compliance with volume requirements
2. Adherence to formatting rules
3. Compliance with originality percentage requirements
4. Relevance of the manuscript submitted for publication
5. Identification of gaps and contradictions in the topic under consideration and analysis of research depth
6. Contestant's suggestions and conclusions for the topic under consideration, their scientific novelty and practical significance.

The selection criteria are evaluated on a scale of 1 to 5 points.

If a submission does not meet the requirements established for works, it will be returned for revision, which is not an obstacle for resubmission.

The evaluation sheets of the Competition Commission members are not disclosed.

If an article is eligible for revision and potential publication, the participant of the competition will receive written recommendations for improvement.

The Competition Commission consists of representatives of the scientific community, energy companies, public organizations, government agencies, members of the Commission of the Association of Russian Lawyers on Energy Law and Development of Legislation in the Fuel and Energy Sector. The Competition Commission's composition may be expanded based on recommendations from commission members.

The current lineup of the Competition Commission is available at: <https://musinlc.ru/>.

The competition is held in one stage during the calendar year.

Holding and summarizing timeline in 2025:

Submission period: **March 3 to November 01, 2025.**

Results: no later than **November 30, 2025.**

Results of participation in the competition:

1. All competition participants will receive Certificates of Participation.
2. A commemorative diploma and a medal from the V.A. Musin Center will be awarded to the participant whose work presents recommendations and proposals for the development of legal regulation that merit support for implementation in current legal regulation at both national and

international levels on the topic of research or for the preparation of reviews of pre-trial and judicial dispute resolution practices. To be eligible, the work should score at least 30 points.

3. The Competition Commission reserves the right to grant a special prize, Special Prize for Scientific Publication of the Year, which will be awarded to the participant whose work contains conclusions and proposals worthy of support for implementation in current legal regulation at the national and international levels or for the preparation of reviews of pre-trial and judicial dispute resolution practices, with only minor revisions or clarifications of wording. A minimum of 24 points is required for this award, and the recipient will be presented with a commemorative diploma.

4. The winners of the competition, who receive a commemorative medal, will have the opportunity to publish interviews in Energy Law Forum (<https://mlcjournal.ru/>) or V.A. Musin Law Center Bulletin (<https://mlcherald.ru/>).

5. Competitive works recommended for publication will be published in Energy Law Forum (<https://mlcjournal.ru/>) or V.A. Musin Law Center Bulletin (<https://mlcherald.ru/>).

6. All competition participants who score 18 points or more will be given the opportunity to present their works at the scientific and practical events hosted by the V.A. Musin Center.

7. All competition participants who score 18 points or more will receive gift certificates for a distance learning course on the advanced training program 'Modern Energy Law', which includes a certificate of completion of the established form (<https://musinlc.ru/sveden/progr-dpo/>).

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Any changes to these Regulations, if necessary, will be published on the website <https://musinlc.ru> and will come into effect upon publication.

By continuing to participate in the competition, the participant agrees to any amendments made to the Regulations.

**The Participant Questionnaire is available at <https://musinlc.ru/>.**

By signing this questionnaire, I consent to the processing and storage of my personal data in accordance with Federal Law No. 152-Φ3 on Personal Data of July 27, 2006, from the moment of submitting the work until the obligations of the parties under this Agreement are fulfilled. The author consents to the processing of personal data, including surname, first name, patronymic (if any), mailing address with postal code, contact phone numbers, email addresses, workplace information, etc. The processing of personal data includes actions (operations) with personal data such as collection, systematization, accumulation, storage, clarification (updating, changing), use, distribution (including transfer to third parties, depersonalization (for distribution (including transfer to third parties, depersonalization (for review), blocking, and destruction of personal data.